

District Partnership

Councillors Funding Proposal Form

COUNCILLOR(S) NAME YOU ARE APPLYING TO:

Cllr Norman Briggs
 Cllr Jim McMahon
 Cllr D Dawson
 Cllr John Battye
 Cllr Sean Fielding

NAME OF ORGANISATION REQUESTING FUNDING

Performance Plaza

PROJECT TITLE: The Arts Hub

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT REQUIRING FUNDING setting out: what the project will deliver. Who will benefit, and how? How many people will benefit etc. Please provide as much detail as possible and continue on a separate sheet if required.

Having worked tirelessly to successfully sustain Performance Plaza over the last 7 years in Oldham, we have been given a fantastic opportunity to take on, and be responsible for the former Failsworth Volunteer Centre, 1 Ashton Road West, Oldham.

Linking specifically with Failsworth and Hollinwood district priorities, we are turning this community asset into **The Arts Hub**, run by the community, for the community, with minimal overheads and a sustainable social enterprise approach.

Initially we are seeking funding to carry out necessary repairs to the building, to make it suitable for community access. Weather proofing and general repair are the key priority to allow us to provide a much wider range of arts workshops and opportunity for all ages and backgrounds within the local community.

Including: Drama and performance workshops, music / guitar / songwriting workshops, music and film recording and production, poetry and creative writing / script writing, health and wellbeing drop in sessions, a community gallery and regular mini performance and showcase events.

This would allow for:

- Growth and sustainability of arts based opportunities within impoverished communities
- Creation of new opportunities and community expression
- Ongoing and sustained arts based tuition and workshops
- Signposting into other projects and organisations
- Training, development and volunteer experience

Often the concept and delivery of our work is quite simple. We use many facets of the arts as a tool to aid the learning, growth, bonding and social adaption of communities. Although much of our work covers the areas of Arts, Environment, Education and Learning, our fundamental and overarching work is within social change.

Based on participation and involvement over the last 6 years, we confidently estimate figures of 500 participants over 3 years - 5000 beneficiaries over 3 years.

Our work links with a variety of district priorities:

Prevent Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Community Participation.

Prevention of hate crime through education and intervention.

Children and Families

Raising and maintaining aspirations within family units and in particular with young people.

Delivering interventions and activities to young people and families in the most cost effective way including use of residents and volunteers, champions and venues within the community.

Health and Wellbeing

Recognise where it is possible to improve mental health and wellbeing.

Economic Prosperity

Support residents of all ages into employment.

Improve residents skills and improve educational attainment

Continue to work innovatively to reduce the numbers of young people who are not in education, employment and training (NEET)

Encourage Social Enterprise

Vision and Benefits

The provision of a dedicated arts hub would change the way that arts based community work is carried out in Oldham. Significantly more local people would engage in the variety of sessions available whilst having the opportunity to learn and express themselves.

This participation will have a long lasting effect on the local community of Failsworth and Hollinwood, in that it would provide a voice to people, through all facets of the arts. It will allow for individuals and groups to come together with a common theme in mind, and recognize that they have something to contribute and that their opinion is relevant and valid.

A measurable difference will be community participation in general and improved mental health and wellbeing. These are necessary areas of work on a local and national level, with much evidence pointing to the arts as an effective method in raising aspirations, promoting equality and respect, reducing apathy and managing stress and anxiety.

A happier and healthier community will exist where anyone has the opportunity and confidence to share ideas, meet and work with new people, develop solution based approaches and produce expressive pieces of work that influence others around them.

We have a clear vision as to what we can achieve and more importantly, what we can provide for the local community of Failsworth, Hollinwood and the wider borough of Oldham.

The development of Performance Plaza is informed by Big Society and People Powered Change, as well as the Cooperative Vision within Oldham.

Total Project Cost £5000.00
Amount requested from the Councillors £600.00

DETAILS OF THE ORGANISATION WHICH WILL DELIVER THE ACTIVITY

ORGANISATION:

PERFORMANCE PLAZA

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON:

JASON BROMLEY

POSITION IN ORGANISATION:

CO FOUNDER AND SECRETARY

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PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE ANY FUNDING AGREED TO BE PAID? Please provide a copy of your recent audited accounts or recent bank statement.

CHEQUE

DETAILS FOR BACS PAYMENT

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| NAME OF BANK ACCOUNT | |
| BANK | |
| ACCOUNT NUMBER | |
| SORT CODE | |
| PAYMENT REFERENCE | |

| DETAILS FOR CHEQUE PAYMENT | |
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| NAME OF BANK ACCOUNT | Performance Plaza |
| ADDRESS TO SEND CHEQUE TO | 208 Limeside Road Oldham OL8 3LE |
| IS YOUR ORGANISATION REGISTERED FOR VAT? | |
| NO | |
| If Yes, any sum awarded will exclude your VAT costs. If your organisation is not VAT registered, the Council will make arrangements to pay suppliers/contractors directly so that no VAT is incurred. | |

Please check that you have included all the necessary enclosures and return this form to your District Co-ordinator