

Project Name: Interplay Capital Build : Planning, Design and Green Audit
Amount Applied for: £7,500 – Revenue or Capital

Lead Organisation: Interplay Theatre Trust

Project Summary:

Interplay Theatre Trust are a touring theatre company based in Armley. They also produce multi-sensory shows for children with profound learning disabilities and have a contract to provide an industry based learning programme for local young people not in education, employment or training. They are applying for a grant to start the process of transforming their building, an old church hall, into a new creative arts space equipped for theatre and music performance, as well as providing an improved facility for their work with young people excluded from school and young people with disabilities. It will also provide a performance space for local artists, groups and audiences.

Area Committee funding would be used for the planning phase of the project including design team fees and green energy audit. It would provide match funding for grants from the Asda Foundation and other trusts and public funds for the larger build costs.

The new facility will provide:

A performance space equipped for music, film and theatre performance (including a lighting rig, PA system, balcony and ranked seating, staging and soundproofing).

A research and development facility to work with young people with sensory and learning disabilities – creating intimate sensory environments and installations using lights and sound. Connecting the different strands of Interplay's work, currently their teaching space is separate from the main hall and recording studio

A greener focus for the organisation, reducing their carbon footprint by investing in solar panels and other green energy sources.

Then benefits of the new facility will be:

Working with more young people

Increasing their work with schools

Opening their doors for performances to local residents

Increase income

Improve the arts infrastructure in West Leeds by providing support and space to other organisations.

The total cost of the project is around £1.2 million. An application has been submitted to the Arts Council Capital Fund for £806,000 the outcome of which will be known in January.

Project Delivery

The planning stage will be overseen by Interplay staff who will appoint architects and an energy assessor for this phase of the project.

Outcomes

The wider project outcomes are listed above. This funding will provide the organisation with a detailed architect's plan and green energy assessment to help them secure funding for the build.

Ward / Neighbourhood:

Armley

Project Cost & Financial Breakdown

Well-being project costs:

£5,500 – Architect fees

£2,000 – Green energy audit

Capital or Revenue funding can be used for this project