



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Development and Outreach Initiative
Date:	6 December 2010
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will be aware that the Council distributes a range of funding to culture and arts organisations. Due to the need for organisations to plan their programmes, the Council endeavours to award funding as early in the financial year as possible. Therefore, the Development and Outreach Programme will reopen in early January and close in February.
1.2	No funding applications will be approved prior to ratification of the 2011–12 budget estimates.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Development and Outreach Initiative aims to build capacity and boost cultural activity in communities with weak cultural infrastructure. Applications must be made on behalf of consortia of arts, heritage and community organisations. Beneficiaries must be from the top 50 per cent most deprived areas in Belfast (according to the Multiple Deprivation ranks for Northern Ireland) or have a disability.
2.2	The projects may run from May 2011 to May 2012. It is anticipated approximately 13 partnerships will receive support and the maximum level of funding available per project is £20,000.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> £165,000 has been included in the Tourism, Culture and Arts Unit budget estimates for the Development and Outreach Initiative.

3.2	<u>Human</u> This will be covered within the work programme of the Tourism, Culture and Arts Unit.
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	None

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of this report and agree to the opening of the Development and Outreach Initiative in January 2011.

6	Decision Tracking
Timeframe:	March 2011 Reporting Officer: Kerrie Sweeney