



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

Friends of Cheshire Theatre School

2. Organisation/Individual Address

Houldsworth Mill Reddish Stockport SK5 6DA

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Friends of Cheshire Theatre School

Title:

Role : Secretary,

Address:

Postcode:

Phone Number

Email Address:

4. Please provide your bank account details

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

Please Tick



A New Group

STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Voluntary Organisation

A Registered Charity No.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Company Limited by Guarantee No.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applying for Charitable Status	Y	Unregistered Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friendly Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify)	Y
Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	friends of Cheshire Theatre School - fundraising part of the dance group	

6. Please describe the main activities of your Organisation/ Group

Fundraising for the Dance Group - contributing towards travel costs, accommodation, costumes, team tracksuits and registration fees for competitions without these funds the young dancers would not be able to compete

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

2015, though the school has been established since 2002.

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.

The dance school has:

- A governance/management committee
- A Constitution/governing document/set of rules
- An Equal Opportunities Policy
- A Child Protection Policy (where necessary) Y
- A Health and Safety Public liability Y



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.

Local dancers from a Reddish based dance group, Cheshire Theatre School have been selected to represent Team England at the Dance World Cup. This is a massive opportunity for them to travel and compete against other teams from all around the world. The physical, mental and educational benefit from doing this at their age is immense. Dance World Cup has over 120,000 children around the world aged from 4 to 25 trying to qualify for the finals which is held annually in a different location. This year it is being held in Prague

You may remember, that last year this Committee supported the dancers to compete in the Dance World Cup held in Braga, Portugal. The dancers came back overall world champions with gold medals in two categories, runners up with silver in two categories and third place with bronze medals in one category.

The calibre of the dance schools that enter is very high, so to be selected again is amazing. This will prove to be a great, positive experience improving their self-confidence by performing on a world stage & self esteem, as well as promoting health, sport & physical activity to themselves and their friends who will be watching them compete - as the event is live streamed online.

The dancers need to pay for registration fees, entry fees, travel and costumes. This opportunity will help to promote dance as a form of physical activity and a way young people can express themselves through movement.

This opportunity for the dancers fits into the aim of the One Stockport Borough Plan - the 2030 vision to make Stockport a great place to grow - where children and young people to have the best start in life, can be happy, safe and be able to build healthy relationships which will enable them to thrive. This opportunity also fits in with the ambition from the [Stockport Council Plan](#) which is that every single neighbourhood and community across our borough can access the services that they need to be resilient, healthy and vibrant. This council aim supports the 'One Heart' ambition of the One Stockport Borough Plan to create a Stockport where people live the best lives they can. What better than to give a group of talented Stockport dancers the opportunity represent their country at an international competition.

The ambition for a people to live the best lives they can - happy, healthy and independently is also reflected in the joy and ambition of the dancers in rehearsals and at the competition. They gain so much Independence, determination and resilience from the experience as well as looking after their mental wellbeing which affected so many young people though out covid and the following years after..

It also fits with Stockport's ambition for improved health, educational and employment outcomes for marginalised groups including those living in deprived neighbourhoods such as Reddish. These young people have chosen dancing as a way of expressing themselves and as a way of getting fit and healthy in a disciplined way in their local area.

Finally the ambition that Stockport's neighbourhoods, local and district centres are exciting places to live, where people are active and celebrate culture fits perfectly. The dancers are able to share their passion and talent at local events with the local community as well as experiencing new cultures and meeting dancers from all over the world whilst at the competition.



10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

This will prove to be a great, positive experience for the dancers themselves - as it will improve self-confidence & self esteem by performing on a world stage, as well as promoting health, mental health, sport & physical activity to themselves and their friends, the different local schools they attend and many other children and families who will be watching them compete - as the event is live streamed online. The local community will also benefit from raising awareness of physical activity and healthy aspects of dance to a wide range of children from the ages of 5 years to 20 years. This links into the priorities for Stockport outlined within the Joint Strategic Needs' Assessment which include a focus on increasing physical activity in areas such as Reddish to improve health and wellbeing in Stockport and also the One Stockport Borough Plan 30 year vision. <http://www.stockportjsna.org.uk/> <https://www.onestockport.co.uk/the-stockport-borough-plan/>

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

There are 25 children representing Team England from the Cheshire Theatre School. 17 of these are from the Heatons and Reddish Wards.

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

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?

Team England Tracksuits - £120 per child* Team England registration fees and entry fees- £120 - £400 per child* accommodation - approx £300 per child transport costs - approx £200 per child There are 25 children representing Team England from the Cheshire Theatre School. 17 of these are from the Heatons and Reddish Wards.

*the costs for these particular items are mandatory for all competitors and without them the dancers are unable to compete

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

All families involved with the dance group have signed up to 'The Friends of Cheshire Theatre

School easy fundraising' which various retailers donate money as people shop online with them. The dancers are also going to be bag packing at local supermarkets and other fundraising opportunities are being planned for 2024. Local businesses are also being approached for



sponsorship of the dancers . The School has secured a sponsor for the tracksuits this year. The Friends of Group has applied to become a charity and is waiting to hear back from the Charity Commission.

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

£960 - to contribute £60 to cover part of the registration fees for the children from the Reddish and Heaton's Wards.

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?

The fundraising activities listed in 11b hope to make up the shortfall.

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

Start April 2024
Finish July 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
Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee		
Bramhall North	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Cheadle Hulme South	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Central Stockport Area Committee		
Brinnington & Stockport Central		£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Edgeley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Cheadle Area Committee		
Cheadle West & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Heald Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Heatons & Reddish Area Committee		
Heatons North	3	180
Heatons South	5	300
Reddish North	4	240
Reddish South	4	240
Marple Area Committee		
Marple North	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Marple South	<input type="checkbox"/>	£

Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Norbury & Woodsmoor	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Werneth Area Committee		
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>	£
This total should add up to the figure you provided in Question 12		
Totals		16
		960

4. Application Checklist and Declaration

1. I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation Y
2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct Y
3. If the information changes in any way I will inform Democratic Services accordingly. Y
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. Y
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. Y
6. Our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful Y
7. I/We will use this grant for the proposed project/activities stated in our application. Y



- 8. I/we will not use the grant for any other purpose prior to contacting Democratic Services in order to seek authorisation. Y
- 9. I/we will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Democratic Services, within 12 months from the Grant being made. Y
- 10. I/we will highlight the support of the Area Committee in recent publicity material. Y
- 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. Y
- 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. Y

Print your name:

Signature:

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

Date: 4th March 2024