

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	8.
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Category	Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Junction Arts Community Arts Programme – 2nd Stage Payment 2011/12, and 2012/13 proposed programme plan		
Report by:	Arts Development Officer		
Other Officers Involved	Head of Leisure		
Director	Director of Health & Wellbeing		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor A. M. Syrett, Portfolio Holder for Social Inclusion		

#### **RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS**

##### **REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities**

Contribute to bringing awareness to issues regarding health within the District.

Help develop flourishing rural communities.

Help develop vibrant projects through creative work.

##### **SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning**

Ensure quality in the delivery of services.

Promote the development of skill and learning in the community.

##### **ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment**

Protect, enhance and improve the natural environment in a sustainable way through the development of the arts

Bring awareness to the environment through creativity

##### **CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES**

Strengthen community consultation.

Design and deliver services to meet the needs of participants.

Improve quality of services delivered.

**TARGETS**

The work of Junction Arts directly impacts on the Corporate Plan target relating to increasing the number of annual recorded attendances at participatory arts programmes each year.

**VALUE FOR MONEY**

The Council's core funding helps to lever £133,994 which is a ratio of 8 to 1 additional investment in Community Arts provision.

**THE REPORT**

The Council has approved annual core funding offered in two stage payments. Fifty percent (50%) of the funding released in April each financial year on receipt of a proper invoice and the balance released in December or upon submission of the Junction Arts Annual Report, subject to a satisfactory activity report being received.

The 2nd stage payment is now due for the current financial year.

The target set for 20011/12 was to work in 70% of the parishes throughout all the projects (some may be the same parish dependent on the project) with 52 sessions to take place. Achieved between April 2011 and end October 2011 is that Junction Arts has worked in 71% of the Parishes.

Currently Junction Arts projects are:-

**Planned:**

Brighter Winter Nights.  
Combine-Farming Heritage;  
Create, Creative Rural Workshops;  
Drawing the Way;  
Draw your own Dinner;  
Exploring Rural Landscapes  
Meeting Place;  
Monograms and Stitch;  
Old School;  
Resonance;  
Rural Routes;  
Sidelinez;  
Strands;  
Strategic Organisational Development.  
The Way;  
Traces;  
Transition  
Whispering Gallery;  
Youth Film Project no. 2.

## Summary of Main Achievements and Successes

Junction Arts have had a very successful half-year of delivery with an increase of projects delivered within Bolsover district. Throughout 2011/12 so far they have been successful in building and maintaining new strategic delivery partnerships and responding to requests from organisations within the district to deliver projects addressing specific community needs. They have developed these new partnerships and local projects whilst also ensuring the delivery of our agreed programme plan.

The main achievements and successes are:

- Limestone Journeys: They have been key deliverers of this project in year 1, delivering a total of nine projects and ensuring that there is a significant level of community engagement with the project.
- Response: They have delivered an additional three projects through the 'Response' section of our programme. These are:
  - 'Youth Film project' – Partnership with Raising Aspirations working with disadvantaged young people from Bolsover, New Houghton, Shirebrook, Pinxton and South Normanton.
  - 'Make a Film in a Day' – Partnership with Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (as part of their Youth Engagement Scheme) working with disadvantaged young people from Bolsover and Shirebrook Academy.
  - 'Sculpture Workshops' – Request from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to deliver art workshops as part of their community engagement programme for The Avenue, Washlands.
- Rural Living Programme: They have delivered six one-day workshops as part of the Rural Living Programme at local celebrations/events.
- Bright Winter Nights: They have worked with two additional artists to develop Arts Council bids for additional activity at this years Bolsover Lantern Parade including a parade figure head with digital laser projections and an interactive sound installation. This additional activity will increase the artistic activity for the community and ensure that it will be a bigger celebration than last year.
- New partnerships developed with 15 organisations including: Action for Children, Raising Aspirations, Farming & Countryside Education (FACE), Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service etc
- Successful delivery of the remainder of our main programme of activity (individual profiles attached):
  - Sidelinez
  - Old School
  - Combine
  - Rural Creative Workshops
  - Transition

- Rural Routes
- Youth Reach Media Project

### **New or emerging areas of work or funding opportunities**

Throughout the year Junction Arts has responded to requests from organisations to deliver projects that support their strategic delivery such as Raising Aspirations, Action for Children, Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. These projects fall within the Response Programme.

They are currently developing a project with Film City and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service to tackle the issue of juvenile fire setting in Bolsover (which has the highest rate of deliberate juvenile fire setting in Derbyshire). They are the lead partner in a bid to the Community Action Against Crime: Innovation Fund run by the Community Development Foundation. This bid is supported by the Community Safety Partnership.

They have recently been successful in securing a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for expanding the delivery of the Combine project regionally. Whilst delivery for this phase of the project is outside of the district it is based on the success of the pilot, which worked with young people from Bolsover and it will also ensure a strategic regional link between our Bolsover delivery and the delivery with other Counties in the region.

### **Details of significant problems encountered during the year**

2011/12 has been a transitional year for Junction Arts with Tina Glover (the previous CEO) leaving the organisation at the start of the year and a new Managing Director (Paul Steele) taking over. This change was the result of a two-year governance review which has seen the Board of Trustees refreshed along with staffing. They are now confident that they have a stable and strong staff team and Board of Trustees who are fit-for-purpose in moving the organisation forward over the coming years.

See Appendix 1 for detailed Programme for 2011/12.

The Council's core funding helps to lever £133,994 of investment in Community Arts provision. This figure does not include the considerable amount of volunteer time that Junction Arts, as a charity, utilises throughout the year.

Junction Arts proposed plan for 2012/13 is attached at Appendix 3 for your information.

Councillor Ann Syrett is the Council's representative on Junction Arts Board of Management. The Board is also attended by the Arts Development Officer, Carole Hirst.

## ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The target set for 20011/12 was .to work in 70% parishes throughout all the projects (some may be the same parish dependent on the project). Achieved between April 2011 and end October 2011 was 52 sessions working in 71% of Parishes.

The Council's funding of £16,000 is offered in two stage payments. Fifty percent (50%) of the funding will be released in April each financial year on receipt of a proper invoice and the balance released in December or upon receipt of and subject to a satisfactory activity report being received. It is for Members to decide whether or not Junction Arts has performed satisfactorily for the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage payment to be released.

A revised Service Level Agreement was written for Junction Arts for the financial year 20011/12 outlining in specific detail all the requirements for information reporting for the annual report and the report deadline.

For the £16,000 that Bolsover invests in Junction Arts towards arts provision a total return of £133,994 is levered in funding from various other sources including the Arts Council England and Derbyshire County Council which is a ratio of 8 to 1. Members might consider that sufficient value has been achieved to satisfy our investment which is a small proportion of the total invested in arts provision within Bolsover District.

A core budget has not yet been agreed for financial year 2012/13. The proposed plan of work for Junction Arts 2012/13 can only be approved subject to approval of a report to the Council covering on-going core-funding which will be subject to a report of Grants to Voluntary Organisations scheduled for January 2012.

## IMPLICATONS

Financial: Core funding of £16,000 has been allocated to Junction Arts as part of the 20011/12 budget. There are no additional financial implications. £8,000 has been paid earlier in the financial year 2011/12 as per the Service Level Agreement. The balance of £8,000 is scheduled for payment subject to Members of Executive determining whether or not the report received by Junction Arts is satisfactory.

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Legal: The grant is subject to Junction Arts complying with the conditions outlined in the Council's Service Level Agreement and presenting this report in accordance with section 137A of the LGA 1972..

Human Resources: The Arts Development Officer attends Junction Arts Board Meetings in a non voting capacity and has ongoing regular contact with Junction Arts staff.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Members approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage payment for 20011/12 totalling £8,000 to Junction Arts;**
- 2. That Members consider approval of the proposed annual plan for 2012/13 subject to the Council approving on-going core-funding which will be subject to a report of Grants to Voluntary Organisations scheduled for January 2012.**

### **REASON FOR DECISION**

**To release the 2nd stage payment to Junction Arts.**

ATTACHMENTS: Y  
FILE REFERENCE: Junction Arts File (11.1.1)  
Junction Arts Recorded Attendance Statistics  
April 2011 to October 2011  
SOURCE DOCUMENT: Junction Arts Programme Report  
April to December 2011  
Junction Arts proposed Plan 2012/13.