

<b>Report on</b>	Culture & Arts Progress Report
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b> If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update Members on the progress being made across Culture and Arts Services and to highlight events that have taken place during the previous quarter. The report also highlights specific events and activities within Culture & Arts Services that is currently being developed by the officer team and which will take place in the future.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council recognises the important role that Culture and Arts plays in today's society and recognises that access to high quality culture and arts performances, events and activities can enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of the local community of Mid Ulster while also showcasing the quality of the Culture & Arts offering to visitors to our District. The Culture and Arts activity delivered, including facility programming is designed to maximise engagement and participation from all sections of the community in the Culture & Arts Service provided by Mid Ulster District Council.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Full details of key elements Culture and Arts Service provision for the previous quarter period is detailed in Appendix 1.
3.2	During the period December through to March highlights of the programme of activity delivered through Arts & Culture Services and across all functions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HomePlace takes centre stage in Tourism NI's television, radio and print 'Say Hello to More' campaign</li> <li>• Irish Language and Ulster Scots Language Policies launched</li> <li>• Successful Burns Night celebrations delivered at Hill of O'Neill</li> <li>• International Womens Day events delivered across Council Arts &amp; Cultural facilities</li> <li>• Well attended St Patricks Celebration events and concerts delivered</li> <li>• Successful Seachtain Na Gaelige events supported and delivered across the region</li> <li>• New Craft Workshops and Arts Exhibition delivered in conjunction with local schools successfully delivered at Bridewell Magherafelt</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New National Library Exhibition dedicated to Seamus Heaney further strengthen linkages with HomePlace</li> <li>• Seamus Heaney HomePlace and The Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry at Queens showcased Internationally at Jaipur Literary Festival</li> <li>• 800 participate in Education activity delivered at Ranfurly between Jan-March</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial: Within identified and agreed budgets approved by Council</p> <p>Human: Within identified staffing resources agreed and approved by Council</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>The Culture and Arts activity delivered, including facility programming is designed to maximise engagement and participation from all sections of the community in the Culture &amp; Arts Service provided by Mid Ulster District Council.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note activities undertaken within Culture and Arts Services over the last quarter period and to note planned activities currently being developed by the officer team as detailed under appendix 1.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 - Culture & Arts Service Update Report