Northern Ireland: delegated decisions, June 2023

Schedule of Decisions under delegated powers to Head of Investment, Northern Ireland on 26 June 2023.

Funding decisions

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Historical Awareness Programme

Applicant: Dunamoney Community Group

Project description: The group would like to investigate local links to the First World War. Workshops, seminars, educational classes, lectures and history trips are planned, gathering information for a final exhibition and remembrance of two individual soldiers.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (71% of total project costs)

Connect & Engage With Heritage And Ethnic Culture

Applicant: Family Comfort NI

Project description: This project will provide a variety of opportunities to learn about Irish and diverse ethnic community heritage, for example through art and sculpture, fashion, cuisine, storytelling and music.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (100% of total project costs)

Cookies, Cakes and Creations fit for a Kings Coronation Tea Party

Applicant: KVC Creativity Community Interest Company

Project description: This project is planning intergenerational activities for people to come together to take part in a range of activities to help preserve, share, learn and celebrate the cultural heritage and skills of traditional baking.

Decision: Award grant of £9,900 (92% of total project costs)

Make my patch better

Applicant: Laurencetown Summerscheme

Project description: This project will address the impact that children have on their environment and on making the future environment sustainable. Using art and craft, music, dance drama and literature and exercise to create outputs.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (100% of total project costs)

Summer of Hope: The Story of Project Children

Applicant: Brassneck Theatre Company

Project description: This project aims to research information in relation to 'Project Children', a program launched in 1975 and continued until 2015, with a purpose to provide Catholic and Protestant children with a respite from the Northern Irish conflict by taking them to America for six weeks.

Decision: Award grant of £9,850 (100% of total project costs)

Thermopylae at Kilwarlin: Rural Transformation for Community Well-being

Applicant: The British Province of the Unitas Fratrum (Moravian Church)

Project description: This project hopes to create a site plan that preserves and re-tells the story of a Greek refugee, Basil Patras Zula, fleeing from the Turks in the nineteenth century Greek War of Independence and being welcomed and settling into the local community.

Decision: Reject

Exploring the Heritage of Internment: A Study of its Impact on Families & communities during the Conflict

Applicant: Coiste Na N-larchimi

Project description: Coiste is undertaking a project to explore the heritage of internment since the establishment of the state and its impact on families in the north of Ireland during the conflict. The projectaims to raise awareness of the history of internment and to provide a deeper understanding of the past that can inform our understanding of the present.

Decision: Award grant of £70,080 (100% of total project costs)

'The Old Whitewell' Twentieth Century Lives on Cave Hill

Applicant: Multi Media Heritage

Project description: Using unique film footage relating to the community known as 'The Whitewell' situated on Cave Hill, Multi Media Heritage will explore migration in and out of the community and gather stories to preserve the social history held in many families. The project will capture engaging stories of great courage, stoicism and humour about how adults and children coped through traumatic times including experiences of poverty, partition, war, emigration, and the troubles.

Decision: Award grant of £27,291 (98% of total project costs)

Inspiring Textiles at Castle Espie

Applicant: Inspiring Yarns CIC

Project description: This community project focuses on improving mental health and wellbeing linked to migration trends of migratory birds and whooper swans. The project will create a large wall hanging including heritage yarn and textile based crafts and skills such as crochet, weaving, punch needle, dorset buttons and surface stitching. This large scale piece will take a significant space within the Castle Espie visitor centre and cafe area.

Decision: Reject

Troubled Magazines: Tracing the history of Northern Ireland through the ephemeral form of the literary

Applicant: The Verbal Arts Centre Northern Ireland Ltd

Project description: This project will explore the history/heritage/contexts of Northern Ireland through the form of the small literary magazine. This project focuses on the HUMAN archive. The project will enhance the archive adding a wide a range of other literary magazines from Northern Ireland/featuring NI writers, including the Hackett Collection.

Decision: Reject

Exhibition room (Sir Samuel Kelly project)

Applicant: Donaghadee Heritage Preservation Company

Project description: The project is centred round the Sir Samuel Kelly lifeboat, which is of iconic importance to Donaghadee because of its role in rescuing survivors from the wreck of the Princess Victoria car ferry in 1953. This project aims to place a temporary building to serve as an exhibition room in front of the boat shelter.

Decision: Award grant of £90,000 (100% of total project costs)

Black Mountain Youth Champions

Applicant: Upper Springfield Development Trust Ltd

Project description: This project aims to create a team of Youth Champions who will receive training and guidance to take an active role in protecting and promoting the wildlife and biodiversity of Black Mountain. They will receive training to improve their skills and knowledge in ecology, biodiversity, wildlife management, and conservation techniques.

Decision: Reject