

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 8 November

REPORT ON: Grant Award 2010/11: Generator Projects

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 634-2010

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 £6500 to Generator Projects.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant of £6500 can be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's 2010/11 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 £6500 from the Leisure and Communities Department 2010/11 revenue budget is to 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), Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Visual Arts application for Grant Aid 2010/11

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Director of Leisure and Communities
26 October 2010

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. The organisation is vital in retaining new graduates to the city of Dundee and the organisation has an excellent reputation nationally and internationally in the sector of contemporary visual art.

Support for Generator Projects supports commitment 4 in the Dundee Cultural Strategy to **'turn local talent into jobs'**. Generator Projects are a named partner in the commitment to **'develop widespread opportunities for professional artists and makers to create and sell work in the city'**.

Programme highlights 2010/11

Exhibition - Field by means of matter

Artists - Natasha Bird, Michael J Davis, Craig Dow, Francis Thorburn

Dates - 25th June - 25th July 2010

Description - curated in partnership with 'Field' an arts organisation based in London with an exchange exhibition planned for 2011.

Exhibition - Passport for Voice

Artist - Robin Thomson

Dates - 25th September - 24th October 2010

Description - Solo show from exciting Scottish Artist based in Berlin. Partnership talks and events programme with DJCAD and DCA.

Exhibition - Members Show

Artists - Open submission from membership (up to 300)

Dates - January- February 2011

Description - core annual show, popular within the arts community in Dundee. An exhibition that mixes young and established artists with students.

Exhibition - title TBC

Artists - tbc through selection chosen on a curatorial trip to China

Description - Treasurer Fraser MacDonald participated in a curatorial trip to China funded by Creative Scotland. This exhibition will bring work by young Chinese artists to Dundee.