

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 11 May 2009

REPORT ON: Grant Award 2009/10: Generator Projects

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 240- 2009

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 2009/10 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 Creative Learning 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 2009/10 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 proposed programme for 2009/10 include:

Exhibition/ event	Artists	Venue	Description
8 May – 7 June 'They Had Four Years'	Participating Artists: Iain Sommerville, Kevin Harman and Lauren Gault	Generator Projects Space	'TH4Y' is one of Generator's annual exhibitions. In previous years artists were chosen from selected graduates from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design. This year the committee has decided to extend the remit to selected graduates from the four Scottish art schools. This is intended to bring new artists unfamiliar with Generator Projects to the city. It will also enable new graduates to have the chance to meet and work alongside each other in the exhibition.
19 June – 19 July Participating artists: Pio Abad, Alex Dordoy , plus four other artists TBC.	Pio Abad, Alex Dordoy, plus four other artists TBC.	Generator Projects Space	Generator Projects intends this exhibition to be a carefully curated show consisting of artists displaying similar themes and exciting aesthetics. The two artists already selected were chosen because of the strength of their current practice. "It is important for us to create new contexts for the artists that we work with by placing them with artists from further afield. We are confident this show will consist of the new up and coming artists of 2009."
31 July – 30 Aug 'Maison Domino'	Laura Aldridge and Conal McStravick	Generator Projects Space	"During the summer months when Dundee is quieter, Generator thought it essential to exhibit artists who would attract a large audience from neighbouring cities. McStravick and Aldridge (both Glasgow - based) display maturity in their work, and will form an exciting pairing and dialogue with the possibility of a collaborative element from the new body of work made for Generator Projects Galleries."

<p>Jan - Feb 2010 Members Show</p>	<p>Up to 100 (est.) artists from the Generator membership</p>	<p>Generator Projects Space</p>	<p>"Another of our core annual shows, this is an open submission exhibition for work from our membership. The members' show is a popular event in the local artistic community. It is an opportunity for recent graduates to exhibit alongside emerging and professional artists. We form one of the few galleries which exhibits all of the pieces submitted by its membership."</p>
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