



Joint Eastern Arun Area County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 322/JEAAC

Local Councillor: Ian Buckland

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £4,081.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Littlehampton's Community Love Festival

About:

The Love Festival is a community celebration of the areas local cultural offer. The Love Festival involves local organisations, clubs & charities. 'A community that celebrates together, stays together.

The Love Festival brings to the community of Littlehampton a chance to share in the musical and artistic talents of South Coast Performers and Artists. Poi Passion hosts a FREE all day workshop on Circus Skills, for children of all ages. LOCA will be hosts a FREE Art Chillax area for children of all ages, a time to relax and create art. We are also very proud of our community stall area in which local and visitors alike can learn about and meet the local services, clubs, organisations and charities available with the Littlehampton area. We have a food gallery area to suit all tastes and dietary needs. The younger generations and adults alike can take part in the children's rides and amusements throughout the day. It is an ideal time to bring along a blanket and enjoy a day with ease. We also have able bodied & less able bodied toilets available at the festival for comfort needs. We introduce new musical talents to the main stage allowing for further development of their careers.

Project Delivery Manager: Littlehampton's Organisation of Community Arts

About me:

'Creative Arts, Creates Communities' is our motto.

Whatever a person's abilities or level of art understanding, one thing is certain people of all ages learn through creative play, through laughter and through support. Art can provide this platform through expression either physically through performance or the enjoyment of performance, with participation be that assisting someone else less able or passing on previously learned knowledge or through creative speech by song or poetry.

Aims

LOCA aims to support arts development in Littlehampton and along the South Coast through working closely and supportively with other creative organisations as well as working with our local government offices in providing platforms of expression for the whole community. Our organisation also helps to achieve its aims through the beneficial interaction of our volunteer team who works directly within the community that they themselves are a part of. We strive to achieve these aims through:

- Providing various platforms for all to share and passing on Arts Opportunities to artisans through our channels of social media communications, we do this for all types of artist, performance based, written word and through urban and contemporary art, and all of this with a dash of Art History and fine arts.
- The development of a cohesive and supportive network of artisans and musicians through events and group projects. We also provide the support of finding venues either for exhibition or personal arts development for artisans experienced to novice.
- The management and development of a number of arts events held throughout the year such as Littlehampton Arts Trail and Arts Week, Brighton Fringe, Arundel Festival to name a few. This helps to expose novice artisans to a wider audience safely with support, this also assists very experienced artisans who are looking to develop their exposure or to try a new concept with their art. 'A non-exclusive Arts organisation'
- The development of positive networks and partners for ourselves to work with as well as our artists.
- To promote and encourage local investment in the arts though all the above listed local and more national levels.
- The development of creative arts directly within the community of Littlehampton and along the South Coast region of the UK.

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/LOCALittlehamptonArts/>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

Our organisation takes part and or hosts well over 27 events in our area, directly connecting with our community. We are committed.

What we'll deliver:

- A community celebration in a beautiful community green space.
- FREE day long music & arts festival
- The development of Littlehampton's Arts & Cultural future
- A safe and friendly environment for all ages & abilities
- Love, laughter and smiling together in a shared community space

Why it's a great idea:

The Love Festival brings a wide and varied community together for one day to celebrate together through music and arts activities. The Love Festival helps maintain Caffyn's Field, one of Littlehampton's larger green spaces, preserving it from other development by utilising the space effectively. Hosting the Love Festival on this particular green space, allows for a greater number of the more marginalised members of our community to attend, as the location is central to the variety of care-giving residential homes and town centre residences, as well as being near the seafront too. The Love Festival's Community Stalls area in which local churches, clubs, charities and non-for-profits are all represented together in one area, helps the visitors to realise what services are available within our wider community. The Love Festival creates a welcoming environment for our multicultural community to experience music and art together, irrespective of age, ability or ethnicity.

Steps to get it done:

- Getting the stage performances lined up and their times set.
- Having the commitment from all the service providers for their services needed on the day.