



Ward Flexibility Funding Application Form

Thank you for your interest in Stockport Council's Ward Flexibility Fund. To give your group the best chance of success please read the guidance notes and the questions on the application form carefully.

Please ensure that all boxes on this form are completed. You must also include all additional information that is requested.

1. About Your Organisation

1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Stockport Garrick Theatre Limited

2. Organisation/Individual Address

Exchange Street,
Stockport
SK3 0EJ

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

Role: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Home Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mobile Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]



4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name: [REDACTED]

Account Number: [REDACTED]

Sort Code: [REDACTED]

5. What is the status of your Organisation/ Group?

Please Tick

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| A New Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A Registered Charity
No. 1138620 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Company Limited by Guarantee
No. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Applying for Charitable Status | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unregistered Association | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Friendly Society | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing Association | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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6. Please describe the main activities of your Organisation/ Group

Performing arts, Youth Theatre (professionally taught drama sessions), Social activities (play readings, quiz, Theatre trips)

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

1901

8. Does your organisation have the following policies and procedures in place?

If you are awarded a grant you will be required to send copies of all relevant documents as part of the grant agreement.

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| A governance/management committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Constitution/governing document/set of rules | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| An Equal Opportunities Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A Child Protection Policy (where necessary) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Health and Safety Public liability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

We do not have a written equal opportunities policy. All posts within the Theatre are open to all members. Everyone is a volunteer and has equal status. Executive committee members and other committee members are elected at the AGM by the members.

2. About Your Application

9. Please give us a brief description of your proposed/planned project or activity

You may wish to include details of what activities will take place, where will it happen, how often and who will take part. If you are applying for equipment you can tell us what will it be used for and why is it needed.

In January 2020 the Stockport Garrick was contractually committed to a £250,000.00 spend to renovate the delapidated and unsafe basement. The aim is to bring the area back into use as a dedicated rehearsal and performance space for youth theatre and community groups throughout each year. We were in receipt of grants totaling 45,000 from Garfield Weston and Foyle Foundations, conditional on completing planned works before the end of the year. We also utilised membership donations and reserves built up over a number of years, and a loan from the CAF Bank of £100,000. Due to Government lockdown in March 2020 the theatre has lost valuable income, estimated at over £30,000 from cancelled performances, loss of wardrobe hire and cancelled theatre outside lets. We were planning to open again in January 2021 subject to government guidance, although the latest guidance suggests we may have another 6 months before we will be able to open.

Nevertheless, we intend to continue fundraising to complete the basement project. Our recent crowd funding project is estimated to have achieved a total of £8737.50 including Gift aid. A contribution from the Ward Flexibility Funding would be very gratefully received. Immediately, we need to install a dedicated security alarm (estimated £1415.92) and to lay flooring over the newly-laid concrete base (estimated at £11466.98).

The Stockport Garrick Theatre was founded in 1901 and moved into our current premises in 1921, since when we have made several alterations and improvements to achieve the modern facilities used today by different local groups. We want to continue to improve the facilities, but we have severely limited income at present due to Covid-19. We still have regular outgoings such as utility bills and mortgage repayments.

The Garrick is run entirely by volunteers who usually pay a small subscription to be a member. At its core the Garrick is about community and friendship, giving people of all ages confidence and increasing social skills to tackling social exclusion and isolation. Outside lets also bring in a diverse range of people. Our studio is used regularly by our own Youth Theatre group. Local dance schools have used our main stage for their annual shows, and local theatres such as the Stockport Plaza and The Lowry Theatre Salford have used our theatre for rehearsal space. The newly refurbished Basement will provide the potential to accommodate more such activities. We know social involvement and drama activities combat loneliness, and improve individuals self-esteem and confidence. One example of such projects was our 2018 New Writing week aimed at people who otherwise might think drama was not for them (rather as people used to view opera?) or were priced out of similar mainstream opportunities. It offered mentoring for playwrights, professionally tutored development workshops, rehearsal and performance opportunities.

We are keen to build community involvement ; we were Involved as a venue as part of Stockport's 2019 Purple Flag award for evening entertainment. Also we are involved with Stockport's Cultural network. We will be partnering with the Spinning Top as a venue for the Stockport Blues Festival planned in May (postponed from September).

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

e.g. local residents, young people, older people and how?

Our original Vision was to create a fully equipped new space which can be used flexibly by different sized groups at different times, for every stage from meeting to conference, from rehearsal through to performance - we're on the way to that, (currently can use for about 30/40 people) but we are necessarily having to do things in stages. Safety and rehearsal capacity first! The newly refurbished Basement will benefit local residents, young and old, who come to the Garrick either as members of the theatre, or as part of our youth group, or as members of local groups who wish to hire the Garrick basement for meetings, rehearsals or arts-based activities. **Prime targets:** youth and community groups, arts biased but not exclusively, with a focus on developing drama skills, dance, creativity, mental wellbeing, countering social isolation / loneliness. Projects such as our 2018 New Writing week for aspiring community writers will be able to run alongside main theatre activities- no longer competing for rehearsal and performance space.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

We hope that if the basement is used regularly by the groups of between 20 and 30 envisaged, there could be an uptake of ten groups per week giving the potential for 250 people to benefit. In addition our current youth groups would add another 93 to that estimate. There would also be the additional potential for larger groups of residents to benefit for one-off occasions.

10(b) Are there any restrictions on who will benefit from the funding?

Due to the nature of the building and current regulations we cannot provide wheelchair access.

11. Your Project's Budget

Please provide a breakdown of cost for your project including VAT where applicable and submit any estimates for the purchase of equipment or work to be done.

Foyer & Bar refurbishment

Where it says Materials only, the labour element is being provided by suitably skilled Garrick volunteers

Essential requirements

Dedicated Alarm system	1,415.92
Floor covering	11,466.98

Further up-grades as funds become available

Repairs to ceiling (<i>materials only</i>)	600.00
Upgrade of the lights and lighting system	4,000.00
Installation of bar and tea/coffee servery (<i>materials only</i>)	2,500.00
Upgrade of Ventilation system	18,000.00

11(a) How much will the project/activity cost in total?

Our project has been split into essential elements £12,882.93 and upgraded elements as funds become available, an additional £25,100.00

11(b) Tell us about other any other sources of income you have already applied for or raised so far in relation to this project

We were in receipt of grants totaling £45,000 from Garfield Weston Foundation and the Foyle Foundation, conditional on completing planned works before the end of the year. We also have a loan from the CAF Bank of £100,000. Our recent crowd funding project is estimated to have achieved a total of £8737.50 including Gift aid.

12. How much are you applying for from the Ward Flexibility Budget

We would like to apply for £2350 split between the 21 wards as shown.

12(a) If the amount you are applying for covers only part of the project / activity, then please tell us how do you intend to fund any shortfall?

This Ward funding together with our Crowdfunder donations and our reserves will allow us to do the essential refurbishment planned.

13. What is the planned timescale for spending this grant?

Start	December 2020
Finish	End of January 2021

3. Which Wards are you Applying to?

You may tick more than one box. Please note that no grant of more than £1,000 in totality will ordinarily be made.

Please tell us for each ward you wish to make an application to:-

- (a) how many people will benefit in that ward; and
- (b) what proportion of funding from your overall application you are seeking from each ward.

Re numbers of beneficiaries in each ward

Currently we expect to be able to host groups of up to thirty people at any one time. As improvements are made we should be able to increase group size to suit different activities. These groups could potentially come from all of the wards below.

How much funding you are seeking from each ward

We expect community groups from those wards geographically close to the Garrick to use the new basement space more regularly, and have reflected this in amounts suggested below. We are aware that we are requesting more than the usual awards, but feel this is warranted as we are adding to the Garrick's capacity as a Stockport-wide resource.

* We have attached as an appendix our latest audience figures by postcode (Feb 2020), which demonstrates the spread of residents we attract to our productions. We would hope to increase the numbers in each range as the new facility is completed.

Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee		
Bramhall North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 50
Bramhall South and Woodford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 50
Cheadle Hulme South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 50
Central Stockport Area Committee		
Brinnington & Central	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100
Davenport & Cale Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100
Edgeley & Cheadle Heath	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100
Manor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100
Cheadle Area Committee		
Cheadle and Gatley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100
Cheadle Hulme North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100
Heald Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100



Heatons & Reddish Area Committee

Heatons North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 250
Heatons South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 250
Reddish North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 250
Reddish South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 250

Marple Area Committee

Marple North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 50
Marple South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 50

Stepping Hill Area Committee

Hazel Grove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100
Offerton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100
Stepping Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 100

Werneth Area Committee

Bredbury and Woodley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 50
Bredbury Green and Romiley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 50

Totals **£2350**

This total should add up to the figure you provided in **Question 12**

4. Application Checklist and Declaration

1. I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation
2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct
3. If the information changes in any way I will inform Democratic Services accordingly.

4. I give permission for Democratic Services to contact my organisation and/or myself by phone, mail or e-mail with information about its activities and funding opportunities.
5. I/ we agree (if required) to attend an Area Committee meeting to explain how the proposal will improve the environmental, economic or social wellbeing of the area and to answer any questions.
6. Our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful
7. I/We will use this grant for the proposed project/activities stated in our application.
8. I/we will not use the grant for any other purpose prior to contacting Democratic Services in order to seek authorisation.
9. I/we will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Democratic Services, within 12 months from the Grant being made.
10. I/we will highlight the support of the Area Committee in recent publicity material.
11. I/we agree to providing information to assist in the future monitoring of the effectiveness of the funding including reporting back to the Area Committee on how the grant has been spent and what difference it has made.
12. I/we agree that the content of this completed application form and any supplementary information provided may be published on the Council's website and other publications as part of the application process.

Print your name: [REDACTED]

Signature:

or if submitted electronically tick this box to signify your agreement to the above terms

Date: 15/11/20

