

# Leeds City Council

## arts@leeds bulletin Issue 3

### March 2009

Hello and welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the **arts@leeds** newsletter! The newsletter will be published quarterly to bring you news about the Arts & Regeneration Unit, our funded clients and other useful information from Leeds City Council and beyond.

In this edition we will update you about the Arts & Regeneration Unit's forthcoming activities and provide you with information, opportunities and key dates with the aim of supporting your organisations, opening up communication and sharing knowledge. More information about the Arts & Regeneration Unit is at [www.leeds.gov.uk/arts](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/arts)

**Deadline:** The next **arts@leeds** bulletin will be published in June 09. To submit items for the Collaboration Section, email [mags.mcleary@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:mags.mcleary@leeds.gov.uk) by 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## 1. Arts & Regeneration update

### 1.1 arts@leeds grants

The arts@leeds grants processing is still ongoing. We hope to let applicants know if they have been successful by the beginning of April.

### 1.2 arts@leeds monitoring deadlines

End of year monitoring forms for **core** funded organisations 08/09 will be sent to you at the start of May, with a deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009.

End of year monitoring forms for **project** funded organisations 08/09 should be returned no later than eight weeks after the end of your project.

### 2.1 Light Night 2009 - Planning now underway, please register your interest

Arts & Regeneration would like to say a big thanks to all those who attended the Light Night planning meeting on Tues 11th March, which was a huge success and very well attended by arts organisations from all over Leeds. Planning for the 2009 event has now begun and Expression of Interest Forms are available for those who want to get involved. Please phone 0113 247 8234 or email [James.Hill@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:James.Hill@leeds.gov.uk) for more details. Light Night 2009 will be on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**.

[www.lightnightleeds.co.uk](http://www.lightnightleeds.co.uk)

**3.1 Breeze International Youth Festival 2009** dates now confirmed as **Monday 22nd June – Friday 3rd July**. BIYF is a huge fun-filled culture festival for 13-19 year olds, culminating in a celebratory weekend of performances, workshops, exhibitions and shows, which showcase the talents of young people from Leeds. If your organisation would like to participate, or if you want to help out, volunteer your time or tell us about what you do, we want to hear from you. Get in touch NOW and you can help shape this year's festival. Phone 0113 224 3523 or visit [www.breezeleeds.org/BIYF](http://www.breezeleeds.org/BIYF)

### 3.2 Sessions @ The Gallery

Breeze International Youth Festival has partnered up with Leeds Art Gallery to bring FREE ART WORKSHOPS for 13-19 year olds. Participants get to have a peek around the Gallery and create their very own masterpiece from a current exhibition.. . only limited to their imagination!

Materials and workshop room provided in the Gallery.

They run monthly, Tuesdays 4 - 5.30pm. Call Amanda on 0113 2478254 to find out more.

### 3.3 Breezereads

Through its pioneering **Breezereads** scheme, which encourages teenagers to read more books, Leeds City Council is showing how partnership working can bring mutual benefits in the arts and culture sector in Leeds with the following:

- A new partnership with Borders bookshop in Leeds will allow local young people to get up to 15% off books
- A new 14-16 year olds category at Leeds Book Awards, sponsored by Breezereads, allows young people to review and vote for their favourite books online at [www.leedsbookawards.co.uk](http://www.leedsbookawards.co.uk)

- Events by Breezereads and Leeds Young People's Film Festival give young people the chance to meet their favourite authors and watch the films of their books. Upcoming events bring famous authors, Mark Morris, (*Doctor Who* and *Hellboy*) and Louise Rennison, (*Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging*) to Leeds. See [www.leedsyoungfilm.co.uk](http://www.leedsyoungfilm.co.uk) for details

Breezereads is a partnership between the Breeze International Youth Festival and Leeds Library Information Service. More information at [www.breezeleeds.org/breezereads](http://www.breezeleeds.org/breezereads)

#### **4.1 Black History Month (BHM) 2009**

The Black History Month 2009 small grant scheme application forms will be released at the end of May, with an information seminar for prospective applicants taking place in June. The application form will be available to download on the [www.leeds.gov.uk/arts](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/arts) web page as soon as it is available in May.

For more information please contact Jennifer Rhodes on 0113 247 6419 or email [jennifer.rhodes@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:jennifer.rhodes@leeds.gov.uk)

## **2. Collaboration section**

### **2.1 I Love West Leeds Festival - seeks members for its Citizens Orchestra**

We are currently looking for older musicians to take part in a new music project for the over 60's. Whether you play everyday or haven't played or years we want to hear from you. Rehearsals every Monday 3-5pm from 20th April at Interplay and the band will perform at the Festival in July.

For more information contact Harry Hamer on 07976 900 621

### **2.2 Sonic Artists Wanted**

Two sonic artists are needed to deliver sound art projects with young people aged 11 -19 as part of EXPO Youth 09. The fee is £2,000 for each project with an additional £1,000 for materials and installation budget. The deadline for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

For an application form and further details please contact [mary.wilson@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:mary.wilson@leeds.gov.uk).

Expo is the playground of experimental music and sound. The Expo Festival will be held in Leeds this year and is a partnership between Sonic Arts Network, ArtForms, Educations Leeds, Find Your Talent and MAAP.

## **3. Leeds City Council update**

### **3.1 Find Your Talent**

The new **Find Your Talent** team is now fully in post and the Leeds programme is getting underway. Cultural organisations are invited to get involved by being part of the Leeds Find Your Talent Cultural Reference Group. The next Cultural Reference Group meeting is now scheduled for **Wednesday 1st April**, 12.30-3.30pm at **Shine** in Harehills. Direct invitations are also being sent out to previous attendees but if you would like to attend please contact [mary.wilson@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:mary.wilson@leeds.gov.uk) You will be able to find out more about FYT, hear about the new commissioning processes and the Breeze information platform, get involved with working groups and help shape the future delivery of arts and culture for young people in Leeds. A light lunch will be provided at the start of the event.

The new Programme Manager for FYT is Jon Price, who readers of this bulletin will know from his former role as Principal Arts Officer within Arts & Regeneration. The rest of the team is: Abby Dix (City Co-ordinator), Mary Wilson (Administrator), Michelle Cunningham (Inner NW Locality Co-ordinator), Catherine Mitchell (Seacroft Manston Locality Co-ordinator), Jane Zanzottera and Hannah Farley (job share Morley Locality Co-ordinators). The team is based at the West Park Centre and can be reached on 0113 230 4074. For more information about the national FYT pathfinder programme take a look at [www.findyourtalent.org](http://www.findyourtalent.org)

### **3.2 Film Academy**

Based in Leeds Town Hall, Leeds Film Academy is a brand new film and media space for young people. Run by Leeds Young Film and the award-winning MediaFish and funded by the Youth Opportunities and Youth Capital Funds, this purpose-built space provides a safe place with excellent resources for young people to learn about films, filmmaking and the moving image industry. Fully equipped with cameras & filmmaking equipment, computers, digital projection facilities with full Dolby 5.1 sound and various gaming consoles, this film hub offers great opportunities for budding filmmakers and media students.

Leeds Young Film offers a flexible education programme of one-of, drop-in or modular activities covering media literacy, film theory, journalism and film programming as well as practical workshops including animation and filmmaking. These programmes can be accredited by Arts Award or linked in with the Extended Services Offer for children and young people. The space and equipment are also available for hire for other organisations/groups to run events, workshops and projects.

If you want to know more about Leeds Film Academy or are interested in hiring the space please email [martin.grund@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:martin.grund@leeds.gov.uk) or call 0113 247 8398

For more information about Leeds Young People's Film Festival and MediaFish go to [www.leedsyoungfilm.com](http://www.leedsyoungfilm.com)

### 3.3 Emerge: Leeds New Work Festival July 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2009

Some of the best new theatre in Britain is coming out of Leeds. And there are three great new venues supporting it – The Carriageworks, Seven and Stage@Leeds. Emerge will see all three working together to make a noise about the good things happening in our city. We want to see local theatre makers and companies thriving and being given the national and international recognition they deserve. Whether it's new writing or devised performance, Emerge will showcase the best the region has to offer.

During each afternoon there'll be a series of workshops and seminars led by professional theatre practitioners aimed at developing the skills of local artists. We will also be running sessions aimed at young people interested in learning more about theatre making. Every evening will see a variety of performances, for which applications are currently being invited. They'll include scratch showings of pieces in development, full-length performances and previews of shows travelling to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The week will conclude with a performance of Red Ladder Theatre's *Red Grit* at The Carriageworks.

To request more information, including a participant's detailed information pack and expression of interest form, please email [carriageworks@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:carriageworks@leeds.gov.uk)  
[www.emergefestival.org.uk](http://www.emergefestival.org.uk)

## 4. Leeds Arts Partnership update

**Leeds Arts Partnership** was set up by the Leeds Initiative – the city's local strategic partnership. It meets quarterly to exchange information and to act as an advocate on issues affecting people working in the arts in Leeds. Leeds Arts is represented on Leeds Cultural Partnership which is the strategy group for culture in Leeds, chaired by Leeds Councillor John Procter.

Leeds Arts has recently enjoyed an influx of new members. If you want to know more about Leeds Arts, get in touch with Dinah Clark at the Leeds Initiative, 40 Great George Street, Leeds LS1 3DL 0113 247 8989  
[dinah.clark@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:dinah.clark@leeds.gov.uk)

The next meeting of the Partnership is on Wednesday April 1st from 4pm to 6pm.  
Issues under discussion will include **West Yorkshire Playhouse's First Floor Space - update; Leeds Digital Week 2009 Freelancers Fair; Leeds Arts Graduates – Where do they Go?**  
[www.leedsinitiative.org](http://www.leedsinitiative.org)

## 5. Featured organisation: ArtForms

**Each newsletter we will highlight the work of one cultural organisation in Leeds.**

**ArtForms** is the music and arts initiative within Education Leeds. We are a central focal point for all Leeds schools to access arts and music expertise, resources, information, support and guidance. A key role is to broker partnerships between schools and the arts and cultural sector. This year we will be running **THE STORE 2009 - a major showcasing event for the arts and cultural sector in Leeds**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am – 4.45pm**  
**The West Park Centre, Spen Lane, Leeds, LS16 5BE**

This promotional event is not to be missed and promises to be bigger and better than ever before because of its focus on 'FIND YOUR TALENT'. Leeds is one of 10 national pathfinders for 'Find Your Talent – Cultural

Offer' programme ([www.findyourtalent.org](http://www.findyourtalent.org)). This national initiative advocates for an arts and cultural entitlement for all Children and Young People 0-19 and demonstrates recognition at a government level that the arts and culture have a significant role to play in the lives of children and young people.

ArtForms and City Council are currently working closely with the FYT Leeds team to deliver a programme of activity across the city including the forthcoming STORE event.

The STORE will reflect the key principles of FYT by:

- Showcasing organisations working with children and young people at all levels from early years to school leavers and in both educational and community settings.
- Raising awareness of the wealth of high quality arts and cultural practice available in the city.
- Identifying effective ways of connecting young people with the existing cultural offer.
- Offering seminars which explore a range of key arts and cultural issues.

If you are an artist or arts organisation working with young people and would like to exhibit **OR** if you work with children and young people and would like to attend the day, please contact

[Helen.taylor@educationleeds.co.uk](mailto:Helen.taylor@educationleeds.co.uk) , 0113 230 4074 for further information and registration forms.

## 6. Useful information

### 6.1 Funding sources

The Arts & Regeneration team have been working on a document which lists sources of funding for cultural and community projects. Originally an internal document, we are happy to share our findings with artists and other arts providers. While it does not claim to be exhaustive, it does list over 200 sources of funding. If you would like a copy contact [mags.mcleary@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:mags.mcleary@leeds.gov.uk) 0113 395 0678

### 6.2 Top tips to deal with economic uncertainty

As the economic downturn continues to crunch, any useful hints and tips for the survival, development and growth of cultural organisations are more relevant than ever! The following articles have some useful pointers:

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp/?id=12100>

[www.recessionsupport.org.uk](http://www.recessionsupport.org.uk)

### 6.3 Arts & Regeneration team @ March 09:

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**Former Arts & Regeneration Principal Officer Jon Price moved over to a new job managing the Leeds Find Your Talent team in February. Good luck in the new job, Jon!**

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