

## DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 7th December 2009

**REPORT ON:** Dundee Visual Artists Award Allocation - 2nd round

**REPORT BY:** Director of Leisure and Communities

**REPORT NO:** 599-2009

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report makes a recommendation for grant awards from the Dundee Visual Artists Award Scheme from the second round of applications this year. The first round was approved by Committee on 1 July (report no. 319-2009).

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee approves the following awards to:

<b>Euan Taylor:</b>	<b>£100</b> towards a website for 'Gallery' a project space in Duncan of Jordanstone College.
<b>Kenneth Whyte and Kenneth Trainer:</b>	<b>£500</b> for the research and development of a series of works exploring the idea of utopia.
<b>Clare Brennan:</b>	<b>£180</b> to research and develop a body of work for exhibition at University of Abertay.
<b>Jon Gill:</b>	<b>£500</b> towards SuperFly - an art exhibition utilising the legal street flyposting system present in Dundee.
<b>Fraser Gray:</b>	<b>£350</b> towards production of new works produced in spray-paint, emulsion and metal.
<b>Lauren Gault:</b>	<b>£400</b> towards the production of a solo exhibition in Glasgow at the Duchy Gallery in March 2010.
<b>Jonathan Baxter:</b>	<b>£110</b> towards research into an artistic mapping project in Dundee.
<b>Jennifer Robson:</b>	<b>£500</b> towards a new body of work with horses as a subject matter.
<b>Paul Harrison and Gavin Renwick:</b>	<b>£580</b> towards Transformations - a print folio that celebrates the D'Arcy Thompson archive and 150 year anniversary.
<b>Jamie Fitzpatrick:</b>	<b>£250</b> towards new work for the 'RSA New Contemporaries' exhibition.
<b>Scott Hudson and Derek Lodge:</b>	<b>£1,000</b> towards an ambitious project of performance and visual art exploring the 300th anniversary of the first Elephant dissection in Dundee
<b>Jessica Ramm:</b>	<b>£500</b> towards the production of a kinetic installation for the RSA new contemporaries Show in March.
<b>Andy McVicar:</b>	<b>£500</b> towards materials costs to scale up small studio sculptures

into large scale resin sculptures.

**Lara Scouller:** £500 towards participation in a group exhibition 'Works on paper' in Stirling next May,

These awards will be made on return of a letter of agreement from the recipients.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 A fund of £11,000 is available for the financial year 2009/10. £4,000 will be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's revenue budget for 2009/10, and £7,000 through a grant from the Visual Arts Department of the Scottish Arts Council.

### **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

#### **4.1 Background**

The Dundee Visual Artists Award Scheme is a partnership between Dundee City Council and Scottish Arts Council. It has been in existence since 2000 and makes awards to over 100 visual artists.

This scheme awards grants to Dundee-based visual artists towards professional development, researching and creating new work for exhibitions. There are two deadlines for application each year- in May and November.

All the listed applicants were assessed according to the following criteria:

- the quality of the artist's work;
- the expected impact of support on the applicant's creative development;
- the clarity of purpose behind the submission and reasons given for applying for an award;
- the quality of the information/material supplied;
- the level of commitment to the development of practice.

### **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

### **7.0 CONSULTATION**

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

### **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.

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