

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 10 March 2008

REPORT ON: Grant Award 2007-08: Generator Projects

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 167 - 2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To submit to Committee a request for grant funding to Generator Projects.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee approves support of £7,000 to Generator Projects.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant of £7,000 can be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's 2007/08 Revenue Budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Reference is made to Article I of the minute of the Leisure and Arts Committee dated 17 May 2004, when funding of £7,000 was granted to the Generator Project.

4.2 Generator Projects is a non profit visual arts organisation run by a voluntary committee of professional artists and is supported by a membership of over 300 local artists. The organisation presents innovative contemporary art by emerging visual artists and curators through an extensive exhibitions and events programme. The committee works closely with other local arts organisations including Dundee Contemporary Arts, University of Dundee and Dundee City Council Arts and Heritage Section to develop support and opportunities for professional artists in Dundee.

4.3 The Leisure and Communities Department's Arts Development Team offer Generator Projects' Committee and Membership support through professional development and cultural networking events, employment and training opportunities, and input through the Projects' Advisory Board.

4.4 The proposed grant of £7,000 from the Leisure and Communities Department 2007/08 revenue budget would allow Generator Projects to develop their service to artists and the community through a programme of exhibitions and events - see Appendix 1.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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GENERATOR PROJECTS

Generator projects is a non profit visual arts organisation based at a gallery and office space in Mid Wynd and run by a voluntary committee of professional artists (www.generatorprojects.co.uk). The organisation was established by a group of graduates from Duncan of Jordanstone College in 1996 to create new opportunities in Dundee for artists to work and exhibit together. The committee run an extensive programme of exhibitions, national and international projects and offsite events from their gallery space in Mid Wynd, often in collaboration with other artists groups and organisations.

Highlights of the programme delivered in 2006/07 include:

Exhibition/ event	Artists	Venue	Description
'Dundee Visual Artists Award 2000 - 2005'	Delia Baillie, Stephen Bird, Lindsay Brown, Andrew Dodds, Jacqui Hallum, Rob Hunter, John Louden, Michael Mallet, Jason Nelson, Iain Sturrock.	Generator Projects Space	Partnership exhibition with Dundee City Council Arts Development Team.
'Lands of Freedom'	'Ruth Bowler, Chris Hoeting, Meg Mitchell and Sarada Conaway, Jefferson Pinder, Robert Tillman	Generator Projects Space	An exhibition held in conjunction with Union Gallery, Maryland, USA.
'The Visitor and the Other'	Aileen Stackhouse and Andrew Wake	The Royal Scottish Academy, The Mound, Edinburgh	An invitation to curate an exhibition by the Royal Scottish Academy.
'Platforma'	Anca Benera, Irina Botea, Arnold Estefan, Caroline Rismont, Catalin Rulea (Romania) Anton Beaver, Miranda Blennerhassett, Steven Cairns, Louisa Preston (UK)	Cooper Gallery, University of Dundee Exhibitions Department, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design.	An international exchange exhibition with an artist led group in Romania.

Highlights of the proposed programme for 2007/08 include:

Exhibition/ event	Artists	Venue	Description
<i>'Your Words and My Mouth'</i>	22 visual artists and performers selected by curatorial group	Hospitalfield House, Arbroath	A two-day exhibition and live arts event at Hospitalfield House, Arbroath. A curatorial collaboration between Dundee Contemporary Arts, University of Dundee Exhibitions Department, Generator Projects and Hospitalfield House.
<i>'Who are these people?'</i> http://www.del.icio.us/cyranoids	Robb Mitchell, Alex Gillespie, Brian O'Neill.	Blinshall Street Studios	A website and participatory exhibition in association with Six Cities Design Festival.
<i>'Fest 'n' Furious'</i>	Catriona McKay and Alistair MacDonald.	Dundee Contemporary Arts	Off-site performance event at Dundee Contemporary Arts in association with 'Fest 'n' Furious' Festival of Traditional music.
<i>'They had four Years'</i>	Douglas Flockhart, Rachael Flynn, Catherine-Anne Lee, Ewan Manson.	Generator Projects Space	Annual exhibition showcasing the best of the previous year's graduates from Duncan of Jordanstone College.
<i>'Members Show'</i>	Over 40 local, national and international artists	Generator Projects Space	Annual open submission exhibition from the Generator projects membership.