

Printmaking for me and YOU

Area – Stromness

Summary

This project is an initiative by Soulisquoy Printmakers (SPW) that focusses on developing and delivering new and imaginative opportunities within the local community for creative and artistic participatory activity centred on traditional printmaking. The project has been instigated by SPW's recent relocation to the new WASPS Stromness Studios in the refurbished former town library and the desire to utilise the benefits that the studio's location and accessibility afford. The new premises offer SPW a significant opportunity to increase the range of its activity and grow the organisation beyond current membership and engage with a broad and diverse range of new audiences and participants. The key elements of the project are: to employ two part-time members of staff; make an initial, small capital investment in equipment; and in promoting and presenting a wide ranging programme of printmaking and related activity through workshops, classes and dedicated projects throughout the two year period of the project. The role of the posts will be to support the volunteer Board of SPW in their ambition to achieve the above and will be critical in enabling SPW to create capacity within the organisation to develop and devise strategies and partnerships that will raise revenue to meet core costs, whilst looking longer term to secure the future in viable, resilient and self- sustaining ways.

A summary of project aims are:

To develop a facility offering a wide range of creative opportunities for the local community.

A broad and diverse audience and participants from the very young to the older members of the community will be able to engage with printmaking activity.

The two fundamental principles underpinning the objectives of the project are growth of the organisation, particularly in the areas of widening access, awareness and participation beyond current membership and in meeting the organisation objectives of being viable, resilient and self-sustaining. To achieve these, the organisation believes it needs to expand both current ideas and activities in imaginative and innovative ways.

The proposed project includes the following elements:

Financial Information	£	%
Total Project Costs	66,355.21	
Total Eligible Costs	54,177.46	100
LEADER	22,088.46	40.77
Creative Scotland	22,089.00	40.77
Highlands and Islands Enterprise	10,000.00	18.46