

## DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 12 May 2008

**REPORT ON:** Major Projects Grants Allocation (2008-09)

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

**REPORT NO:** 268-2008

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To submit to the committee a request for grant funding for Generator Projects.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee approves support of £7,000 for Generator.

### 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The grant of £7,000 can be met from the Leisure and Communities revenue budget 2008/09.

### 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.

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 Team to develop support and opportunities for professional artists in Dundee.

The Leisure and Communities Department's Creative Learning Team offer the Generator Project's committee and membership support through professional development and cultural networking events, employment and training opportunities. The Creative Learning Officer also provides a supporting role to the organisation by having a place on the Generator Project's advisory board. A former Chairperson of the organisation also sits on the panel of the Dundee Visual Artists Award Scheme, administered by the Creative Learning Team.

- 4.2 Alongside the visual arts programme, the committee works closely with local arts organisations and professionals to extend the network of support for artists in Dundee. In 2007 this centred on '*Your Words and My Mouth*' a two-day exhibition and live arts event held at Hospitalfield House, Arbroath on 22 and 23 September. This project was a curatorial collaboration between Dundee Contemporary Arts, University of Dundee Exhibitions Department, Generator Projects, Bad Bad Boys Club and Hospitalfield House and is the first large-scale collaboration between these Dundee-based curators.

The programme for 2007/08 included:

#### 4.2.1 **January**

Members Show 2007

#### **February**

'Don't cry its only a rhythm'

- Sarah Forrest, Amy Marletta

#### **March**

'AH-KEN-AH-KEN'

- Jason Nelson, Kevin Reid

#### **May**

'They had four Years'

- Douglas Flockhart, Rachael Flynn, Catherine-Anne Lee, Ewan Manson

'Who are these people?'

- Robb Mitchell, Alex Gillespie, Brian O'Neill. In association with Six Cities Design Festival.

#### **June**

'Meet Cafe'

- Jack Duplock, Heidi Kilpelainen, HK119, Juneau Projects

#### **July**

Residency

- Jez Riley

#### **September**

'Your Words And My Mouth'

Hospitalfield House, Arbroath

[www.yourwordsandmymouth.com](http://www.yourwordsandmymouth.com)

#### **October**

Two Person Show

- Robert Orchardson and Sarah Tripp

Fest 'n' Furious event

- Catriona McKay, Alistair MacDonald. Offsite event at DCA in association with 'Fest 'n' Furious' Festival of Traditional music.

#### **November**

'Internal Affairs'

- Katie Orton

#### **January 2008**

'Members Show'

- Annual open submission exhibition.

#### 4.2.2 Future Plans

#### **May 2008**

programmed to run alongside Duncan of Jordanstone Degree Show

They Had Four Years - Anna Orton and Alan Grieve

#### **September 2008**

collaboration with S1 Artspace in Sheffield

S1 Artspace Touring - George Henry Longly

#### **August 2008**

Exhibition of Master of Fine Arts in Collaboration with University of Dundee

Duncan of Jordanstone MFA Show - MFA graduates

**November 2008**

New Work by Mick Peter publication by Dan Fox  
Solo Exhibition - Mick Peter

**January 2009**

Members Show  
Open submission from membership

**5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management
- 5.2 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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