



**Lisburn &
Castlereagh
City Council**

**CULTURE & IDENTITY GRANT SCHEME
INFORMATION NOTES
2016**

SCHEME OBJECTIVES

The former Lisburn City Council launched the Culture and Identity Grants Scheme programme in 2007-08. This scheme offers grant aid to groups engaged in culture and identity programmes who meet the following objectives:

- To support projects and programme opportunities devised by groups in the field of culture and identity that educates and increases knowledge, enjoyment, respect and understanding of traditions thereby improving the quality of life for the people involved and for the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area.
- To develop opportunities for groups to explore culture and identity thus increasing their capacity to develop relationships of trust and respect for all traditions and values.
- To enable groups to challenge stereotypes of their own and other communities in order to acknowledge and address difference.
- To increase the ability and confidence of groups and organisations to identify and address issues of culture and identity.
- To contribute to the development of a meaningful partnership within the community across the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area.
- To encourage the development of cultural identity activity led action at both the neighbourhood and city-wide levels.
- Through the scheme, to contribute to the Council's Good Relations Policy.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE

The Council will make a maximum grant of up to 75% funding available towards costs incurred in respect of any one project which meets the criteria relating to the scheme. The group concerned would be required to fund the remaining 25%.

The maximum grant available to any group per financial year is not expected to exceed £1,500.

Please note: the purpose of the grant scheme is not to provide funding for free or heavily subsidised entertainment or social events unrelated to the objectives of the Grant Scheme.

Significant food and refreshment costs must be demonstrated as relevant to the objectives of the Grant Scheme and would be expected to have income raised against them through ticket sales and/or admission charges.

HOW THE SCHEME WORKS

A public advert in local newspapers will invite all interested groups based in the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area and working within the area to apply for funding through the scheme's application form which must be submitted by the designated closing date.

Applications received will then be tested for eligibility on the basis of the following requirements.

Applications must be from:-

- A stand alone group in Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area governed by a constitution or other appropriate governing document.
- A group with office bearers and committee elected at a minuted AGM.
- A group with audited or independently examined accounts.

The project/programme applied for:-

- Must be undertaken within the boundaries of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area.
- Must be deemed relevant to the overall objectives of the Culture and Identity Grants Scheme.
- Must not be receiving funding from any other Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council grants scheme.

The following types of activities are not eligible for funding:-

- Holiday Schemes
- Retrospective payments or repayment of loans
- Areas of statutory responsibility or where such have been withdrawn
- Activities relating to the promotion of religion or political parties
- Activities relating to charitable fundraising

SCORING THE APPLICATIONS

Those applications meeting the eligibility criteria will then be scored in accordance with the following criteria:-

The extent to which the application contributes to the objectives of the Scheme (60%)

The quality and strength of the application to deliver on its stated purpose and objectives (40%).

If it is necessary to clarify the information supplied by any applicant a member of Council staff will make contact through the contact details provided.

AWARD OF FUNDING

In order to ensure the strongest applications receive funding the marks awarded will rank the applicants and the available funds will be awarded until the available budget is exhausted.

Those receiving awards will be sent a letter of offer. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified.