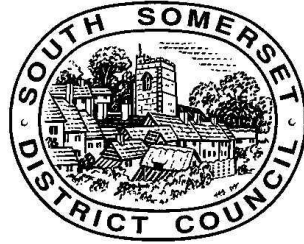


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6. **District-wide Voluntary Sector Grants 2018/2019** (Pages 2 - 4)

Please find attached updated supporting information relating to the grant application for Somerset Film.

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d) Somerset Film

The Engine Room is Somerset's accessible community media centre and the base for the services of registered charity Somerset Film Ltd. From the Engine Room, Somerset Film supports digital media production and training for both the amateur and professional sectors. They offer a programme of outreach projects that encourage the use of digital media to all sectors of the community and provide learning opportunities through schools based projects, bursary schemes and training for all abilities. Somerset Film is recognised by the Arts Council England as a strategic arts organisation and receives their funding as part of their National Portfolio.

Core activities include:

- Drop-in access to equipment, on line resources and training
- Production and training opportunities and facilities
- Advice, support and information to a wide range of film and digital media makers, from absolute beginners to high level professionals
- Project and outreach work – specialising in working with community groups and individuals who want to get started with film

Organisational objectives for 2017/18

In addition to their core services, the following were proposed for the year 2017/18:

- Continuation of Ignite 2.0 – third year of a three-year programme.
- Polish Voice TV training in Yeovil and the creation of an online platform.
- InspirED – the education service for schools, supported by the Somerset Compact for Children and Young People. Schools pay a subscription for this service, delivered in partnership with three other arts organisations.
- BFI Film Academy - a programme of master-classes, screenings and film-making for 16- 19 year olds that offers bursary and travel support.
- Development of Holman Hub film resource at South Cadbury in conjunction with Tea Room Arts. Video production and editing equipment will be available for pre-booked community use. Some initial training will be available; additional training and other projects will develop as funding allows.

Performance 2017/18

	Organisation Objectives	Measure	2016/17	2017/18
	SLA related indicators/targets			
Participation	Increase attendances to cultural events	Number of attendances in South Somerset	20	20
	Increase participation in cultural activities	Number of participations in South Somerset	67	80 + estimated online audience 900 +

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	Organisation Objectives	Measure	2016/17	2017/18
Stronger Communities	Develop range of activities across the District	Number of projects delivered	6	6
	As above	Number of community locations	6	6
Efficiency		Gross turnover	£338,102	<i>£297,000 est</i>
		SSDC funding	Core: £2,000 Project: £650	Core: £2,500 Project: £1,000

Outcomes for the community 2017/18

Somerset Film provides support for local community groups and individuals, in the past year this has included:

- Development and launch of Holman Hub digital resource – launch day attended by 20+ people.
- InspirED – the education service for schools, supported by the Somerset Compact for Children and Young People. Schools pay a subscription for this service, delivered in partnership with three other arts organisations. There are 20 subscribing schools in South Somerset. New for 17/18 – photography workshops, Make a TV programme in a day activity (involving 60 young people at Fairmead School) after-school photography club guide resource.
- We took lead on Action for Cultural Education network bringing a range of cultural, education and heritage partners (inc SW Heritage Trust, English Heritage, SPAEDA, Arts Council) to grow the cultural offer to schools.
- We took lead on Cultural and Creative Industries Strategy group with LEP, Chamber of Commerce, Arts Council, SCC and district councils to raise profile of and grow audiences for arts and culture in the county.
- Continuation of Ignite 2.0 – third year of a three-year programme.
- Polish Voice TV training in Yeovil and creation of online platform. 15 members of the public engaged.
- BFI Film Academy - a programme of master-classes, screenings and film-making for 16-19 year olds that offers bursary and travel support. 5 x SSDC residents registered.
- Support for Dee Chilton – production of short film written by Wincanton-based scriptwriter
- Producing 'Found Footage' and mentoring Bruton based young film-maker Fergus Haughton on his short film for Random Acts Channel 4 / Arts Council strand.

Development Plans 2018/19

In addition to their core services, the following projects are planned for the coming year.

- Pop-Up Engine Room programme of activity at Holman Hub film resource at South Cadbury i/c with Tea Room Arts.
- Supporting development of Holman Hub.

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- InspirED – delivery of education service for schools, supported by the Somerset Compact for Children and Young People. 20 plus South Somerset schools pay a subscription for this service, delivered in partnership with three other arts organisations. Including county-wide photography competition for schools.
- Ignite 3.0 – first year of a new four-year programme including artist surgeries, art/game academy activities for young people
- BFI Film Academy - a programme of master-classes, screenings and film-making for 16-19 year olds that offers bursary and travel support.
- Development of Cultural and Creative Industries Strategy group with LEP, Chamber of Commerce, Arts Council, SCC and district councils to raise profile of and grow audiences for arts and culture in the county.
- Development of Action for Cultural Education network working with a range of cultural, education and heritage partners (inc SW Heritage Trust, English Heritage, SPAEDA, Arts Council) to grow the cultural offer to schools,.
- Polish Voice TV new film on what it means to be Polish in Europe and the UK, Somerset wide engagement with Polish communities.

Funding Details

Last Award from SSDC for 2017/18 £2,500

Level of Funding sought for 2018/19 £2,500

Recommended level of funding: **£2,500**

Somerset is a National Portfolio Organisation with the Arts Council England; they receive funding from a range of grants and trusts and through commissioned work.

Current funders include:

Arts Council England

Bridgwater Town Council

British Film Institute

Short Breaks

Unite Community

Lottery - Awards for All

Heritage Lottery application pending