



Report of: **Executive Member for Community Development**

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	13 March 2018		All
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SUBJECT: **Community Festivals Fund 2018**

1. **Synopsis**

- 1.1 The Community Festivals Fund (CFF) aims to support organisations based in Islington to deliver high quality, innovative, community focused festivals that are accessible to, and provide benefit for, residents across the borough and promote cultural benefit, stronger communities and partnership working.
- 1.2 The annual CFF budget is £16,000. Under the CFF eligibility and selection criteria (adopted in January 2015) Islington based organisations can apply for a minimum grant of £1,500 and up to a maximum of £4,000 to deliver community festivals and events that provide borough-wide benefit and will deliver against the council's equalities, place-shaping and community development agenda.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 To award grants from the £16,000 Community Festival Fund to eight applicants for the following community festivals:
 - All Change (on behalf of World2018 Festival) - **Word2018** - 1-30 June 2018
 - ArchWay With Words - **ArchWay With Words Opening Day Event** - Saturday 29 Sep 2018
 - Canal & River Trust (on behalf of Angel Canal Festival) - **Angel Canal Festival** - Sunday 2 Sep 2018
 - City YMCA (on behalf of Whitecross Street Party) - **Whitecross Street Party** – 14-15 July 2018
 - I Will Tell International Film Festival - **I Will Tell Film Festival - Islington Life Schools Competition** - 20 August – 09 September 2018
 - Islington Chinese Association – **Mid-Autumn Impressions** – 21-25 Sep 2018
 - Islington Play Association (on behalf of Cally Fest) - **The Cally Festival** - Sunday 17 June 2018
 - Poet in the City - **Poetry & Lyrics** - Friday 8 June – Saturday 9 June 2018

3. Background

- 3.1 The Community Festivals Fund budget for 2018/2019 is £16,000.
- 3.2 The 2018/2019 Community Festivals Fund scheme was promoted via Voluntary Action Islington and Islington Council's website. Applicants from previous years were notified via email alongside all current VCS grant recipients. Application forms and criteria/guidance notes could be downloaded from the Islington Council website or were sent to applicants on request. The deadline for applications was Friday 23 February 2018 at 12 noon.
- 3.3 The scheme received a total of 26 applications this year which is an increase on the previous year (17 applications were received in 2016; 14 applications were received in 2017). The total amount requested by organisations in this funding round was £81,690 (total request for 2017 was £44,508). Details of all applications received are attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.4 All applications were assessed by officers against the published eligibility and selection criteria. Full details of the 2018/19 criteria are listed at **Appendix B**.
- 3.5 Festivals have been recommended for support based on the evidence applicants provided:

Cultural Benefit: In line with the Council's Arts Strategy 2017–20, "Inspiring Islington"; events will need to deliver high quality, innovative, community focused activities that:

- maximise access to and participation in cultural activities
- celebrate Islington's diversity
- improve, animate and interpret the physical environment
- promote community cohesion and a sense of place.

Equality: Festivals will promote community involvement and encourage people from a range of different backgrounds to participate. Festivals will recognise and value Islington's diverse communities, promote good relationships between people of different backgrounds and lifestyles and contribute to the Council's commitment to making Islington a fairer place for people to live, where discrimination and inequality are addressed.

These values will be visible in event programming by:

- ensuring that participating artists or components of the festival reflect and are attractive to the diversity of local people, cultures and lifestyles in Islington
- involving local people to define festival aims and objectives
- promoting understanding, tolerance and cohesion.

Value for Money: Islington Council is committed to providing value for money in all its services. Costs should be realistic and clearly itemised with income matching expenditure. If you have organised festivals in previous years you should provide evidence of their success (e.g. press cuttings, photographs and any evaluation reports).

Well-managed: The festival organiser(s) will need to demonstrate that the event will be well managed; that appropriate consideration has been given to the impact and safety of their festival; and that organisers have the knowledge, skills and capacity to deliver the event independently and effectively.

Inclusive and accessible: Activities should be open to all the community and accessible and inclusive for Islington's most disadvantaged communities. Applications from organisations that are based in areas of high deprivation will be particularly welcomed. Proposals should demonstrate a commitment to using environmentally friendly policies and practices.

We are particularly keen that festivals will attract people from the following groups (who can often feel excluded from these events) as well as people from across the Islington community, to actively take part in the festivals as audiences, participants and/or organizers:

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Match Funding: Applicants are advised to seek funding from more than one source. This may include contributions from the lead organisation itself as well as charities and trusts, business sponsorship, other local grant schemes, Arts Council England or the Heritage Lottery Fund. Applicants seeking Community Festivals Fund support must secure external funding for their event and not be solely reliant on funding from other council sources.

Partnership Working: Applicants are encouraged to work with other agencies and organisations that may be able to share costs, facilities and expertise, and support the involvement of participants or beneficiaries.

3.6 Officers have recommended supporting eight applicants to produce the following festivals:

Organisation	Name of Festival	Dates of Festival	Ward (event)	Award recommended 2018
All Change on behalf of Word2018 Festival	Word2018	1-30 June 2018	Borough-wide	£2,000
ArchWay With Words	ArchWay With Words	Saturday 29 Sep 2018	Archway	£2,500
C&RT on behalf of Angel Canal Festival Management Group	Angel Canal Festival	Sunday 2 Sep 2018	St Peter's	£2,500
City YMCA on behalf of Whitecross Street Party	Whitecross Street Party	14-15 July 2018	Bunhill	£1,500
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Islington Play Association on behalf of Cally Fest	The Cally Festival	Sunday 17 June 2018	Caledonian	£2,000
Poet in the City	Poetry & Lyrics	Friday 8th June – Saturday 9th June	Borough Wide / Caledonian	£1,500

- 3.7 Out of the remaining eighteen applications, six applications were potentially ineligible for the fund due to their narrow targeted audience; not offering sufficient additional external funding; or were fundraising events.
- 3.8 Applicants who applied for funding support for smaller community events that will primarily provide benefit to local neighbourhoods or specific ward areas will be encouraged to apply to the Local Initiatives Fund and Islington Community Chest. The Council's Arts Service will provide advice and guidance to applicants where requested to support them to find alternative funding sources.
- 3.9 As in previous years, an officer will visit each festival to monitor the success of the event. Organisations awarded funding will be required to complete a short self-evaluation form and to submit supporting evidence for all expenditure.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial implications

- 4.1.1 Funding available to support festivals outlined in this report is £16,000 for 2018/19. The revised eligibility and selection criteria first introduced in 2015/16 have resulted in the provision of larger grants to a smaller number of key strategic festivals in Islington which has reduced the amount of grant administration time for both applicants and Council officers, reduced multiple applications to CFF and Local Initiatives Fund for single events, supported groups to apply for external funding (through a higher level of Council match funding support) and ensured that grant funding contributes to the Council's wider equalities, community cohesion and place-shaping objectives.

4.2 Legal Implications

- 4.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from this proposal. Under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council has the power to give support to organisations in the voluntary and community sector to provide services that are likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of residents within the local authority's area.

4.3 Environmental Implications

- 4.3.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this proposal.

4.4 Residents Impact Assessment

- 4.4.1 The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life.
- 4.4.2 The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding and when considering proposals, the VCS Committee will take relevant equalities implications into account. The Community Festivals Fund provides resources for local projects which directly meet the needs of local residents, many of whom are from groups with protected characteristics. It enables some of Islington's poorest communities to access community-based services and activities and allows provision to be developed locally which can reach groups of residents that may not otherwise be supported.

4.4.3 The addition of new Equality funding criteria in 2015/16 has helped to strengthen the selection of organisations who will deliver festivals that meet the needs of local residents and communities across the wider borough.

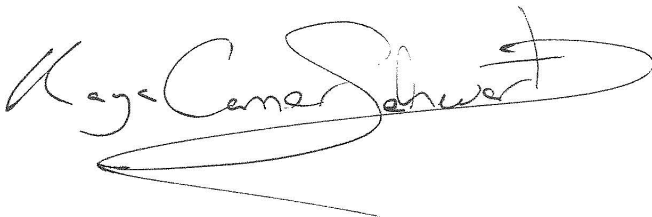
5 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1 The Community Festivals Fund provides an opportunity for the Council to support eight local organisations to develop and deliver a broad range of events that will provide borough-wide benefit for local residents. Officer recommendations have been made assessing each application against established eligibility and funding criteria and on the quality of the applications.

Appendices: Appendix A - 2018/2019 Community Festival Fund - All Applications Received
Appendix B - Festival Grants 2018/19– Funding Criteria and Guidance

Background papers: None

Final report clearance:

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Appendix A 2018/2019 Community Festival Fund - All Applications Received

Organisation	Name of Festival	Ward (event)	Description	Applied for	Festivals Fund Award 2018
All Change (on behalf of World2018 Festival)	Word2018	Borough-wide	Now in its 7th year, the Word festival is a partnership initiative between Islington Council's Library Services and arts organisations All Change and Free Word. It will see a programme of over 30 events for all members of the community, with a particular focus on older adults with dementia; young people with mental health difficulties; children; and their families.	£4,000.00	£2,000
ArchWay With Words	ArchWay With Words Opening Day Event	Archway	This 9 day long large-scale festival provides low cost or free presentations, performances and entertainments, and creative, educational and social opportunities which enrich the lives of individuals, reward practitioners and create opportunities for social cohesion.	£4,000.00	£2,500
Canal & River Trust (on behalf of ACF)	Angel Canal Festival	St Peter's	The Angel Canal Festival is a one-day, free, community festival which started 32 years ago not only to celebrate the successful campaign to save the City Road Basin, but to promote the canal as an historic, local, community, environmental and leisure asset, close to the heart of the city.	£4,000.00	£2,500
City YMCA (on behalf of WXSP)	Whitecross Street Party	Bunhill	Whitecross Street Party has been running in Islington since 2010 and provides community arts outreach programme during which the commissioned artists engage with residents, businesses and schools to create content. Lasting a whole weekend, the Saturday will take the form of a community set up day to create rooms along the street. The Sunday will become the street party itself.	£4,000.00	£1,500
I Will Tell International Film Festival	I Will Tell Film Festival - Islington Life Schools Competition	St Mary's	The Islington Life Schools Film Competition will be held for the first time as part of the <i>I Will Tell Film Festival</i> in 2018 and will engage students from across the Borough. In line with this year's festival theme "The Secret Is Out", students will be asked to identify an unusual or little known aspect of Life in Islington and make a 5-7 minute short film about it. The competition will be open to teams of pupils from all Secondary Schools: Years 7-9, 10-11, 12-13 and Special Education Schools.	£4,000.00	£2,500

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Islington Chinese Association	Mid-Autumn Impressions	Tollington	Celebration of the different aspects of Chinese culture through a 5-day festival in the autumn when members of the public, Islington-wide and beyond, will be welcomed to ICA's premises to try their hand at lino cutting. The timing of this art festival coincides with worldwide Chinese Mid-autumn celebrations, commonly known as the 'Moon Festival'.	£4,000.00	£1,500
Islington Play Association (On behalf of Cally Fest 2018)	The Cally Festival	Caledonian	The Cally Festival is now into its 8th year as an annual large-scale community event in "The Cally" – a distinctive place with a strong sense of community. It will feature 3 music stages, performance areas, children's activities, sports areas, arts and crafts and a street market.	£4,000.00	£2,000
Poet in the City	Poetry and Lyrics	Caledonian	2-day music and literature festival Poetry & Lyrics in collaboration with Kings Place to provide a public platform to champion the deep-rooted rapport between lyrics and verse. Funding will support 16-25 aged young producers to work in collaboration with the local community to produce two free events: a community engagement roundtable discussion; and a live event.	£1,765.00	£1,500
Access to Sports Project (The)	Winter Sports Festival 2018	Bunhill	The day would be aimed at young people aged 8-16 years to provide them with the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting activities which will include free taster sessions and then signpost them to ongoing weekly community sessions increasing their physical activity levels.	£2,165.40	£0
Angel Comedy Trust	Angel Comedy Festival	St Peter's	A three-day comedy festival running across two Islington venues, with a focus on showcasing and developing local comedic talent.	£3,950.00	£0
Awesome CIC	Islington Play Day	Barnsbury	Each of the 12 Adventure Playgrounds, (6 managed by Awesome CIC and 6 managed by the Islington Play Association) will run activities in the park these will include den building, face painting, tug-of-war, climbing, water play, drama and Arts; taking place on the national day for play, traditionally celebrated on the first Wednesday in August.	£4,000.00	£0
Baroque at the Edge Festival	Baroque at the Edge Festival 2019	Bunhill	3-day festival consisting of 7 high-quality events to present the music of the Baroque period through crossover programming and informal presentation, aiming to attract new audiences who would not normally attend a specialist festival of Baroque music.	£2,500.00	£0

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Charterhouse (The)	Charterhouse Festival	Bunhill	The Charterhouse has opened to the public for the first time after 400 years and will be putting on a festival in the square and opening their doors free of charge to the whole of Islington. As well as free access to the house historic rooms, this will be a fun day including food and entertainment for all the family at the Charterhouse Square.	£4,000.00	£0
Clerkenwell Festival	Clerkenwell Festival	Clerkenwell	Local festival run by people from the community and local charities, and which comprises two music stages, dog show, kids area, stalls, sporting activities and other activities.	£3,840.00	£0
Cubitt Artists	Summer Ball 2018: Welcome to the Future	St Mary's/Cross Borough	A series of creative workshops in partnership with Word Festival through which older people collaborate with artists to make new artistic work to be presented at a tea dance ball at Islington Assembly Hall.	£4,000.00	£0
Highbury Roundhouse	Community fun day – Celebrating diversity	Highbury East	Community fun day at Aubert Community Centre and park.	£2,000.00	£0
Hilldrop Area Community Association	Hilldrop Community Festival and Open Day	St Georges	Open day for Hilldrop Community Centre yet reaching the wider community by a borough wide photography competition: “My Islington”.	£1,500.00	£0
Islington Boat Club	Make a Splash at Islington Boat Club!	St Peter's	This festival is to promote awareness of Islington Boat Club's to the whole community by organising a series of community activities and water sports and outdoor activities that are accessible to everyone regardless of their ability, age, or disability.	£3,660.00	£0
Islington Refugee Forum	Social Action for Social Change through Social Leaders	Barnsbury	Series of workshops followed by a culmination event and exhibit during Refugee Week aimed to encourage greater understanding and overcome hostility towards refugees.	£3,690.00	£0
Kings Head Theatre	Queer Festival	St Mary's	The Queer Festival is a celebration of the most interesting and innovative LGBTQ+ theatre being created in modern Britain. Over a five and half week festival with two shows per night and matinee performances, the King’s Head theatre will be showcasing a wide diversity of different playwrights.	£3,800.00	£0

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Little Angel Theatre	Little Angel Summer Party	St Mary's	Now in its 10th year, the summer party is a special one-day event for all family members. The event is preceded by several taster puppet making activities and workshops with at least four of the most disadvantaged groups in the Islington community.	£1,820.00	£0
Little Wing Events	Little Wing Film Festival	St Mary's	Social enterprise festival held in the Hen and Chickens Theatre showcasing new films exclusively from first-time makers.	£2,000.00	£0
Mayton Street Festival	Mayton Street Festival	Finsbury Park	This local street party is a special one-day celebration for residents of the Mayton Street. There would be a photographic exhibition celebrating 65 years of this street party.	£1,000.00	£0
Oxjam Islington	Oxjam Islington Festival	St Mary's/ Barnsbury	A showcase of Islington's emerging and unsigned artists; including training and live experience for the young people of Islington. With 100 acts over 10 venues, volunteers are tasked with working as a team, to ensure each venue runs smoothly. Venues are themed; Rock, Indie, Jazz, Funk, etc.	£2,500.00	£0
Pro Touch SA CIC	Pro Touch SA International Festival	Caledonian	Annual football tournament focused in young people at Market Road with 24 professional football club's academies, community groups and teams from Europe such as Croatia and France. This event that lasts a weekend includes community fun activities such as stalls food and music entertainment.	£1,500.00	£0
Union Chapel	Organ Reframed 2018	St Mary's	<i>Organ Reframed</i> is a 3 day cross genre contemporary organ music festival at Islington's Union Chapel, featuring a significant programme of new and experimental music from emerging and established artists, installations & composition development workshops.	£4,000.00	£0

Total Request Community Festivals 2018/19

£81,690.40

£16,000

Community Festivals Fund 2018 – Funding Criteria and Guidance Notes

Community Festivals Fund grants will be awarded in amounts from £1,500 to a maximum of £4,000.

The Fund will open for applications on Friday 2nd February 2018. The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 23rd February 2018. Applications will be assessed competitively and recommendations made to Islington's Voluntary and Community Sector Committee:

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the following eligibility and selection criteria.

A. Eligibility Criteria

- Funding is restricted to voluntary, community and faith organisations based in Islington.
- Organisations can only apply for funding for one festival in the annual grant round.
- Each festival will be eligible for one award. Where a number of organisations are contributing different elements of a festival they should work together to submit one application.
- The following are not eligible for funding: events of a political nature; events promoting a religious doctrine; fundraising events, including fundraising for charities; events viewed as offensive or defamatory; profit-making organisations; individuals.
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- Festival applications must demonstrate how they will provide borough-wide benefit for Islington residents.
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B. Selection Criteria

Applicants will need to show that the proposed event meets all of the following funding criteria:

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7. Partnership Working

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C. Licensing and Public Protection

Applicants will need to comply with the following public protection requirements.

- **Venue Permissions:** You will need to obtain written permission from the owner of the space you are using, whether you choose a school, a community centre, an estate or other open space, and attach a copy to your application.
- **Public Liability Insurance:** Funding will be conditional on you obtaining sufficient public liability insurance. You may be able to arrange cover through your existing insurer. You must include the cost of insurance premiums in your budget.
- **Entertainment Licensing:** If you are putting on any form of entertainment, such as live or recorded music, film or video, a disco, bands, or live performance, you will need to apply for an entertainment licence. Applications for a licence need to be received at least 28 days in advance of the event. For all enquiries about this contact the Council's Licensing Team on licensing@islington.gov.uk or telephone 0207 527 3031.
- **First Aid:** You will need to arrange First Aid cover for your event. If you do not already have a trained first aider, a representative from your organisation must complete training or you will need to hire first aid support for the festival.
- **Islington logo:** Organisations must include an acknowledgement of the support from the London Borough of Islington by displaying the Islington logo on all festival publicity. This will be sent to you separately, together with guidance on its use, should your application be successful.

D. How to submit your application

Please email your completed application form to angeles.gordo@islington.gov.uk by noon on Friday 23 February 2018.

Applications can also be posted to:

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