

arts@leeds bulletin

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Hello and welcome to the 14th edition of the **arts@leeds** newsletter! For more information about the Arts Development Team, visit www.leeds.gov.uk/arts

1. Arts Development update

1.1 The Arts & Regeneration Unit becomes The Arts Development Team

From 1st January 2012, The Arts & Regeneration Unit will be called the Arts Development Team. This follows on from the restructure of Arts & Venues, we are pleased to announce our new team

Mags Mcleary Arts Development Manager (currently on maternity leave)

Ann Wishart Acting Arts Development Manger / Senior Projects Officer

Jennifer Rhodes Arts Officer (Grants)

Morwenna Rowlands Acting Senior Projects Officer / Arts Officer (Projects)

All our phone numbers and emails are the same.

1.2 Changes to Arts@Leeds Grants Scheme

From 2012 Arts@Leeds are introducing a three year grant scheme.

The scheme is available, to those who fit the criteria, to not only develop great art but also nurture and retain talent and skills, contribute to the distinctiveness of the cultural portfolio, break down barriers and work with and be inspired by the communities which gives Leeds its great tradition. By introducing three year grants the Council want to support longer term planning and offer some level of stability for organisations once their grant has been decided. The city supports cultural companies based in Leeds, to create great art which engages more local people and visitors with a wide range of art forms.

This scheme wants to build in the opportunity for organisations to introduce new developments, or aspects to their organisation. The budget is obviously finite and yet to be finalised so this is not a proposal that will give everyone more money. Some grants may go down and some may go up but we are responding to requests received to move away from the restrictive approach of the past.

Grants will be allocated if there is a good fit to the criteria. The Council wishes to support all Art forms and will reflect this wish in its grant allocation.

Organisations and partnerships are eligible for Arts@Leeds funding to support the work that they do to engage the people of Leeds and our visitors in cultural and creative activities.

The minimum application for funding is £1,000 per year. There is no maximum but the budget is finite and we want to support a wide range of organisations. For an application form, please contact jennifer.rhodes@leeds.gov.uk, the deadline is Friday 13th January 2012.

1.3 New Grant Scheme - 'Leeds Inspired'

The Leeds Inspired grants scheme is a new opportunity for organisations to make culture the beating heart of our city. Applications are welcomed from across the city for arts, sport and other cultural activity. We want as many people as possible to participate and encourage applicants to think about devising projects that will inspire everyone who hears about them. The application form will be available from the team, please email jennifer.rhodes@leeds.gov.uk

1.4 Arts and Regeneration Twitter @LeedsArts

The team is now regularly sending updates out on Twitter, including job opportunities, links to funding sources and general snippets of useful information about what is happening in and around Leeds Town Hall and the city council! Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/LeedsArts>

2. Arts Development 2012 Programme of Events

2.1 Holocaust Memorial Day— Sunday 29th January 2012

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 anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau on 27th January, now known as International Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD).

Starting at 1.30pm, 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 2012 HMD theme, 'Speak Up, Speak Out'. The programme, delivered by the Arts & Regeneration Unit, includes live music, a new performance by young people from East Leeds FM, speeches by Holocaust survivors, City of Sanctuary and keynote speaker Rachel Reeves MP, and a traditional Hebrew memorial prayer sung by Rudi Leavor. For further information telephone 0113 2476419 or email morwenna.rowlands@leeds.gov.uk

2.2 Breeze International Youth Festival 2012— Wednesday 30th May – Sunday 10th June

Breeze programming is underway. We are currently going through project partner applications with the Breeze Festival Management Team group. There are a couple of spaces left on the team if you know of any 13-19 year olds who might be interested in helping us programme the festival. Please contact for more information.

We are looking for performing groups for Briggate and the Carriageworks and the deadline is the 13th December. Please contact morwenna.rowlands@leeds.gov.uk for an application form.

More Breeze updates will follow in the New Year!

2.3 Light Night— Friday 5th October

We are really pleased to announce that Light Night 2012 will be on Friday 5th October. We will send information out regarding applying to be a showcased artist/venue in our next newsletter.

2.4 Town Hall Tours - Monthly

Town Hall Tours are now run on a monthly basis (the final Monday of each month), where you can get to see, not just the Victoria Hall, but also the old courtroom, prison cells, and the view from the top of the Clocktower. Tickets are £4 per person and must be booked in advance by ringing 0113 2243801.

2.5 Photographic Exhibitions— All year round

The Town Hall will continue to host photographic exhibitions of work by people from the community. We are currently exhibiting a series of photographs by Ed Mullins' highlighting the work of the West

Yorkshire Police, 'Police in Photography' is currently on display in the Town Hall until 30th December 2011. We will be announcing a call out for new exhibitions in the new year.

2.6 The City's Village Hall

Throughout 2012, the Town Hall will be opening its doors to a series of exciting events, giving you the opportunity to see what's inside our landmark building. More details coming soon but events will vary from all day activities, workshops, performances, book readings to lunch break talks and evening events. Open to all ages, and family friendly – come and see us, its not only the clock that makes Leeds tick! More information will follow in the next newsletter.

2. Leeds City Council update

2.1 London 2012 Torch Relay in Yorkshire

Briefings for Cultural Groups on Route Animation Opportunities. On 7th November the full route for the London 2012 Torch Relay was announced. This information provides the route detail of each community in Yorkshire where the Torch will pass.

This will mean that cultural groups interested in providing activity along the route can start to think tangibly about where and how they might animate the passing of the Torch and entertain the crowds waiting to see it.

Responsibility for programming activity along the route in each area is down to the different local authorities. In my role as Creative Programmer for London 2012, I am supporting this process by offering four briefings in different parts of the region for cultural groups, artists and local authorities to get together, talk about how it will work and for local groups to have information to help them plan an effective 'route offer'. We can also give some guidance on applying for small grants or otherwise raising funds if additional resources would be needed.

These sessions are open to all cultural groups, amateur, professional and community artists. They will focus on the cultural and artistic – they won't be particularly informative or useful for sports groups or general community groups.

After each session groups will be invited to submit a short description of their 'route offer' and all these will be compiled and provided to the relevant local authority officers with responsibility for planning route animation.

Places are limited on each session so please reply promptly if you want to be sure of a place. You don't have to attend the briefing in your area if the date doesn't work for you, you can book on another session. If one session is full we may offer you a place on a less busy session.

The details for the Leeds briefing sessions are:

9th December 2011 – Leeds

Leeds Town Hall – Albert Room

2.30 – 4.30pm

Please respond to Jodie Daber Jodie.daber@artscouncil.org.uk

2.2 Breeze Culture Network - Join and Connect

The Breeze Culture Network is the networking site for anyone working with young people in Leeds. Register at BreezeCultureNetwork.org and connect with cultural organisations, schools, community groups and artists through our comprehensive directory, keep up to date with cultural opportunities in Leeds via our targeted mailing system, plan key events using the shared calendar and publicise your open events onto the BreezeLeeds website for young people in Leeds.

www.BreezeCultureNetwork.org

3. Featured organisation: The 'BAM' Vans (Breeze Arts and Music)

Specialising in Mobile Arts, Music and Media. The Out of School Activities Team present an opportunity for you to take out on the road a creative art and media suite to engage with young people on their door step.

The "BAM" Vans are 2 identical multi purpose spaces that give organisations the flexibility to deliver a range of activities and sessions to young people. They have workstations along the interior side walls with space for at least 6 young people at a time inside the vehicles. We can provide a full package including staffing to run the sessions and all the equipment you will need. We have CDJ decks and awning on the side of the vans to run DJ workshops inside or out of the vehicle. We have Laptops with music and film editing software and Digital cameras for film and creative Image workshops. If you want to run a group session or discussion the workstations can be folded away leaving seating around the van and enough room for a table down the middle seating 8 comfortably. If you want to let the young people just chill out in the space while you run sessions outside the van we have a gaming element with 40" flat screen TVs and PS 3.

The "BAM" Vans are a flexible and versatile space that can get into the heart of any community, they are fully accessible with disabled lift access, they come with a driver and the opportunity for you to use the space or commission us to run the sessions for you with our equipment and specialist staff.

We are happy to discuss your requirements and you are more than welcome to come and have a look at the vehicles and see how you could make use of them.

For further information or to arrange a viewing please contact Jason Tabor, Out of School Activities Team Tel: 0113 2760837.

4. Useful information

4.1 European Year of the Volunteer

Getting Involved - A Conference for the Third Sector in Leeds
Wednesday 7th December 9am to 2pm
The Banqueting Suite, Leeds Civic Hall

Our 2011 Leeds conference aims to focus on involvement from local to European level, and in particular on Giving, Volunteering and Participation. Following on from last year's successful volunteering event we also aim to celebrate the European Year of Volunteering. The conference will also mark the formal launch of the newly merged Voluntary Action - Leeds.

Speakers will include:

Tom Riordan, Chief Executive of Leeds City Council

Antonia Mochan, Head of Networks at the European Commission Representation in London

The conference will launch the Leeds Involvement Strategy and the newly merged, new look Voluntary Action-Leeds. There will also be participative workshops on Active Aging, Young Lives, the Environment and Health. Lunch will be provided. The Lord Mayor of Leeds, the Revd Canon Alan Taylor will open the conference.

Book a place at gettinginvolved.eventbrite.com. For more information contact Richard Whitmill at

Voluntary Action-Leeds: 0113 297 7920, richard.whitmill@val.org.uk
Partner Organisations: Voluntary Action-Leeds, Third Sector Leeds, The European Year of Volunteering and Leeds City Council Library and Information Service. The conference is supported by Europe Direct Leeds www.europedirectleeds.org

4.2 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. While it does not claim to be exhaustive, it does list over 300 sources of funding. If you would like a copy contact jennifer.rhodes@leeds.gov.uk 0113 247 6419. 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.

4.3 Ethical Property

Looking for space? Ethical Property might have just what you need! The Roundhay Resource Centre in Harehills provides affordable, flexible, fully managed space for charities, community groups & social enterprises. The centre is already a base for many groups including Fever FM, RETAS Leeds and Leeds Development Education Centre.

As well as office space, there are two shared meeting rooms - perfect for workshops and training sessions both small and large. And you'll often find staff sharing information and networking over a cuppa!

There are currently a variety of spaces available. If you think you might benefit from the space & networking opportunities we offer, get in touch! Ring 01865 207810, email info@ethicalproperty.co.uk or visit http://www.ethicalproperty.co.uk/site/en/page_1253.php for more details.

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Deadline: The next quarterly **arts@leeds** bulletin will be published in March 2012. To submit items please email jennifer.rhodes@leeds.gov.uk by 1st March 2012.