

ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
1 Aldenham Avenue, Radlett, Herts WD7 8HL

Application for a Grant

1. Name of the Organisation and where your activities are normally based:

Herts Inclusive Theatre
We run a children's and youth theatre at Aldenham School. We also offer activities in Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Stanmore & Rickmansworth

2. Name, address, daytime telephone/fax number and email of individual we should contact about this application:

Holywell Community Centre, Chaffinch Lane, Watford, WD18 9QD
01923 216951
07857 986364
emma@hit-theatre.org.uk

3. Amount requested:

Canon EOS 1200D Digital SLR - £400
Velbon - DF-51 - Camera Tripod - £35.00
Hama RMZ-16 Zoom Microphone - £36.00
Rode NTG4+ Shotgun Microphone - £200
RØDE – Boompole - £80
PIXAPRO 5-in-1 Collapsible reflector - £35.00
Total: £786

4. Please explain why financial assistance is requested:

Herts Inclusive Theatre are in desperate need of funding to purchase a digital camcorder, a camera microphone and a boom microphone, tripod, and a light deflector for their film making work with disabled and disadvantaged children and young people in the Aldenham, Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Stanmore & Rickmansworth areas.

At the moment we rely on the good will of staff and volunteers to borrow camera equipment to film. We could use a camcorder to allow participants to take video footage of themselves during their work, giving them more ownership and responsibility.

We will incorporate the camcorder into workshops, using the video recording function and allowing them to record and watch themselves back.

Having a camera is a new way of involving new participants who are visiting, as they can straight away feel included if you give them the task of filming, and we could then we can show what they have filmed their next session so they can feel proud of their achievements.

With technology becoming more and more a part of every activity, HIT feels that to move and progress it is fundamental that we need to have access to this equipment and are using it to be at the forefront of our work and development.

In our afterschool sessions we would use the camera to enable the participants to create and film their work and purchase editing software to be used on the laptop by the young people in order for them to edit films, then show the films to an audience. We would also like to create a body language and emotion project with children aged between five and eighteen. This would be over a series of twelve, 1hour workshops. This development activity would help those, especially the participants on the autistic spectrum, to understand each other a little better, and also help them work through everyday situations that they might come across.

We would also like to run film based holiday activities in Aldenham especially with teenagers looking at film production and techniques.

5. Briefly describe the aims of your organisation:

Herts Inclusive Theatre changes the lives of disabled and disadvantaged people by giving them access and opportunities which in turn enhance their lives. Through the use of drama, movement, music and theatre techniques we build people's confidence, communication skills and to help build social inclusion. We aim to use drama to help with people's general wellbeing physically and mentally. Participants not only learn theatre, drama and self-exploration techniques, they learn to work alongside each other. We offer participants the opportunity to explore the broadest spectrum of theatre using performance to encourage wider participation in learning, community work, and future employment. We are not just teaching people how to perform, we are changing their lives, thoughts and feelings.

6. Are the majority of the people who will benefit from, or participate in your activities residents of Aldenham Parish?

Yes

7. Where do funds come from to pay your current expenses?

Fundraising events and grant applications

8. Do you receive grants from any other source, or have you applied for any elsewhere as well as making this application?

If so, provide details (details of all applications for funding from the National Lottery MUST be disclosed).

No

9. Please give details of grants received from the Parish Council in previous years; N/A

10. Kindly provide a copy of your latest audited accounts. Previously circulated to Members & available on request.

11. Please certify the accuracy of this application by signing the following statement:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Emma Harrington

Signed: Emma Harrington

Position in Organisation: Producer

Print name: Emma Harrington

Date: 9th March 2018