



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Invites to Design Awards and Dance Performance
Date:	8 May 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members have been invited to attend two ceremonies in London in July relating to Rise and DU Dance.
1.2	As Members are aware, Belfast's flagship public artwork, Rise, was completed and launched in September 2011. Rise imagery and branding has already been extensively used by the Belfast Visitor and Convention Bureau, UTV, MTV and the Olympics, among others. The Council led the project in partnership with the Department for Social Development, the Arts Council for Northern Ireland and the Department for Regional Development.
1.3	DU Dance (formerly known as Dance United) is a Belfast-based dance development company that programmes workshops, performances, community outreach and professional development and has a particular focus on young people. In 2011/12, we provided funding of £15,500 to DU Dance through Annual Funding and Development and Outreach Funding.

2	Key Issues
2.1	<u>Structural Steel Design Awards</u> RISE has been short-listed for a 2012 Structural Steel Design Awards. The awards celebrate excellence in steel construction, cost effectiveness, aesthetics and innovation.
2.2	The ceremony will take place at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 11 July 2012 at the Museum of London. Six delegates from Belfast City Council have been invited to attend, in addition to the artist, Wolfgang Buttress, and representatives from structural engineers and other contractors, including local company, M. Hasson and Sons Ltd.

2.3	It is recommended that two Members and one Officer attend the awards ceremony.
2.4	<u>U. Dance</u> DU Dance has invited two representatives from Belfast City Council to attend a special reception and performance of U. Dance on Friday 13 July 2012 at the Royal Festival Hall, London.
2.5	U. Dance is a Cultural Olympiad project and a partnership between Youth Dance England, YDance Scotland and Youth Arts Wales. It will feature two young dancers from Northern Ireland, including one from East Belfast.
2.6	The young dancers were selected through a series of auditions in Belfast and London, and U. Dance was choreographed by world-famous choreographer, Hofesh Schechter.
2.7	It is recommended that one Member and one Officer attend the Awards Ceremony.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> £1,700 from the Tourism, Culture and Arts Unit's budget 2011–2012.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no Equality and Good Relations Considerations attached to this report.

5	Recommendations
5.1	Members are requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve the attendance at the Structural Steel Design Awards on 11 July 2012 the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the Director, or their nominees; - Approve the attendance at U. Dance on 13 July 2012 of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the Director; - Consider whether it would be appropriate to authorise the attendance thereof of a representative of each of the Parties not represented by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.