



# 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

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### 1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Arts Central Youth Theatre Group

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### 2. Organisation/Individual Address

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### 3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Mrs

Name:

Role: Founder

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

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#### 4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

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

*Please Tick*

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A New Group                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Organisation           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Registered Charity No.       | <input 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

Arts Central Youth Theatre Group is a not-for-profit voluntary theatre community group for children aged between 8 and 15 living within some of the most deprived areas of Stockport. (All of the children reside in Reddish, Edgeley, Brinnington, Heaton Norris and Gorton). We celebrate and promote young people expressing themselves creatively with others, recognising the benefits this can bring. We run from September through to March each year culminating in a big showcase production demonstrating their skills and achievements and we do not charge the children to part in our initiative.

Our group prides itself on inclusivity for all and we reach families who may not be able to afford activities like this for their children. We have a proportion of children with additional needs such as autism and ADHD who benefit hugely from our sessions as well as teenagers and young adults from the LGBTQ+ community. The children gain enormous skills from acting, singing, dancing, technical theatre and working as part of a group and we see this from the day they join. Increase in confidence, making friends, positive mental health and for some it is the only social interaction they have (outside of school) where they can be themselves and embrace the safe environment we provide.

Arts Central Youth works with communities, organisations, , funders and creative individuals as a voice for positive change, to improve and expand the landscape in which creative participation can take place. We work to address inequalities in access to creative participation, promote inclusivity, connect people and communities, and seek to increase awareness of the links between creativity and wellbeing.

Arts Central Youth Theatre Group gives young people the opportunity to learn through play, perform throughout the year and participate in a wide range of art forms. It also helps to develop important skills such as communication, team building, problem solving. Strengthening their confidence (or self-belief), emotional Intelligence (or ability to empathise with others), resilience (or ability to respond well to

stress and/or pressure), teamwork and leadership skills, emotional wellbeing, broadened horizons. A number of features of the youth theatre experience particularly contribute to these outcomes: Skills development inherent in the creative activity; nurturing facilitation; supportive environment / community. In combination, these features create a system of continual positive reinforcement meaning that any outcomes of the experience become embedded in the individual as personal values – thus having a lifelong influence and leading to the positive long-term impacts on personal lives and careers.

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**7. When was your Organisation/Group established?**

**September 2019**

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**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 type="checkbox"/>            |

## 2. About Your Application

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### 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.*

*Weekly workshops and rehearsals for 25 children working towards performances over 3 nights in March 2024.*

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### 10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

**10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit? 27 directly in the group and 300 local community members**

**10(b) Are there any restrictions on who will benefit from the funding? No**

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### 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.*

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

Venue Rental (24 weeks hire within a local community hall)	480
Refreshments (biscuits and juice provided every week for the children)	125
Matilda set hire (One week 18th March 2024)	600
Costumes for Performance (25 children) normally purchased from Supermarkets, Amazon, Ebay, local theatre costume hire	500
Matilda Licence and Royalties ( <a href="http://www.mtishows.co.uk/">http://www.mtishows.co.uk/</a> )	795
Public Liability Insurance 2024	178.68
Production cost (March 2024) Lighting, Sound, technician and Stage hire (Manchester Universities Technical Theatre Society)	3000
	<b>5678.68</b>

**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**

**£500 – High Sheriff of Manchester**

**£1000 – Auto Trader**

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

£1500

**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?**

I will continue to apply for funding through other community funders.

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

Start                    September 2023

Finish                  April 2024

### 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.

		Number of beneficiaries	How much funding you are seeking
<b>Bramhall &amp; Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee</b>			
Bramhall North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Central Stockport Area Committee</b>			
Brinnington & Stockport Central	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Edgeley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	£100
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Cheadle Area Committee</b>			
Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle West & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heald Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Heatons &amp; Reddish Area Committee</b>			
Heatons North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	100
Heatons South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	£150
Reddish North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19	£1000
Reddish South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	£150
<b>Marple Area Committee</b>			
Marple North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Marple South & High Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Stepping Hill Area Committee</b>			
Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Norbury & Woodsmoor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Werneth Area Committee</b>			
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£1500</b>

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



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## 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:

Signature:

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

Date: 26/09/2023

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