

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 19 March 2007

REPORT ON: Dundee Repertory Theatre, Education & Community -
Revenue Support 2007-2008

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 160-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To submit to the Committee a request for renewal of Revenue funding for Dundee Repertory Theatre Education & Community Team, 2007-2008.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee approves the level of grant funding amounting to £19,713.00 as set out in the report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The funding recommended is £19,713.00, which sum is provided for in the Leisure and Communities Department's Revenue budget for 2007-2008, as shown in the budget at Appendix 1.

3.2 The terms and conditions of grant will be contained within a funding agreement 2007-2008 between Dundee City Council and Dundee Repertory Theatre, Education & Community Team.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability

The renewal of revenue funding to Dundee Repertory Theatre Education & Community Team will ensure the continued provision of a popular cultural service, that local needs are met locally, and the opportunity for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

None required.

4.3 Anti-Poverty

Dundee Repertory Theatre, Education & Community Team provide services to groups or people who are likely to be poor. They also help to develop personal capacity, interests and opportunities.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Dundee Repertory Theatre, Education & Community Team's Mission Statement is to provide open access, without fees or auditions, to participatory drama and community

arts, to develop self confidence and the transference of skills, and to use the theatre's resources and expertise to create a forum for wider community involvement and interaction. The team delivers its programme within the Community and directly engages those who may not normally participate in mainstream arts provision.

- 5.2 The funding agreement 2007-2008 will contain requirements that Dundee Repertory Theatre Education and Community Team practices equal opportunities in respect of its dealings with its public and staff.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 In 2006 and 2007, the Education and Community Team has delivered 1,063 workshops to 17,498 participants. The programme supports regular sessions of long learning and house workshops, schools/further education workshops, community outreach workshops, youth theatre workshops, creative drama and others such as Magic Net Project, Taster Sessions, Theatre tours and training for assistance and staff.
A detailed list of all workshop participants, performances and internal and external is provided in Appendix II.

6.2 Major Achievements in 2006-2007 included:

Exchange, a new project in conjunction with The National Theatre of Scotland. The Senior Youth Theatre (now called Rep Young Adults) worked with theatre professionals from across Scotland to create a piece of theatre examining what it means to be Young, Scottish and International, this then played to audiences in Dundee and Perth.

Youth Theatre: In October 2006, Young People from the Rep's Youth Theatre age 16-19 travelled to Holland for a week to take part in an international project with 80 other Young People from all over Europe. During the week the Young People created a new piece of Youth Theatre directed by Dundee Rep's Associate Director which played to audiences at the Zaantheater and Theater de Cirkel in Holland.

Youth Theatre: In September 2006 the 14-17 Youth Theatre Group performed their show *Whit a Bummer* (funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund) at The Verdant Works Museum. Exploring the heritage of the Dundee Jute Mills the young people worked with a musician and a writer/director to create a powerful piece of promenade theatre which played to community audiences.

The Adult Drama Group: This year the group performed two plays on the Rep main stage to full audiences: *Timberlake Wertenbaker's Country Good* & *John Godber's Teachers*.

The Women's Singing Group: In the summer the group flew to Belfast to sing in the International Arts Festival. Whilst there they supported Eddie Reader and appeared on national television.

Monkey provided an opportunity for people aged 8+ to work with actors and dancers from Dundee Rep Ensemble and Scottish Dance theatre to accompany the production of *Monkey*.

Schools: Continued expansion of links with schools were built with the new project SPARK, a major national arts initiative for theatres and schools, engaging artists at the heart of learning.

New links were forged with community groups and centres around Dundee through the satellite groups we set up in Whitfield and St Mary's.

The Wild Things Summer School allowed work with partners at The Space, DCA,

DCC and Camperdown Country Park with young people who would not normally access arts provision.

Dramatherapy: A new Dramatherapist joined the team and expanded the amount of work done with people experiencing complex mental health needs. 3 regular groups and a programme of individual therapy are now running.

GYPD 2: Following on from the success of Go Young People Dundee, a second was run in December 2007. Working with the Dundee Partnership, the Education and Community Team co-ordinated the arts activity at the Bonar hall for the event and inputted Drama workshops.

6.3 **Major Plans for 2007-2008 include:**

Wild Things Summer School: In partnership with DCA, The Space, DCC and Camperdown Country Park, 8 weeks of Community workshops and 2 weeks of intensive summer school will be provided for the young people of Dundee.

Holiday Projects: Holiday projects for 5 - 25 year olds will be delivered in Easter and Summer.

Productions: productions will be created for public performance by the Youth Theatre, the Adult Drama Group and Rep Young Adults.

Playhouse: In conjunction with 6 local schools, DCC Education Department and 4 other producing theatres, 6 plays for performance by 8-10 year olds will be commissioned and produced.

SPARK: In collaboration with an additional (to above) 6 local schools, DCC Education Department, West Yorkshire Playhouse and funders Friends Provident will build on the success of this year's pilot project and engage in another 5 week block of arts activity in local schools who are in areas of social regeneration and unused to working in partnership with arts providers.

Dramatherapy: As the service continues to flourish they hope to build the client group and the profile of the service across the city to ensure more people are able to utilise the services provided in this area.

Exchange: Young people from across Dundee will participate in the National Theatre of Scotland's YT initiative and perform both at the Repertory Theatre and at the Mac Robert Theatre in Stirling.

Links: Continued expansion of links with schools, community groups and centres, multi-cultural institutes, other arts organisations within the city and visiting companies. They also aim to build on international links in the Magic-Net and Schoolyard Stories networks.

Community: With their new Community Drama officer post coming into being they hope to improve links with Community Centres across the city.

6.4 The Education and Community Team continue to successfully raise external funding from a wide variety of sources to sustain its development and delivery of projects. It sustains 6 full-time job equivalents in the local economy.

7.0 **CONSULTATION**

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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Appendix 1

**Dundee Rep Theatre
Education and Community Team**

	Projected Out-turn 2006-2007	Projected Budget 2007-2008
Expenditure	£	£
Staff costs, production costs, marketing costs, general overheads	204,061	217,292
Income		
Box Office, Fees, sponsorship, donations Miscellaneous, project associated funding	72,553	99,927
Grants		
Scottish Arts Council Revenue Grant	59,454	65,000
Scottish Arts Council Education Grant	25,000	5,000
Dundee City Council Revenue	19,478	19,713
Mental Illness Specific Grants	27,887	27,887
Total	131,819	117,600
Total Income	204,372	217,527
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>311</u>	<u>235</u>
Surplus brought forward	504	815
Surplus carried forward	815	1,050

Dundee Repertory Theatre -Education & Community Team Statistics April 2006 - March 2007
Appendix 2

	Number of Workshops	Number of Participants	Number of Internal Performances	Number of External Performance
Lifelong Learning in House Workshop(s) 18+				
Women's Singing Group	50	2346	1	8
Adult Group	62	2339	5	0
Rep Young Adults	22	334	1	2
Total	134	5019	7	10
<u>Schools/Further Education Workshops</u>				
Braeview Project	60	588	2	0
Braeview Young Writers Group	12	300	1	1
Sidlaw View	1	30	0	0
Park Place/Blackness Primary - Transitions Project	24	480	0	0
Kingspark Special School	4	48	0	0
Teachers Talk Out 1	1	65	0	0
Teachers Talk Out 2	1	20	0	0
School Placements	80	80	0	0
INSET	1	12	0	0
Directing Master Class	1	15	0	0
SISC Conference	1	18	0	0
E'Ed Students	3	432	0	0
CPD SPARK	180	720	0	0
In-Tern	120	120	0	0
Workshops Connected to Shows	52	1,300	0	0
Sweet Bird of Youth	24	120	0	0
EDS - Transitions Project	1	25	0	0
Total	566	4373	3	1
<u>Community Outreach Workshops</u>				
Young Mums	28	28	1	1
St Mary's	20	200	0	0
Visually Impaired Team	1	10	0	0
Staff Team Building				
Total	49	238	1	1
<u>Others</u>				
Magic Net Project	2	1,522	1	2
Presentations	6	60	0	0
One of Taster sessions	20	400	0	0
Theatre Tours	30	300	0	0
Training for Assistants	3	24	0	0
Training for Artists	6	36	0	0
Total	67	2,342	1	2
<u>Youth Theatre Workshops (5-18)</u>				
5-7(s)	34	680	2	0
8-10(s)	34	873	2	0

11-13(s)	34	885	2	0
Easter Youth Theatre Workshops	8	328	0	0
October Youth Theatre Workshops	5	30	0	0
Summer School 11-18(s)	60	2,080	0	2
Museums Weekend 14- 17(s)	4	60	0	4
Whit a Bummer	8	200	0	8
<u>Total</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>5,136</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>Creative Drama</u>				
Creative Drama Group	30	240	1	0
Dramatherapy Group	30	150	0	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total(s)</u>	<u>1063</u>	<u>17,498</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>28</u>