



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Letchworth Area Committee**2. Date: **7 Sep 2016**

3. Summary of application:

Pantomime aimed at young children from disadvantaged families in LetchworthName of organisation: **Imajica Theatre Company**Sum requested: **£600**Total project cost: **£19,975**

Brief details:

Imajica Theatre Company are requesting £600 in order to create a Pantomime show aimed at families in Letchworth who find Christmas time quite a challenge, from dis-advantaged children, young carers and looked after children to create magical memories and an opportunities for new experiences.

This community project will see the opportunity for 11 additional members of the community join the cast on stage (5 adults & 6 Youth aged 16-18) and opportunities for students/ unemployed/ retired members of the community get involved in the project off stage in stage managements, set & costume designed and front of house.

Matched / linked funding: **£1000**Funder: **LGCHF**

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or DRR
Funding in place:

Funder: Arts Council England

Comments from Development Officer:

Those taking part in the production will gain valuable real life experience working with a professional theatre company and life skills through mentoring and learning new skills, plus getting additional CV material for future employment.

The event is planned to take place at the Auditorium Theatre at St Christopher's School

The event is expected to cost £19,975 the organisation are applying for the majority of the funds from the Arts Council England and at the time of writing have an application being considered for £12,035. The remaining costs will be met by in-kind contributions from Imajica Theatre Company, the Letchworth Scouts, fundraising activities and business sponsorship.

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application to put before the Committee.

Amount recommended: **£600**