

Leeds Inspired Main Grants – Round 23 – January 2023

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Report of: Leeds Inspired Principal Arts Programmer

Report to: Chief Officer Culture & Economy

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

Report to outline the proposed Leeds Inspired Main Grants awarded through Round 23 of the Leeds Inspired Main Grant Scheme to support activity and events which will engage artists and local people in creative and cultural opportunities. The funding for this round includes the core contribution of £101,343 from Leeds Inspired and a further £28k from UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) that will result in additional activity for the city and its communities in 2023, the Year of Culture.

Recommendations

- a) The Chief Officer Culture & Economy is recommended to accept the grant allocations as proposed in Section 11 to the total of £129,343
- b) The Chief Officer, Culture and Economy is asked to note that the core budget for this round of Leeds Inspired (£101,343) is boosted by an injection of funds from Culture Programmes' allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). £28,000 of the UKSPF allocation is provided to enhance cultural and community engagement during LEEDS 2023, the city's Year of Culture.

What is this report about?

- 1 To outline the proposed Leeds Inspired Main grants to support activity and events which will engage artists and local people in creative and cultural opportunities.
- 2 The grants are allocated in line with the Executive board decision to introduce Leeds Inspired made in July 2011.
- 3 The grants support the following Best City Culture Priorities
Inclusive Growth – Supporting the city’s economic recovery from Covid-19
Culture – Growing the cultural and creative sector + Ensuring that culture can be created and experienced by anyone.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 4 Leeds Inspired provides funding for arts projects, events and activity that Leeds residents of all ages can get involved in.
- 5 The scheme funds individuals, organisations and voluntary groups, supporting first time applicants as well as more established organisations, contributing to the sustainability of the creative sector in the city.
- 6 Leeds Inspired funding often acts as match funding to lever in additional money into the activity and the city. It is one of the only sources of arts-specific match funding available to artists and organisations when applying to larger external funders such as Arts Council England and National Lottery Heritage Grants.
- 7 UKSPF will provide a boost to the Leeds Inspired Grant fund, enabling additional activity to take place than would otherwise take place. The measure of increased impact will be delivered with additional funding through LCC’s UKSPF allocation. A key decision (D55735) was taken in October 2022 authorising UKSPF activity which supports the regional West Yorkshire Local Investment Plan managed by WYCA.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 8 The cultural activity supported through the Leeds Inspired grants supports Inclusive Growth by helping to make the city an attractive place to live, work and invest in. Activity supports the delivery of the Culture Strategy and the ambitions of Child and Age Friendly Leeds.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 9 Leeds Inspired events and grants were first introduced through Executive Board in 2011 to encourage a broader mix of cultural opportunities for the people of Leeds and to attract visitors.
- 10 In response to suggestions from the city’s arts organisations and following recommendations of the Leeds Inspired Steering group chaired by a previous Executive Member for Culture a Small Grant fund was also introduced to complement this larger Leeds Inspired Main Grant Scheme.

What are the resource implications?

11 It is proposed to grant fund the following individuals / organisations.

Applicant	Project Name	Location	Award
Akeim Toussaint Buck	Beatmotion: Pop Up Duet	Chapelton Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Armley	10000
Fidget Theatre	Football Freddie	Chapel Allerton Moortown Gipton & Harehills Beeston & Holbeck Hunslet & Riverside Riverside Kirkstall Farnley & Wortley	10000
Sheaf Street	Open Deck	Hunslet & Riverside	10000
Centre for Live Art Yorkshire	Pride in Leeds2023	Little London & Woodhouse	9975
Fall into Place Theatre	Belly Laughters (carers get creative)	Killingbeck & Seacroft Little London & Woodhouse Guiseley & Rawdon	9870
Space2	A Moment in Time	Chapel Allerton Alwoodley Gipton & Harehills Killingbeck & Seacroft Temple Newsam Hunslet & Riverside	9855
Lucy Bergman	Sun Up Arts Festival 2023	Otley & Yeadon	9190
Shine (Leeds) Ltd	Shinecast: Creative Stories	Killingbeck & Seacroft	9000
Ashley Karrell	Expression Of You - Leeds	Little London and woodhouse Beeston & Holbeck Chapel Allerton Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Gipton & Harehills	8700
Red Ladder Theatre Company Limited	Taxi! – A co-production between Red Ladder, Spin Arts and Mad Dogs Dance.	Gipton & Harehills Farnley & Wortley Calverley & Farsley Little London & Woodhouse	8500
Leeds International Concert Season (Leeds City Council)	Commission – Four Seasons of the Caribbean	Chapel Allerton	8000
Hold It Up Collective	Section 28: Twenty Years On	Headingley & Hyde Park Little London & Woodhouse	7010
LS-TEN Charity	Northern Roll 2023	Beeston & Holbeck Hunslet & Riverside	5145
Morley Arts Festival	Immersive Exhibition Space	Morley North Morley South	4650
Swirl Education	Welcome to the Leeds Carnival	Chapel Allerton Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Gipton & Harehills Crossgates & Whinmoor Garforth & Swillington Beeston & Holbeck Rothwell, Armley Kirkstall	4200

		Pudsey Headingley & Hyde Park Woodhouse & Little London Guiselley & Rawdon Horsforth Otley & Yeadon	
Leeds Print Workshop	Come Find Us Revival	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Hunslet & Riverside Little London & Woodhouse	3748
Yorkshire Rewilding Network	Yorkshire Rewilding Festival	Otley & Yeadon	1500

12 The grants allocated are within the budget available.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

13 The Leeds Inspired Principal Arts Programmer will oversee the application of the grants and all applicants are required to complete activity monitoring forms on the grant funded activity.

What are the legal implications?

14 The report is not subject to call in. All applicants receiving grants will be required to agree the Leeds City Council Leeds Inspired terms and conditions set out in the Funding Agreement.

15 All recipients will be required to produce and adhere to key policies, obtain relevant insurance, and complete annual monitoring of the scheme in line with Council and UKSPF requirements.

16 Where necessary, all awards will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 which came into force in January 2023.

17 Subsidies occur where public resources are used to provide financial assistance in a selective manner to one or more entities engaged in commercial activities in a way which benefits them over other enterprises engaged in the same or similar activities, and which is capable of distorting competition or investment.

18 Under the Subsidy Control Act 2022, subsidies are permitted to be given provided that either they comply with a number of principles, or they fall within certain exemptions. Otherwise, if a subsidy is provided it will be unlawful.

19 Before they can be formally awarded, all of the grants recommended by this report will be assessed as to whether they are compliant with the provisions of the Subsidy Control Act.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

20 Leeds Inspired events, grants and website were introduced through Executive Board in 2011 to encourage a broader mix of cultural opportunities for the people of Leeds and to attract visitors.

How will success be measured?

21 Applicants are required to submit a detailed report on completion of the funded activity.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

22 Grants will be administered in March 2023 and funded activity will take place during 2023/24.

Appendices

- None.

Background papers

- None.