

arts@leeds Grant Funding Report 2012-15



The arts@leeds grant scheme provides annual core funding for cultural, voluntary and community organisations to provide opportunities for residents from across the city to engage in cultural activity as a participant, an attendee or a creator.

The arts@leeds scheme aims to:

- promote access to the arts, particularly in terms of taking part.
- achieve a balance of creative opportunity across the city for the benefit of all communities.
- engage and inspire local people and attract visitors to the city.

The arts@leeds Cultural Criteria

- Spotting, nurturing and retaining talent in Leeds
- Removing barriers
- Demonstrating Leeds' distinctiveness and telling the city story
- Community inspired - collaborating with communities across the city

Arts@Leeds 2012-15 in numbers



We funded 51 organisations, which supported **31,959** artists, with an audience of **9,845,389**.

They worked with **303,935** participants in **87,166** sessions across the city.

By grant aiding these organisations we were able to support **9,583** volunteers who worked **15,179** days.

Our aim is to support artist development, through our funding our organisations offered **10,919** training days of these over 60% were directly for artists.

86,771 activities were delivered in the 36 months, 7.5% were performances and 7.6% were exhibitions. There were **3,171** new performances, **1,541** new books, 306 films and **1,328** commissions.



Of the **85,359** targeted participatory sessions delivered to **85,359** people, 6% were delivered for people with additional needs whilst 13% said they worked with people with challenging lives and 31.5% were general sessions. Of those sessions **2,637,623**, 7.5% were targeted primarily at children.

By funding these organisations we were able to support them to apply for other funds from other grant giving bodies, trusts & foundations and private donors. Over the three years they received **£72,023,845** which equates to 1,060% return on the investment for Leeds, for every LCC pound invested the city's organisations matched that by over 20 pounds.

They also earned through ticket sales a record **£68,996,249** and stated they received nearly £1.8 million in in-kind support. Of that 94% was spent on the artistic programme.



The other funders included: Arts Council England, Wades, Esmee Fairburn, EU culture Programme, HLF, Foyle Foundation, NESTA, East Community Development Fund, Jimbo's Fund, Awards For All, Red Nose, Children in Need, Leeds Inspired and other LCC departments.

Please note these were figures collated by Arts Development from the arts@leeds funded organisations submitted monitoring forms

arts@leeds funded organisations

Heads Together: Chapel FM – The First Ever Arts Centre in East Leeds

On the 9th October 2014, the doors opened on the newly refurbished Methodist Chapel in Seacroft. The Chapel has been completely re-developed and re-purposed, keeping the beauty of the original building whilst creating a state-of-the-art community arts facility. It's a community radio station, a cinema, a theatre-in-the-round, a gig venue, a live recording studio, a community café, a gallery and a training location.

Heads Together Productions is the community arts organisation behind Chapel FM, and all their work is now based there. In the first year since Chapel FM opened to the public, 9,155 people visited the centre, with over half of them coming to participate in one of almost 400 training sessions that took place. Chapel FM is a place for the local community, but also a venue that any musician or poet or actor would be excited to perform in.



Chapel FM is part of their work locally to develop East Leeds as a community that has pride, vision and hope for the future – where people welcome and share new ideas and work together to make things happen.

Project Space Leeds - The Tetley



During 2012-15, Project Space Leeds (PSL) has undergone an astonishing transformation, expanding from a temporary artist-led space to permanent visual arts venue – The Tetley.

PSL was established in 2007 and for five years operated out of a spacious ground floor unit in the west end of the city showing cutting-edge work by nearly 300 contemporary artists.

The Tetley opened in November 2013 and in less than two years we have welcomed over 225,000 visitors, worked with over 150 artists and delivered over 250 workshops and events. We have reduced our dependency on public funding from 100% to 48% of our overall income with our commercial activities (ie the Bar & Kitchen and venue hire) making a significant contribution. The mission to support early career and emerging artists remains at the heart of The Tetley and our commitment to the city.

RJC Dance

Founded in Leeds in 1993, they seek to inspire, nurture and develop the next generation of young artists and dancers, particularly culturally diverse young people from the Chapeltown and Harehills neighbourhoods. They want to develop the whole person, their skills, confidence and self-esteem. As well as delivering regular dance training, choreography and rehearsal sessions for over 150 young people each week aged 4-19 years, we participate in youth dance platforms, performances and presentations, cultural festivals, corporate events and openings across the city. We deliver dance workshops, tasters, camps and classes – for young people and adults.



Arts@Leeds funded

Artlink West Yorkshire
East Street Arts
Headingley Litfest
Hyde Park Unity Day
Interplay
Irish Arts Foundation
Leeds Asian Festival (2012-14)
Leeds Combined Arts
Leeds Irish Festival
Leeds Music Hub
Leeds St Patrick's Day Parade
Left Bank Leeds
Little London Arts
Makor
Musical Arc
Northern Ballet
Otley Courthouse
Phoenix Dance Theatre
Pyramid of Arts
RJC Dance
Skippko
Space 2
Together for Peace
West Yorkshire Playhouse
Yorkshire Dance
Yorkshire Sculpture Triangle

DAZL (Dance Action Zone Leeds)
Garforth Arts Festival- Schools Partnership Trust
Heads Together
I Love West Leeds (2012-14)
Invisible Flock
Kirkstall Festival
Leeds Chinese Community Association
Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House
Leeds International Pianoforte Competition
Leeds Pride (2013-15)
Leeds Theatre in Education
Lifeforce Productions
Lumen
Morley Literature Festival
Northern School of Contemporary Dance
Opera North
Pavilion
Project Space Leeds
Red Ladder Theatre Company
SAA UK (South Asian Arts UK)
Slung Low
Theatre Company Blah Blah Blah
Urban Sprawl
Woolgather
Youth Theatres

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