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## **Welcome to Leeds Inspired**

Our city is jam-packed with creative talent which is adventurous and passionately independent. Leeds Inspired is the city's new annual cultural programme that will combine brand new commissions with well-loved events to create a cultural calendar bursting at the seams. This is an opportunity to lift the city's cultural scene and make it more visible, to increase its growing connectivity and support our many cultural pioneers.

## **Leeds Inspired Grants**

The new cultural programme is supported by the Leeds Inspired annual grants scheme and applications are welcomed from across the city for arts, sport and other cultural activity. With 2012 acting as the backdrop to the first year of Leeds Inspired we are encouraging applicants to think about devising projects that fit into this year's theme of 'playfulness' and we hope to see many different interpretations of this theme that inspire audiences to be adventurous, take creative risks and explore the city imaginatively.

The two deadlines for the main Leeds Inspired fund are Friday 20th January and Tuesday 20th March. We realise that we are not giving you long to prepare your submission for this first round of grants, and we will take this into account when assessing, but the Leeds Inspired annual grants scheme could not proceed until we knew the final decision on the future of the West Yorkshire Grants. West Yorkshire Grants has now ceased but Leeds City Council has decided to keep supporting culture and has redirected the funds through the new Leeds Inspired cultural programme. In addition to this there will be a Leeds Inspired Small Grants Fund launched in January 2012 for applications up to £1,000, this will be a rolling deadline for new small projects and for projects that would be enhanced by a small financial boost.

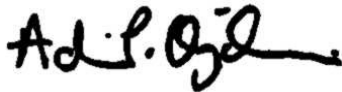
## Leeds Inspired Website

A central feature of the Leeds Inspired programme will be a new website which will offer a pick-n-mix of cultural happenings across Leeds. The website will include mainstream events alongside fleet-of-foot D.I.Y happenings and community-led projects to make Leeds' cultural landscape easy for people to see and find their way around.

We hope you will agree that Leeds Inspired is a new opportunity to make culture the beating heart of our city. 2012 will be a momentous year, let's show how great this city can be.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Jane Earnshaw, Leeds Inspired Coordinator