

Arts Development newsletter

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Hello from the Arts Development Team!

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The next quarterly **arts@leeds** newsletter will be published in October 2017. To submit items please email arts@leeds.gov.uk by 18 September 2017. Thank you everyone for this quarters' contributions.

1. Funding opportunities

1.1 arts@leeds 2018 Grant Scheme Update

We have submitted a request to the Executive Board of Leeds City Council to continue the arts@leeds grant scheme and set the budget for 2018. The decision will be made on Monday 17 July, once this has been approved we will contact arts organisations in August to inform them of the process to apply to the scheme. If you would like to join our mailing list specifically for this scheme please send an email to arts@leeds.gov.uk and write 'arts@leeds 2018 grant scheme' in the subject line.

1.2 Leeds Inspired

Leeds Inspired Small Grants - applications between £100 and £1,000. The next deadlines are 12 noon 7 September, 2 November and 4 January.

Leeds Inspired Main Grants - 12 noon Thursday 26th October 2017 and 15th March 2018. **Please note that the deadlines for Main Grants have moved and the upper limit for awards is now £10,000.**

Grant forms and guidance notes are available from the [Leeds Inspired website](#). If you would like to talk about your project before submitting your application please ring to arrange a grant surgery on 0113 378 6009

1.3 EN:Able Community Investment Fund

In 2017 the Fund will award grants of up to £5,000 to local projects working in the communities of Efficiency North's social housing landlord members who use Efficiency North's frameworks. Please see [website](#) for more information.

1.4 IDOP Leeds Community Grants 2017

International Day of Older People is celebrated worldwide on the 1 October each year; in Leeds the celebration is stretched out over a week to allow organisations to hold events to celebrate the contribution that older people make to the city. The events focus on a different theme each year and the theme for 2017 is Diversity of Older People. Organisations can apply for Community Grants of up to £200. For an application pack or for more information please email hello@forumcentral.org.uk

1.5 Funding Opportunities newsletter

For more information about the various funding opportunities available to organisations in Leeds please sign up to Leeds City Council's Funding Opportunities newsletter fundingopps@leeds.gov.uk Leeds City Council has a group of volunteers who want to offer support including: proofreading, checking questions have been answered effectively, accessing demographic information and helping with financial planning. Email esv@leeds.gov.uk for more information.

1.6 Funding Leeds

Funding Leeds is a search engine purchased from Idox by the council and available to anyone, just sign up for up online for free [here](#)

1.7 Funding Portal for Tenders

YORtender is the procurement portal for the Local authorities in the Yorkshire & Humber Region. For more information or to register, visit the [website](#). Find more information about commissioning [here](#)

1.8 Arts Council England (ACE) Funding Finder and Grantium Training

Browse funding programmes and take a closer look at key information, including key dates and eligibility criteria [here](#). For useful Grantium How To guides please visit the [website](#) and this [Youtube link](#).



2. Training opportunities

2.1 Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy one day training courses

The AFP Essential Fundraising skills provide everything you need at a practical or strategic level. One days courses are just £105+VAT and run from Sept 2017 - March 2018

As a sector partner arts@leeds recipients can book any Essentials course at the discounted rate of £95+VAT. For more info and to see the full range of courses, dates and booking details see [website](#).

2.2 Creative United: Prosper Training Events

As part of the Prosper programme, Creative United are running a number of masterclasses, workshops and webinars across the country, covering a range of topics. Led by industry experts, these events will provide the support and know-how for creative businesses to thrive.

Please see [website](#) for more information.

2.3 Voluntary Action Leeds

See the [Voluntary Action Leeds Directory](#) for more information about upcoming courses, including [this useful resource](#) for Not For Profit organisations and training for commissioning.

2.4 Arts Professional Arts Courses Database

Arts Professional have curated an online searchable database of relevant accredited courses being delivered by education providers in the UK and beyond. To sign up to the Arts Professional newsletter please see the Newsletter section below. Browse the database of courses [here](#)

3. Leeds City Council update

3.1 BFI Film Academy Leeds

The BFI Film Academy Leeds delivered by Leeds Young Film, Beta Filmworks and Access Moving Image is a fantastic opportunity for young people aged 16-19 from West Yorkshire to develop the knowledge and skills to make a career in film a reality. The programme is open to anyone not studying at university.

The NCFE-accredited course runs from October to December 2017 including a week-long filmmaking project in October half-term and includes a premiere screening at Hyde Park Picture House. Course fees range from £0 - £25 depending on circumstances and bursaries are available.

To apply go to the [website](#) where you can also find more information about the course.

3.2 Independent Directions (the INDIs) Film Festival 14-16 July

Independent Directions (the INDIs) is a brand new film festival taking place 14-16 July across venues in Leeds city centre. The festival will include specialist screenings of films, including independent British and International cinema, industry sessions, panel discussions and other installations entirely curated for an audience of 16-30 year olds. More details via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

3.3 Leeds Culture Strategy

Once in a generation opportunity for culture in Leeds as City Council's Exec Board debate the new Culture Strategy for Leeds.

A ten year journey towards making Leeds a cultural focal point for the whole of Europe will be debated next week at a meeting of the city's senior councillors. As well as receiving an interim report on how the Leeds 2023 bid is progressing, members will also review the Leeds Culture Strategy 2017-2030, which sets out the principles of how the whole city can put culture in its widest form at the heart of the city's future. Read the [full report here](#)

3.4 Leeds 2023 – Photograph Call 14 July at 12:15pm

Leeds is bidding to be the European Capital of Culture in 2023 and would like as many people as possible to support the bid by taking part in the official Leeds Bid 2023 launch photo. The team are going to take an aerial shot of people making up the number '2023' to mark 100 days to go until the Capital of Culture bids are due and they can't do it without your help. If you would like to be involved, please meet on the grass at The Tetley this Friday 14 July at 12:15pm. Dress code: Bright colours are preferred but not essential, just be yourselves!

Please RSVP to jennifer.gridley@leeds.gov.uk

#MakeLeeds2023

3.5 Child Friendly Leeds is 5 Sat 22 – Sun 23 July

Child Friendly Leeds turns 5 in July and to mark this momentous occasion, a number of activities will be taking place in Leeds including Child Friendly Leeds Big Birthday Bonanza: activities for children and young people in Leeds on Sat 22 – Sun 23 July.



Child Friendly Leeds Awards

Nominations opened on 3 July and run to 30 September 2017 including a new category: Inspiring Creativity Through Arts and Culture. The online nomination form can be completed [here](#).

Child Friendly Leeds (CFL) are looking for twelve young people aged 11 – 19 (or up to 25 if you have additional needs) to take on the challenge of planning the CFL awards, choosing the night's theme, selecting the acts, designing the programme, scripting the show, hosting the evening and operating light and sound equipment. A [short film of the Awards highlights](#) has been created to encourage young people to apply to be part of the group. If any young people you work with would like to be part of this team please ask them to complete the [short application form](#) and return before Monday 11 September.

www.childfriendlyleeds@leeds.gov.uk #CFLis5

4. Arts Development 2016 Programme

4.1 Light Night 2017 5 and 6 October 2017

Planning is underway for Light Night Leeds, the city's annual multi arts and light festival. The event will take place 6pm – 11pm on Thursday 5 & Friday 6 October 2017 at multiple indoor and outdoor venues across 10 zones in Leeds city centre.

Applications for artist commissions have now closed but there are still a number of ways to get involved with the event including:

Volunteers - Light Night requires a huge number of volunteers to help deliver an amazing event, and we have a range of volunteer roles on offer. Please contact lightnight@leeds.gov.uk for further information and an application form.

Light Night Arts Market - Vendors of arts or artisan products can request an application form and further information from lightnightmarkets@leeds.gov.uk Deadline for applications 31st July

To keep up to date on the latest Light Night Leeds news and opportunities visit our [website and social media pages](#)

Behind the Lions

4.2 Lunchtime Talks

The first talks will be held in September and will again feature speakers from Leeds Beckett University and the University of Leeds. For information on the talk series including how to book your free place, please visit <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/Pages/Arts-Development.aspx>

4.3 Leeds Town Hall Tours

Town Hall Tours take place on the last Saturday and Monday of the month and give you the chance to see the Victoria Hall, the vestibule, the court room, the Victorian cells, and the chance to see Leeds like never before from the top of the clock-tower. To book tickets please call the box office on 0113 376 0318

Private tours are also available, and can accommodate up to 26 people, and cost £115. For more information and to book a tour please either call 0113 378 6989 or email arts@leeds.gov.uk

4.4 Leeds Town Hall Exhibitions

Staircase Gallery – the current exhibition Phoenix Dance's 'Excellence in Pictures' is currently on show and will be in place until August. We will be having an exhibition shining a light on the historic 'Hyde Park Picture House' from August onwards.

Crush Gallery – we are excited to announce that work the opening exhibition for the Crush Gallery will host work from Inkwel, who are a Leeds Mind creative space for positive mental health based in Chapel Allerton. This space is also the new permanent home for the Tour de France 2014 Countdown Clock. For updates on both the spaces make sure you are following us on twitter @LeedsArts

If you are interested in submitting an idea for an exhibition/project in any of our galleries, please contact alexander.marston@leeds.gov.uk



5. Other news

5.1 Unity Day 2017: Artists Callout 22 July

The ROTOR exhibitions and public engagement programme wants to showcase the richness and diversity of artistic activity in West Yorkshire, and to discuss the ways that we make and encounter creativity – as artists, audiences and participants – in a pop-up gallery space at Unity Day.

If you are a Leeds-based artist, ROTOR would like to invite you to exhibit an image(s) of your work. Email your images in advance, along with a title, short description and any website or contact details you would like to accompany it to: a.powell@hud.ac.uk or s.pennington@hud.ac.uk Alternatively bring an image to the ROTOR visual arts tent on Unity Day on your phone or a memory stick for the team to print out there and then! For more info on the day and about ROTOR, visit [Facebook](#) or the Unity Day [website](#) or the ROTOR [website](#)

5.2 Deaf Awareness Week

More than 900,000 people in the UK are severely or profoundly deaf; under the social model of disability, it is not a disabled person's health condition or impairment, but society's discrimination and lack of accessibility that disables them. For simple advice for individuals and small organisations working in the arts on how not to exclude deaf people from events please see [this article](#) from [Shape Arts](#).

5.3 Irish Arts Foundation: Seeking new board members

The existing Trustees and Senior Management Team of Irish Arts Foundation have identified that an additional two or more Leeds based new Trustees are needed to further consolidate and help run the charity more effectively. In addition to specific skills, knowledge or experience which any new Trustees can bring to the organisation, new Trustees should have an interest or strong personal commitment to the charity's aims and objectives including Irish arts and heritage. Please note this is a voluntary position with a minimum commitment to 4 board meetings per annum

If you are interested please send an introductory email to Chief Executive, Des Hurley des@irisharts.org.uk

8. Newsletters

Great Exhibition of the North – Sign up [here](#)

Arts Council England – Sign up [here](#) including online evaluation toolkits

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