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Andrew Hassard
Director of Parks & Leisure
Belfast City Council
Adelaide Exchange
24-26 Adelaide Street
Belfast, BT2 8GD

CC: Alex McNeill, Community Parks Manager;

Dear Andrew,

Re: Belfast Mela 2014

I am writing to formally request the use of Botanic Gardens for staging the Belfast Mela 2014 on the 24th August 2014 from 12pm-6pm. Similar to 2013, we are requesting use of both Upper Botanic and Lower Botanic playing fields. Whilst we still have to confirm activity for Lower Botanic we wish to make you aware that it could be a potential site to further expand the festival next year. We hope to provide an update in early 2014.

There are several points to note in relation to the 2014 event:

- We intend to make use of Botanic Gardens from the 19th – 26th August 2014 inclusive of build, show days and de-rig;
- Similar to previous years, we intend to collect a fee of between £3-£5 per adult depending on the public and private funding secured for the event. Logistically, this means we require the park to remain closed to the public for the duration of the event with admittance for Mela ticket holders only;
- We will undertake necessary consultations in conjunction with BCC to minimise disruption to surrounding residents. ArtsEkta acknowledges there were issues raised with the management of the 2013 event and will endeavour to ensure these are rectified for next year.



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If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Nisha Tandon

Director

