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Hello and welcome to the 6th edition of the **arts@leeds** newsletter!
More information about the Arts & Regeneration Unit is at www.leeds.gov.uk/arts

Deadline: The next quarterly **arts@leeds** bulletin will be published in March 2010. To submit items email mags.mcleary@leeds.gov.uk by 3rd March 2010.

1. Arts & Regeneration update

1.1 Leeds Light Night

Light Night was held this year on Friday 9th October. Despite rather unfriendly weather conditions, hoards of people turned out to 'See Things Differently' as **60 venues** across the city hosted over **100 spectacular arts events**. We estimate this year there were over **15,000 people** out to celebrate all the amazing cultural activity Leeds has to offer. A huge thank you from the Light Night team to everyone who either took part, hosted an event, brought their creative ideas, helped out on the night or who popped along to watch. You are all amazing!

We are now planning Light Night 2010 and would like you to be part of the planning process. We will be holding the usual planning meeting early next year so please keep checking the website and Facebook group for details (links below) – we hope you can join us.

Light Night Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/#/group.php?gid=11104394022&ref=ts>
Light Night website: <http://www.lightnightleeds.co.uk>

1.2 arts@leeds new application round

The deadline for arts@leeds 10/11 funding applications is **4pm on Friday January 15th 2010**. Application forms and guidelines are available to download from www.leeds.gov.uk/arts. For further information telephone 0113 247 6419 or email jennifer.rhodes@leeds.gov.uk

1.3 Holocaust Memorial Day 24th January 2010

On Sunday 24th January 2010, The Lord Mayor will light a candle to commemorate all those who have been affected by the Holocaust and more recent genocides such as those in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur. The candle lighting is part of an afternoon of commemoration at Leeds Town Hall to mark the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau on 27th January, now known as International Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD).

Starting at 2pm, the event – which is free and open to the public – comprises a diverse and engaging programme of performances, contributions and responses by local people to the 2010 HMD theme, 'The Legacy of Hope'. The programme, delivered by the Arts & Regeneration Unit, includes visual art by local school children, live music, a new piece of dramatic theatre by young people from The Carriageworks Theatre Academy in association with Theatre Company Blah Blah Blah, speeches by Holocaust survivors and keynote speaker Paul Clayton, the Curriculum Leader for History at Guiseley School, and a traditional Hebrew memorial prayer sung by Rudi Leavor.

For further information telephone 0113 247 8234 or email james.hill@leeds.gov.uk.

2. Collaboration section

2.1 New East Street Arts building in Chapeltown: Union 105

Opening in November 2009, Union 105 will provide support to people who want to develop arts practices, particularly but not exclusively in the contemporary arts. We want to encourage the development of new practices and help people sustain and take forward existing practice, including helping people take their first steps. East Street Arts will support this through the provision of new affordable studio facilities, one-to-one

support and professional development assistance alongside providing a framework for exchange, dialogue and collaboration.

Union 105 will also provide an accessible project space that will be a focus for activity and provide opportunities to show work and engage with audiences on a local, national and international level. We are particularly keen on building connections and engagement between artists, art and the local community and hope to develop a substantial public art dimension to the project.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Tim Smith, Enterprise Development Manager at tim.smith@esaweb.org.uk 0113 248 0040 or visit the Union 105 website at www.union105.org.uk

3. Leeds City Council update

3.1 Find Your Talent

Find Your Talent **Morley Locality** is seeking Cultural Partners to deliver exciting projects within Morley Cluster. Funding is currently available from our Open Access Fund for delivery of projects before Easter 2010. We are inviting proposals from Arts Organisations and Practitioners. All proposals need to fit Morley Extended Services Cluster priorities (outlined on the application) and should be designed to have a longer-lasting impact within the locality. We are looking to create new partnerships and there may be opportunities for development of this work beyond next Easter. Funding is subject to completion of Find Your Talent evaluation and monitoring. The deadline for submission of applications is **Monday 4th January – decisions will be made by Friday 8th January and successful applicants notified by Monday 11th January.**

For details of the Open Access Fund, Morley Locality and an application form or for a chat about your ideas – please contact Hannah Farley Locality Co-ordinator, Morley email: hannah.farley@leeds.gov.uk or phone: 0113 2304704 / mobile: 07545 604272.

Find Your Talent, Leeds is delighted to be working in partnership with Earlyarts Network as part of their national Pathfinder to lead Professional Development across the UK. Find Your Talent will be delivering Continuing Professional Development Days responding to the needs of Arts Practitioners/Organisations and Early Years Practitioners. The CPD programme will help artists to gain knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and how their practice can work alongside, as well as offering opportunities for those working in Early Years to gain skills in Creative work. Find Your Talent is looking to maintain and develop existing networks and to help make connections between practitioners. The Breeze Culture Network – online platform – will have up-to-date information and work opportunities. This is an additional resource to the Early Arts website www.earlyarts.co.uk

For more information, or to get involved in the Early Arts network in Leeds, please contact Hannah Farley, Locality Co-ordinator, Morley email hannah.farley@leeds.gov.uk or phone 0113 2304074 / mobile 07545 604272.

3.2 A Visual Arts Framework for Leeds: what do we want the visual arts in Leeds to look like in 2020?

Leeds Visual Arts Forum (LVAF) has taken up an invitation from Leeds City Council to help facilitate the development of a visual arts framework for the city.

Leeds City Council with LVAF will be holding an event in the new year to let you have your say. This is not your average conference that informs lengthy strategies that no-one ever reads! This is a genuine opportunity to input into a framework that will shape the way in which the visual arts develop both practically and politically. The day will be open to artists, curators, educators, writers, students, arts professionals, local authority officers, city planners, economists, marketing and tourism agencies and developers.

Further information available on the free-to-subscribe LVAF listserve <http://www.lvaf.org.uk/view.aspx?id=14> and from Mags McLeary mags.mcleary@leeds.gov.uk 0113 395 0678

3.3 Leeds and the Cultural Olympiad

Leeds Canvas has been selected as the Yorkshire region recipient of the Arts Council England's Artist's Taking the Lead scheme. As many of you will know this project is a major element of the Cultural Olympiad

programme. The Quay brothers will be working with Leeds based organisations and will be devising city centre interventions based around the waterfront and the arcades.

The partnership includes Leeds Art Gallery, Leeds City Council, Leeds Met Gallery and Studio Theatre, Northern Ballet Theatre, Opera North, Phoenix Dance, Situation Leeds, West Yorkshire Playhouse and Yorkshire Dance.

For more information please go to the website <http://www.leedscanvas.com/HOME.html>

3.4 Art in Unusual Spaces

Initiated by Leeds City Council Public Arts, Curiosity Shops animates empty properties and offers artists different ways to show their work outside of gallery settings. Curiosity Shops is happening in four empty shop units in the Merrion Centre during December 2009 and January 2010. As part of the city-wide Art in Unusual Spaces initiative, this pilot project includes installation work by local and national artists, and digital projections. Digital work selected by Lumen.

Further Art in Unusual Spaces installations are happening in empty shop units at Leeds Shopping Plaza, 42 New Briggate and Lands Lane. Look out for the stripy yellow and white tape!

For further information contact Vanessa Scarth, vanessa.scarth@leeds.gov.uk 0113 395 1759 or go to the website www.artinunusualspaces.co.uk

3.5 Leeds International Film Festival 2009

Recognised as one of the UK's leading film events, the 23rd Leeds International Film Festival ran from 4th to 22nd November 2009 and attracted **25,429 admissions** for a huge diversity of fiction, documentary and experimental cinema. More than **100 feature films** and **200 shorts** from around the world were presented at venues across the city including the Hyde Park Picture House, Howard Assembly Room, Leeds Town Hall, Vue Cinemas at the Light, and 7 Arts in Chapel Allerton.

A total of 11,745 votes were cast by attendees for the Audience Award, which was won by Ponyo, the latest film for children by Japanese animation master Hayao Miyazaki. An international jury gave the Film Festival's prestigious Golden Owl Award for Best Film to La Pivellina, an Austrian / Italian drama. The Film Festival is organised by Leeds City Council, with funding support from Screen Yorkshire and the European Union, and lead sponsorship from City Inn Hotels, Northern Rail, Vue Cinemas, ancnoc, and Magnitude.

For more information about Leeds International Film Festival visit: www.leedsfilm.com

3.6 Emerge New Work Festival 2010

Following the successful debut of the festival in 2009, The Carriageworks, Stage @ Leeds and Seven Arts are proud to announce the return of Emerge taking place **21-25 June 2010**. Hosting the showcase of innovative, fresh and exciting new work by emerging theatre makers in Leeds continues the strong partnership between these three new performance spaces.

Emerge is passionate about its support for new writing, new work, developing companies and performance art providing the platform it deserves to move to the next level. The week long festival will encompass workshops, expert panel feedback, network events and an atmosphere that will encourage new and regular audiences alike to see the new, emerging talent in Leeds.

For more information please contact carriageworks@leeds.gov.uk

4. Leeds Arts Partnership update

The next meeting of Leeds Arts Partnership will be hosted by Penny Sanders at Seven Arts Centre in Chapel Allerton on **Wednesday 9 December**, from 4:30pm till 6:30pm. Directions: Frequent buses (nos 2 and 3) leave from Upper Briggate in Leeds town centre. Nearest Bus stop is Old Police Station at Chapel Allerton Village. On street car parking available.

- **Seven Arts Centre**
Two years on, how is one of the few truly independent arts centres in the UK faring? SAA-UK, Irish Arts Foundation, Wicked Words and now Slanjayvah Danza the new dance company set up by Jeni Wren, have taken their artistic programmes to Seven. Seven is a creative hub. Seven's founder director Penny Sanders will share the ups and downs of running an independent arts centre and thriving through the credit crunch. www.sevenleeds.co.uk
- Fresh from the success of **Leeds Digital Week** Mark Hubbard and Nicola Greenan will reflect on recent new developments to have come out of Leeds' **independent music scene**.
- **New Creative and Cultural Skills Blueprint for Yorkshire and Humber** What's in this new policy document which might aid creative employers and practitioners? Julia Calver will outline the Government's skills agenda for our sector. How can Leeds Arts Partnership members be ready to maximise the opportunities? Julia Calver is the officer at West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network dealing with culture, media sport and the arts; leisure, hospitality & tourism.
- **Looking ahead - July 2010 will be the month of the Arts Volunteers** – what's in it for artists? Steve Crocker will give the heads up to a new initiative to be launched by Leeds City Council.
- **Round table news and updates** – say who you are and what you're up to, an item for everyone.

This is our last meeting before Christmas. It will also be a relaxed social for professionals working in the music, visual and performing arts sectors in Leeds who want to meet others, share news and work opportunities across the different sectors and disciplines and keep up with changes in the city. People are invited to stay afterwards to have a drink or bite to eat. Some of you will be first time attendees, others will know each other very well. Leeds Arts Partnership has enjoyed a new mix of attendees since moving to a more open style of meetings under its independent Chair Karen Watson.

Please email dinah.clark@leeds.gov.uk to reserve a place at the meeting, by Friday 4 December.

Leeds Arts Partnership was set up by the Leeds Initiative – the city's local strategic partnership. It meets quarterly to exchange news and to network, and to raise issues affecting professionals working in the music, performing and visual arts sectors.

Leeds Arts is also represented on Leeds Cultural Partnership, the Leeds Initiative strategy development group, chaired by Leeds Councillor John Procter.

If you want to know more, check out our web page <http://www.leedsinitiative.org/arts/> or get in touch with Dinah Clark at the Leeds Initiative, 40 Great George Street, Leeds LS1 3DL. Tel (0113) 247 8989 or email dinah.clark@leeds.gov.uk

5. Featured organisation: Voluntary Action Leeds

Voluntary Action-Leeds (VA-L) support the Third Sector in Leeds. As many arts organisations are voluntary or registered as charities this means that we are here to support you. A range of support and services are available including:

Volunteering – We run the Leeds Volunteer Centre and can help you recruit volunteers and offer support for volunteer managers.

Free Advice and Support – For groups with an income of less than £100,000 p/a free advice on funding applications, charity and company registration and organisation management is available. Free funding searches using FunderFinder can be booked.

Training – A range of courses from writing funding applications and how to register a charity to first aid and book-keeping.

Marketing and Advertising – We can promote your news, events or jobs in our monthly E-News for free, or you can pay for a feature advert. Information can also be included in our printed newsletter that comes out every two months. Classified adverts or inserts are available starting at £45 for VA-L members. To receive our E-News sign up on the website: www.val.org.uk

Payroll – Cost effective payroll available to any organisation in Leeds or the surrounding areas and at reduced rates for VA-L members.

Meeting Rooms – Low cost room hire for meetings or events at our premises in Hunslet.

Membership – VA-L membership is free to groups with an income of less than £20,000 p/a and starts from £35 for other groups. VA-L members receive our printed newsletter members get discounts on our services.

To enquire about any of our services contact us at info@val.org.uk, call 0113 297 7920 or visit www.val.org.uk

6. Useful information

6.1 Changes to Grants for the Arts

In 2010 **Arts Council England** will make some improvements to the Grants for the Arts application process. These will include:

- the ability to submit applications online
- increasing the number of projects that get a decision within six weeks
- assessment of applications and monitoring of grants by a highly experienced and knowledgeable team bases in a Grants for the arts centre in Manchester

There will be no changes to the eligibility criteria or to the assessment criteria for Grants for the Arts. However, in order to ensure implementation is as efficient and seamless as possible, **the Arts Council will not be accepting new applications to Grants for the Arts for a period of six weeks between Monday 18 January 2010 and Friday 26 February**. Applications will be accepted up to 5pm on Friday 15 January 2010 and then from Monday 1 March 2010.

For more information, please see www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts/

6.2 LVAF Art Map

The LVAF Art Map is a free map and listings for a range of visual arts projects and events in Leeds from high profile exhibitions at established venues to smaller temporary artist-led initiatives. It comes out every two months and is available to download at www.lvaf.org.uk or printed copies can be picked up from all participating visual arts venues and Leeds Visitor Centre in the train station. Leeds Visual Arts Forum is a not-for-profit organisation committed to raising the profile of the visual arts in Leeds.

For more information see: www.lvaf.org.uk

6.3 Leeds Art Walk

Visual arts organisations from across the city have joined forces to host the Leeds Art Walk across the city. The Leeds Art Walk is held on the first Wednesday of every month, offering art lovers a whistle-stop tour of the 'pick of the month' exhibitions. The Leeds Art Walk is lead by Pavilion in collaboration with Project Space Leeds.

The next Leeds Art Walk will be held on Wednesday 6 January 2010

Please note: The Art Walks are FREE. Booking is not essential but it will assist in estimating group numbers.

For more information about future schedules please see <http://leedsartwalk.wordpress.com> or email gill@pavilion.org.uk to sign up to the mailing list.

6.4 Funding sources

A reminder that 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 300 sources of funding. If you would like a copy contact mags.mcleary@leeds.gov.uk 0113 395 0678. The spreadsheet is also available to download from www.leeds.gov.uk/arts in the **Funding for Arts Organisations** section, and will be updated quarterly.

6.5 North East Leeds City Learning Centre (CLC)

Media Space Available for Use...NOW! Did you know that the North East Leeds City Learning Centre (CLC) has four Learning Zones equipped with Apple Macs, PCs and all the latest software you could want for media and music. It also has a fully equipped Recording Studio and Video Suite. The CLC is currently looking to partner with new organisations in either co-delivery or just technical support. Use of the CLC space is free for Schools and CLC Partners.

For more information contact Dan Williams, NE Leeds CLC, Talbot Ave, Moortown, Leeds, LS17 6SF. Tel - 0113 288 350 or email williad01@leedslearning.net

6.6 Arts Award

The Arts Award is an accredited programme which recognises young people's development as young artists and young arts leaders. Arts Award aspires to support any young person to enjoy the arts and develop creative leadership skills. It works for young people of all interests and abilities, and leads to qualifications at Bronze (NQF Level 1), Silver (NQF Level 2) and Gold (NQF Level 3).

Young people work for their award using Arts Award centres as a focus, in addition to working independently. Centres can be set up in a wide variety of different places, from arts organisations to schools, pupil referral units, youth clubs and community centres. In fact, an Arts Award centre can be any setting that supports young people taking part in the arts.

Arts Award advisers are key to the success of Arts Award. They support young people working towards their award, acting as mentors, facilitators and primary assessors. To become an adviser you will need to have prior experience of working with young people. You can then complete your training at a one-day course, which you can book online at www.artsaward.org.uk

Leeds courses are held at CapeUK - 31 The Calls, Leeds, LS2 7EY. The next training dates in Leeds are:

26/01/10 - Overview for Managers 9.30-1.30

28/01/10 - Welcome Training 9.30-1.30

02/02/10 - Bronze/Silver Advisor Training 9.30-4.30

03/02/10 - Gold Top up Training (for trained advisors only) 9.30-1.30

19/05/10 - Bronze/Silver Advisor Training 9.30-4.30

24/11/10 - Bronze/Silver Advisor Training 9.30-4.30

For more information about Arts Award please visit www.artsaward.org.uk or call 0845 450 3700 and ask to speak to Ginny or Dan.

6.7 Arts & Regeneration team @ Dec 09:

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