



Black Community Forum

Developing a Black Communities' Arts and Creativity 5 Year Strategy and Specification for Programme Support 2021/22

Callout for proposals

About Made With Many

Made With Many is a community-led arts programme for Wellingborough, which aims to encourage more people than ever before to take the lead in experiencing, creating and taking part in high-quality arts and cultural activities. Through conversations with local people and community decision-making panels, Made With Many puts the community at the heart of commissioning artists and producing new and exciting events.

More information is available at: www.madewithmany.org

About the Black Community Forum

Led by Support Northamptonshire, on behalf of Made With Many (as a Consortium Member), the role of the Black Community Forum is to:

- Scrutinise the Made with Many Organisation and Work Programme to ensure that it is effectively delivering its Race Equality Objectives and to influence the Race Equality and wider Equality Plans.
- Develop a programme for Black Communities and support its effective delivery and outcomes.

The Black Community Forum has recently carried out a collective visioning exercise to determine opportunities for short medium and long term goals. These include opportunities to pilot cultural activities in the next year, including key celebrations, the potential for a pop up exhibition space and an aim to establish a multi-cultural arts centre by 2025.

Programme Support 2021/22

The Black Community Forum has been meeting during 2021 and has accrued out a visioning exercise. This work now requires the Forum to scope its 5-year plan to develop a long term, sustainable plan for Black communities in Wellingborough.

Support Northamptonshire will administer the funding for the 2021/22 Black Community Forum programme, with opportunities for Black Community Forum members to propose plans to be discussed and agreed by the Black Community Forum.

A callout for 2 proposals

1. Proposal for the development of a 5-year Black Community Arts and Culture Strategy – July to September 2021 – the total funding available is £4500

We are seeking proposals to develop a 5-year strategy and action plan to guide the work of the Black Community Forum. The strategic planning and consultation on a 5-year strategy for the Black Community Forum activity needs to include:

- To consult and work with existing Black communities in Wellingborough.
- To provide an account of what activities have taken place in Black communities and which activities have been preferred by communities so that they can be built upon.
- A clear account of the gaps in art, culture and creativity provision for Black communities compared to other parts of the country.
- Building on the visioning exercise of the Black Community Forum, assess what is needed to facilitate work for Asian, African-Caribbean and African communities over a 5-year period.
- To offer specific focus on:
 - Annual Events that we want to develop and sustain
 - Art and Creativity Programme for each of the Black communities that they want to develop and grow over the years
 - Exhibition space where Black Arts can be displayed and promoted and to assess the need to provide a permanent Arts and Culture space for Black communities and Black Artists learning from national best practice.
 - To develop a viable plan for the development of a Black Community Arts and Cultural space and assess costs and ongoing maintenance issues.
- To report on and assess other best national practice that can be replicated in Wellingborough.
- To develop a clear and focussed annual plan for years 1-5 that begins with key pilots and goes onto build on these activities with a view to sustaining these activities over time.
- To develop a clear external funding plan seeking new funding and resources and seeks long term investment that enables key activities to be built and sustained.
- Support early funding applications to support developments identified in the 5 year plan.

2. A programme of pilot activity from July 2021, including research and inspirational events for member organisations and their communities – July 2021 – July 2022
The proposals will be for between £3-5k (the total available is £23,000).

We are seeking individual proposals that are likely to fit into a long term 5 year strategy and be sustained over time. These need to include:

- Clear proposals to address gaps in provision
- To trial existing projects that have been successful but has lost key resources to sustain
- To pilot new activities that is likely to support the 5-year strategy
- To test new ideas that can be sustained over time
- To test projects that could attract external funding.

Proposal requirements:

The funding needs to be administered with a balanced approach for all Black communities (Black includes Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi), African-Caribbean and African communities) in Wellingborough: developing pilot opportunities to test a range of activity, and consulting on strategic plans for future Black Community Forum activity.

Proposals are sought from Black-led Wellingborough-based organisations and local Black creative practitioners.

Successful applicants will be required to work in partnership with the Black Community Forum and will be supported by Made With Many.

Proposals should be submitted to info@madewithmany.org in writing or by video application (up to 5 minutes) addressing the following points:

- A clear explanation of your programme proposal, including estimated costs for all activity;
- Information about any partners, subcontractors or intended audiences for the programme;
- Examples of any previous experience or supporting examples.

Applications should be received by the following dates:

Round one (Summer) - Monday 9 August at 10am

Round two (Autumn) - Friday 8 October at 10am

Process of assessing applications

There needs to be majority agreement of all Black Community Forum members for all activity proposals, and equality impact assessments and risk assessments will need to be carried out for all programme activity.

Applications will be assessed around their ability to:

- Build on or support the vision for the Black Community Forum
- Have a long term plan, as well as short term outcomes
- Engage the wider community where possible

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