

## DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 25 October 2010

**REPORT ON:** Dundee Visual Artists Award Allocation - First Round

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

**REPORT NO:** 583-2010

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report makes a recommendation for grant awards from the Dundee Visual Artists Award Scheme from the first round of applications this year. The second round is in November.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the following awards, totalling £5831.98, to:

**Euan Taylor:** £1,000 towards an exhibition and performance event in London in October 2010.

**Donna Holford-Lovell:** £250 towards a research and feasibility period for a proposed large scale art event utilising new media involving 200 participants wearing LED lights to be seen from across the Tay.

**Lauren Gault:** £250 towards a period of research and experimentation in collaboration with an artist and jeweller for a new body of work for exhibition in Glasgow.

**Eilidh McNair:** £350 towards the creation and installation of artwork in a prestigious exhibition in Austria following an artist's residency.

**Andrea Sayers** £1,081.98 to fund a visual arts project exploring Dundee's Hilltown area, including collaborative work with members of the community.

**Fraser MacDonald:** £1,250 towards a large scale exhibition event and publication taking place at Generator Projects in Dundee.

**Mairi Lafferty** £1,100 to fund a visual arts and film project exploring the legacy of Tayside House and the building's relationship with the surrounding area of Dundee City Centre.

**Jaygo Bloom** £550 towards the creation and installation of new work for exhibition in the main gallery space at Dundee Contemporary Arts in November 2010.

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 2010/11. £4,000 will be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's revenue budget and £7,000 through a grant from Creative Scotland.

#### **4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 The Dundee Visual Artists Award Scheme is a partnership between Dundee City Council and the Scottish Arts Council, and has been in existence since 2000, making 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 2010/11 these are in July and November.

All the listed applicants were assessed by an independent panel of judges 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), Assistant Chief Executive 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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