

18 October 2023

Delyth Jewell MS  
Committee Chair  
Culture, Communications, Welsh Language,  
Sport, and International Relations Committee  
Via Email

Dear Delyth Jewell MS

**Re: Arts Council of Wales briefing on the Investment Review 2023**

Thank you for your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> October regarding the above and for the opportunity to update the Committee on our Investment Review work.

The additional information you have requested is provided below.

A copy of the conditional offers made to the organisations who were successful in their applications is now published on our website [Investment Review 2023 Report and Decisions](#). This report also provides information on the rationale for the funding decisions made and the subsequent phases of the Investment Review work. A summary of the conditional offers may be found on page 43 of the Report. These offers are conditional whilst we await the outcomes of any appeals that may be submitted to our Appeals Process and confirmation of our funding for 2024/25 from Welsh Government.

Below is a list of funding that has been awarded to Blaenau Gwent from April 2022 to date. This list includes funding across all of our current programmes, including Capital funding, Arts and Health, Creative Learning and our general open Lottery programmes.

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| Lottery and Grant in Aid (incl Arts and Health) | £134,657        |
| Capital   | £84,906         |
| Creative Learning                               | £24,200         |
| Night Out                                       | £6,350          |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>£250,113</b> |

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In some instances, our grant awards support activity that takes place in more than 1 area. Therefore, we have included these awards where the project activity in Blaenau Gwent is stated as being 10% or higher and calculated the amount for these based on the percentage quoted in the application of the award directly benefiting the Blaenau Gwent area.

Included in the above table also is a total of £20,000 Creative Learning investment in the area, sourced from 2 Lead Creative School grants awarded prior to April 2022 and for which activity is still ongoing alongside £4,200 for 5 schools through our Go and See opportunity.

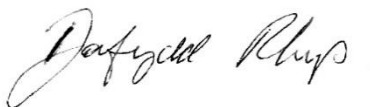
The Night Out Scheme which works in partnership with the local authorities to help groups of volunteers across Wales bring the arts to the heart of their communities, staging performances in community and village halls and other non-traditional arts venues has seen 7 separate events supported at £6,350.

Details of the Lancet article regarding the role of the arts in promoting good health in Wales may be found [here](#).

As you will be aware, through the 6 principles and 5 balancing factors of the Investment Review that will underpin our work going forward our aim is for our funding to benefit all of Wales's communities. We recognise that there are areas of deprivation which too often lack arts opportunities. We want to see sustainable infrastructure and activity embedded across both rural and urban settings, making sure that there will be opportunities in the arts for young, old and future generations wherever they may live. Where this was not universally achieved through the Investment Review proposals, in our published [Report](#) we have committed to making additional strategic interventions through targeted programmes of work. Initial work on these will progress over the coming months and new financial year.

Meanwhile I trust this provides you with the additional information you are seeking, and please do let me know if you require anything further at this stage.

Yours sincerely



**Chief Executive  
Arts Council of Wales**



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