

Projects funded by the BCC Culture Commissioning Team in 2012-13

COYD = Culture on Your Doorstep - projects in local communities

GIC= Great International City - projects which promote Birmingham internationally

NG = Next Generation - projects for 0-19 year olds

Organisation name	Funding Scheme	Amount of grant	Main Artform	Brief project description
ACE Dance & Music	COYD 1	£6,125	Music and dance	Providing an opportunity for the ACE West African dance and drumming group to work with Landing Mané of Jamo Jamo Arts over weekly sessions to explore Senegalese forms to create an original work.
ACE Dance & Music	COYD2	£4,028	Music and dance	ACE dance and music will use West African dance and drumming forms as a means to aid rehabilitation and greater social engagement.
Community Media Services	COYD 1	£8,360	Music, dance, poetry, film	Sharing the work of Sufi poet Saint Mian Mohammed Baksh through participatory workshops in mosques, youth groups and community organisations to learn Sufi music, poetry and singing styles.
Community Vibe	COYD 1	£6,806	Performance and theatre	Working with community members to produce a new Music Hall performance TARA RA BRUM DEAY to be performed at Birmingham Library Theatre and community venues as part of a scheduled tour.
Fluid Space Arts	COYD 1	£9,800	Music, dance, visual arts	Celebrating the Olympic Torch Relay in Birmingham with participatory visual art workshops in community settings which will lead up to a community event where work will be shared.
Fluid Space Arts	COYD2	£9,000	Visual arts and craft	Working in partnership with five art forums in five districts in Birmingham, to create an interactive textile book. This project will give the opportunity for different communities to come together and share learnt skills by working with an artist.
Ikon Gallery	COYD2	£6,000	Photography	An intergenerational learning programme that aims to strengthen community links, raise aspirations and encourage adults and parents to engage with their creativity. We will combine artist-led activities (drawing and photography) with opportunities for local residents to make links with city centre exhibitions and visual arts venues.
Masterdance and Polish Art Ltd	COYD 1	£3,860	Music and dance	A programme to engage adult Birmingham residents with a wide variety of dance and music styles, including those usually targeted only to young people (e.g. hip-hop, modern dance) through participatory workshops.
Midland Actors Theatre	COYD 1	£2,500	Performance and theatre	Linking with Jamaica 50 & Black History Month, Midland Actors Theatre propose to re-launch 'The Good Person of Sezuán' with a new twist by setting the piece in Jamaica during the 80s elections. Adult community participants primarily of African Caribbean descent will be targeted as community performers and to devise, write and produce.
Nu Century Arts	COYD 1	£6,500	Music, dance, visual arts	Participatory music, dance and visual arts workshops leading up to the 2012 Flyover Show event.
One Voice community choir	COYD2	£4,250	Music and singing	To increase inter-generational and social activities for vulnerable and older adults, provide training in vocal performance and build capacity within the choir organisation.
Reel Access Ltd	COYD 1	£5,500	Film, visual arts	Engaging a range of different groups over 5 days to create individual segments of a documentary discovering what the Olympics means to these communities. Footage of a camera relay between venues will be at the heart of this documentary.
RoguePlay Theatre Ltd	COYD2	£10,000	Theatre, circus skills	A new piece of circus theatre for outdoor performance in the priority ward of Sparkhill. The production will involve local residents and artists, sessions will include open rehearsals and open participatory sessions, culminating in four public performances.
Sampad South Asian Arts	COYD 1	£10,000	Music and dance	A collaboration between Sampad and Seeper, a creative technology organisation, integrated closely with South Asian performing arts. Employing contemporary music and dance artists, the performance element will be highly interactive and the results integrated with Seeper's large scale digital technology and projected onto Birmingham Town Hall.
Sonia Sabri	COYD 1	£7,500	Dance	The proposed activity will target women from Balsall Heath & Saltley to take part in 12 creative sessions aimed at preparing creative work to share as part of SSCo's 10th Anniversary celebration event at mac. Participants will explore folk art traditions & share personal stories to inform a folk art performance.
Women & Theatre	COYD2	£10,000	Performance and theatre	Women & Theatre will work with Aston residents in a collaborative research and devising process to uncover the untold stories of working people past and present, and share them through the production of an audio play, live site-specific performances at Aston Hall and a project archive.
Write Down Speak Up	COYD2	£4,550	Poetry, performance	WDSU will work with Allen's Croft Project, an organisation that supports women who are survivors of domestic violence, to create Free Speech; a collection of poetry curated in an anthology and also recorded in short films.
ACE Dance & Music	GIC	£9,165	Music and dance	12 members of ACE youth will visit Compagnie Virevolte in Switzerland and create a new piece of collaborative contemporary dance exploring the cultures of the two cities. This piece will be performed at l'Atelier Danse Manon Hotte; a high-profile dance school.
ACE Dance & Music	GIC2	£6,000	Music and dance	ACE dance and music will undertake a research tour to South Africa. The aim will be to look at outreach and touring models, investigate the current Afro-Contemporary Dance scene and grow the company profile beyond Europe in the run-up to the new 2013-14 production 'Mana'.
Black Voices	GIC2	£10,000	Music and singing	A research and development project with sister cities Lyon and Chicago. An artist from Lyon will deliver a workshop with World Music Youth Choir run by Black Voices in February 2013. The Birmingham – Chicago element of the proposal envisages members of Black Voices conducting research and development with the University of Chicago and the DuSable Museum of African American History.
EC Arts	GIC2	£9,490	Visual arts	Establish international partnerships in Lyon and Chicago to support Birmingham's 48sheet 2013 public art project and to create an artistic international cultural exchange opportunity for Birmingham artists.
Fierce! Festival Ltd	GIC2	£6,590	Visual arts and performance	A research trip to North America and Canada for Fierce Festival to consolidate connections with festivals in New York and Vancouver. The directors will carry out research for 'Key to the City' a large-scale public space project they are intending to produce in Fierce Festival 2013.

Performances Birmingham	GIC	£8,950	Music	Jazz Adviser Tony Dudley-Evans and four Birmingham musicians will travel to Chicago for a 6-day visit to perform and collaborate with professional Chicago based musicians. The proposed activity will include 4 performances, a new commission, a seminar presentation and a workshop for jazz students at Columbia College.
Sonia Sabri	GIC2	£9,805	Dance	Planetarium is a project that will forge new international partnerships within the creative industries and IT Sector in Delhi and Bangalore, India. Two Spotlight Symposium Cross Routes events will provide opportunities for young people from deprived communities.
Write Down Speak Up	GIC2	£5,000	Poetry, performance	WDSU will travel to Chicago to work and consult with three poetry and spoken word organisations based in and around Chicago. WDSU will also be working with a Churchville Middle School. The visit is aimed at connecting and linking Birmingham with Chicago through poetry and spoken word.
ACE Dance & Music	NG1	£6,000	Music and dance	ACE Dance & Music will run two hip hop, street style and contemporary dance and music making summer school weeks. Both weeks will target residents of priority neighbourhoods.
Argy Bharji Arts & Media	NG1	£5,500	Dance	A dance showcasing event at The Mailbox on the day of the Olympic Torch Relay (30 June 2012). The showcase will bring together a number of dance groups from across the city providing a rich and diverse range of cultural dance forms, reflecting the dance culture in Birmingham.
BE Festival CIC	NG2	£11,740	Performance, writing	BE Next 2013 prioritises young people who speak English as a second language and/or who speak a second language at home. The project offers the opportunity to learn and train in physical theatre and contemporary dance skills, as well as becoming festival reviewers.
Birmingham Hippodrome	NG1	£8,000	Performance and theatre	The 'Arts Alive' project places a group of 12 gifted and talented young people with mild to moderate learning disabilities at the centre of the work as theatre makers, performers, creators, participants and leaders. The participants will be recruited through Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools and will work over two weeks during the summer to create a new piece of theatre for performance.
Capsule	NG1	£7,000	Music	Capsule's 'Kids Gig' aims to introduce children to experimental music at an early age (2-7yrs & their families). Featuring artists from the Supersonic festival, the participants will gain experience of different approaches to making noise, sound and music.
Craftspace	NG2	£12,500	Craft	A youth engagement project which proposes to bring together young people aged 15 to 19, some with mental health issues. The aim is for the young people to work with each other, facilitated by professional artists, to develop a creative toolkit which facilitates conversations about mental health.
Fierce! Festival Ltd	NG2	£12,000	Performance, writing, film	'Fierce Press Gang' will enable 240 young people to develop social media & marketing skills, gain professional experience creating a broadcasting project mentored by festival 2013 artists. Their experience will be enriched by additional guest experts.
Fluid Space Arts	NG2	£13,480	Craft, music	Art Blast - creative spaces for children and young people who are unable to access mainstream arts provision due to social isolation, poverty and disability. Children and young people are supported by professional artists to explore their own ideas - build, paint, sing, dance and film.
Friction Arts	NG2	£10,201	Visual arts, craft, music	A varied programme of arts workshops co-designed by young people in Highgate & Small Heath, culminating in an event and series of performances in 2013. Workshops will be weekly on Saturdays, with extra activity during the holidays.
Friends of Cotteridge Park	NG2	£6,500	Visual arts, craft, music	A workshop programme for young people to develop sculptures and musical instruments prior to the CoCoMad festival. Arts Awards will be offered as part of this extended programme to young people and 2 volunteers will be trained to support the young people completing their Award.
Kings Heath CCP	NG1	£4,980	Visual arts, craft, music	To celebrate the Olympic Torch Relay, young people and families will create a series of outdoor puppets depicting real or imaginary Olympic sports and Olympians. The work created will contribute to a collaborative work of public art to be displayed at Kings Heath Community Centre Garden.
Masterdance and Polish Art Ltd	NG1	£7,000	Music and dance	'Your Chance to Dance' will be targeted at 5 – 11 year olds in 3 primary schools in Priority Neighbourhoods. The proposal is to offer free Hip Hop, Dancehall and contemporary dance sessions over a period of 30 weeks, with 30 children attending each class.
Punch Records	NG2	£11,084	Music	Move On Up is a five week course which will support 20 young people, aged between 14 and 18 on a creative journey through the skills and sounds associated with Urban (BME) music. Focussed around music making and performance skills, it will be delivered by representatives of Birmingham's emerging creative scene and managed and produced by young people themselves.
RBSA	NG2	£12,878	Visual arts and craft	The project will work with secondary and primary school groups using observational and creative drawing, photography and clay. Children will attend visual art workshops and exhibit finished work at the RBSA gallery. They will also have a chance to gain Bronze and Discover Arts Awards.
RoguePlay Theatre Ltd	NG1	£7,000	Visual arts, performance, music, dance	Kalaborate will build on the success of previous activities through the delivery of 'fringe' events involving workshops led by international artist Michael Thompson. The commissioned 'fringe' events will be devised and delivered by Young People aged 8-19 and will include music, dance and performing arts.
Secret City Arts	NG1	£8,500	Visual arts, film, poetry	Roots and Seeds is a project that will use trees as inspiration for exploring cultures, memories and traditions, using roots as a metaphor. Children of refugee/asylum seeker background and children attending Tame Valley Community School will be participants. Two days of taster sessions will be delivered to years 2, 3 and 4, and from these, a maximum of 20 children will be supported as creators.
West Midlands Creative Alliance	NG2	£12,913	Visual arts, writing, craft	...Fall For Anything will work with 30 young people aged 17–24 from marginalised communities around Birmingham to create works of protest art on issues of concern to them. Over a 5 month programme they will research, experiment, devise, rehearse and exhibit / perform their own pieces of protest art around Birmingham City Centre to 500+ people.

Women & Theatre	NG1	£14,000	Performance and theatre	Working with gifted and talented looked after young people to create a new piece of musical theatre called Loving Me for performance at The Patrick Centre in Feb 2013, coinciding with Valentine's Day. Young people will be devising and scripting new work; creating songs; deciding on production design; lighting and staging; performing and stage managing the show.
Write Down Speak Up	NG2	£12,335	Poetry, performance	Level UP is a new monthly poetry event aimed at young people aged 12-19, providing them with an open mic opportunity for all styles and abilities of poetry and spoken word, to showcase their talents on stage. Level UP will also feature established poets, some in the same age range as our open mic performers to show them how they can develop, even at a young age.
Total grants awarded 2012-13		£363,390		