

The Arts Plan for the Harborough District 2005 - 2008

'Harborough District Council recognises the value of the arts in developing and sustaining healthy and vibrant communities and will ensure that all members of its community have opportunities to engage in forms of cultural expression which are appropriate to them'

A Look at the last 3 years of Arts Development in the Harborough District

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The term 'the arts' includes, but is not limited to:

Music (Instrumental, digital, DJing and vocal),
 Dance (from Street to Morris, Hip Hop to Ballet),
 Drama, Performance, Physical Theatre, Comedy,
 Creative Writing, Poetry & Literature,
 Visual Arts, Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture etc.,
 Photography, Animation,
 Film, Television, Radio, Tape, Sound Recording,
 Industrial Design, Costumes and Fashion Design,
 Crafts and Textiles,
 Computer Game Design, Web Design & Graphic Design

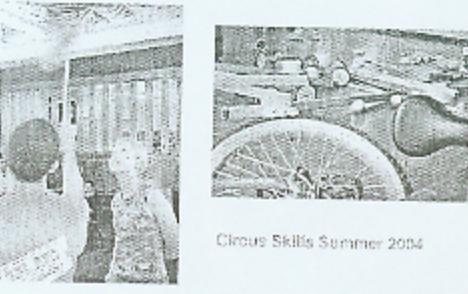
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Where are we now?

Over 800 children and young people involved in Summer Activities over the last 3 years

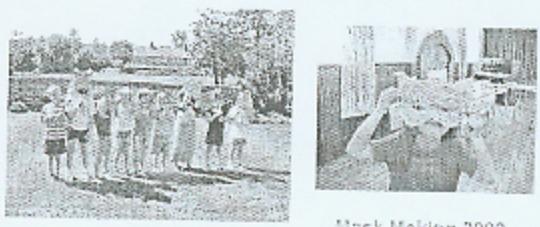


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Circus Skills Summer 2004

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Mask Making 2002

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Mothers and Daughters Bellydancing 2002

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350+ Community Arts Groups, Voluntary Groups and Professional Artists Supported to Raise Funds and Achieve High Quality Projects and Events

National Youth Jazz Orchestra give student masterclass and concert at Robert Smyth School

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Arts Development Grants
A Total Spend of £9,403.25 to date
A Total Inward Investment of £119,243.75 to date
45 Grants Given

Opera Minima

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100+ Professional Artists Employed to deliver work in the Harborough District

Drumming Workshop at Roman Way Day Centre

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Lutterworth Arts - Annual Exhibition, Artist in Residence at Lutterworth GS&CC, Workshops, Permanent Exhibition Space at One Stop Shop

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The Arts are:

Innovative	Inspiring	Challenging	A release
Exciting	Fun	Empowering	Nurturing
Motivating	Facilitative	Engaging	Animating
Vibrant	Moving	Impulsive	Celebratory
Confidence Building	Communicative	Special	
a Form of Language	Exploratory	Inventive	Persuasive

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5000 people receive the Events Guide
3 times per year

Alternative Choices group sculpture project

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Inward Investment through 3 x Arts Fresco £85,237

Inward Investment LADOF projects £513,641

(£64,205 per authority area on average)

Guitar Workshop at Bath Street Church

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Baseline Spend of £3200 per year

Direct Income through Grants / Ticket Sales etc:

Contour & Cream	£10,000
3 x Comedy Festivals	£ 2,279

3 Years of Summer Activities £ 7,171

Drumming Workshop for BAKbeat Project

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A direct impact on approximately 26,929 people as participants and audience to date

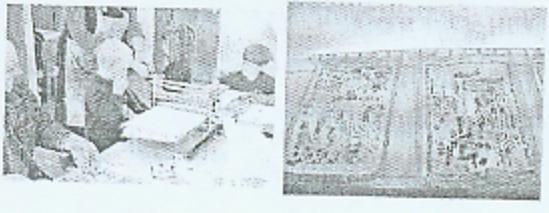
Dance Workshops with the Swiftway Group

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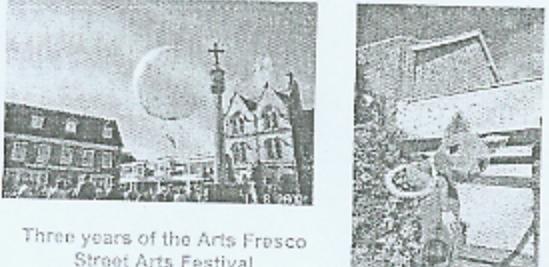
Lantern-Making Project and Late Night Shopping Procession

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Meadowdale Banner Project

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Three years of the Arts Fresco Street Arts Festival

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Two years of Big Draw Partnership Events

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Anima Dance Performance at the Octagonal Hall

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Hallaton Based Sculptor, Ken Ford

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A wide variety of community-based projects across the District

Dress Up Your Bike Day

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The Arts:

- Are for all and are not elite
- Are a means of strengthening economies
- Can change lives
- Can inspire debate
- Can have a positive impact on mental and physical health and well-being

Can be a means to engage with, and consult, target groups e.g. children and young people, older people, offenders, people with impairments and special needs

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Speakeasy Theatre Company & School Children Perform at the Union Wharf Canal Basin

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LEICESTER COMEDY FESTIVAL

Local and National Comedians at 3 years of Leicester Comedy Festival Events

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Arts can deliver on key cross cutting agendas:

Community Safety	Crime Reduction	
Lifelong Learning	Social Inclusion	Cultural Diversity
Cohesive Communities	Healthy & Vital Neighbourhoods	
Quality of Life	Health & Wellbeing	Access
Employment & Skillbuilding		
Economic Development & Tourism		
Professional Development		

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Workshops & Performance from Ludes Dance Company

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Contour & Cream
2 year Lottery Funded Project based on the memories of ex-employees of both Symington Factories

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HDC Commissioned a Book, Web Site, Photographic Exhibition and new Performance Piece that has already toured to 13 Community Venues

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Elaine Pantling in 'Contour & Cream' the Performance

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Centre Stage

Rural Community Touring Scheme for Leicestershire and Rutland

41 professional performances with 17 promoters to date across the whole of the Harborough District

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Centre Screen

Pilot - Phase 1

Touring Cinema - 7 screenings in 4 community venues in the Harborough District

Leicestershire and Rutland Arts Development Officers' Forum (LADOF)

LADOF is made up of Arts Development Officers from each of Leicestershire's Boroughs and Districts, Leicestershire County Council, Rutland County Council and Leicester City Council. The forum works to identify and deliver key strategic arts projects across Leicestershire and Rutland. This way of joint working aims to:

- Support individual Arts Officers and share skills, knowledge and experience
- Engage diverse communities across Leicestershire and Rutland in high quality arts activities
- Deliver strategic and important work in the form of projects, events, research and consultation that can act as models of best practice for others to gain from

Projects to date: Centre Stage, Centre Screen, Young Promoters Scheme, Dance Action Research Project, Creative Industries Audit, Festivals Work, Golden Squares

Arts Council England / Local Authority Partnership (Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Partnership – LLRP)

Historically, each local authority would sign up to the Arts Council's regional services by paying an amount of money based on head of population. From 2004/5, with the restructuring of the Arts Council (East Midlands Arts is now Arts Council England, East Midlands), a new scheme was introduced to increase the regional arts economy and offer more opportunities to lever in funding and deliver effective and inclusive work.

The new partnership fund is worth £275,000 in Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland (LLRP) for 2004-2006. This is made up of 50% ACE EFM contributions and 50% Local Authority Contributions. There is enormous potential for this core fund to lever in other significant funding through other agencies such as EMDA, LSEF, Welland SSP etc.

Arts Council England / Local Authority Partnership (Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Partnership – LLRP)

This work will focus on arts-based contemporary creative industries, with particular artform priorities emerging from the research.

Aims:

To increase investment, employment and improve access to employment within the creative industries sector in Leicestershire and Rutland.

To support contemporary arts-based creative businesses to work effectively across a range of agendas including health, social inclusion, education and regeneration.

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By

- Enhancing the growth and sustainability of local businesses within the creative industries sector
- Increasing leverage and inward investment to the sector
- Providing a framework to support the development of new businesses, and helping to establish an environment in which new creative businesses can thrive
- Increasing skills and training and other earning opportunities both within the sector and to enable more people to enter the sector
- Contributing to social and economic regeneration of the area by building the capacity of the local creative economy
- Increase graduate retention within the area
- Developing strong working partnerships between all of the partners party to this agreement
- Developing the skill of the partners in the delivery of the business plan and in influencing future policy and strategy

