

Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's
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Friday 30th March, 2012

Dear Andrew,

Following the success of the 2011 Enchanted Garden event at Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's, we would like to propose working again with Belfast City Council towards an Enchanted Garden event for the 50th Festival in October/November 2012.

Developing on last year's event, we envisage presenting a more artistically ambitious project that will incorporate both local and international artists to transform the Botanic Gardens into a large-scale magical garden themed event. Running from Wednesday 31st October until Sunday 4th November, the Enchanted Garden will complement the Council celebrations taking place at Halloween, and will be an impressive event for the closing of ni2012.

Each Enchanted Evening will begin at 7.00pm and end shortly before 10.00pm. The theme for this year's Garden is currently being developed in collaboration with local practitioners involved in family-based theatre production and will feature aerial artists, ground-based characters portraying the overall story, static displays and suspended illuminations throughout the park. The overall effect will be a spectacular experience for adult and child alike.

To ensure the Enchanted Garden's success for another year, we are requesting that the Council's assistance for the event should be approximately £25,000 to cover the cost of installing and maintaining both the outdoor lighting supply that is already available and the additional lights that are required to illuminate the park sufficiently. Included in this is the cost of additional lighting towers, generators and fuel to power all of the above.

I would appreciate if you would consider our request and let me know the committee's decision in due course.

Many thanks,



Lauren McKenna
Operations Officer

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