



Art, Culture and Disability Equality

Arcadea Annual General Meeting 29 January 2015

Minutes

Present: Karen Sheader, George Wallace, Pauline Heath.

Staff: Geof Armstrong, Katy Saunderson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from, Kirsty Trimming, Bill Norman, Gemma Lockyer, Paula Greenwell and Irene Robson.

2. Minutes of AGM 22 January 2014

The minutes of the last AGM held on 22 January 2014 were proposed by Karen Sheader and seconded by Pauline Heath.

3. Matters Arising

Work to reconnect with the regions disability arts network remains outstanding due to the youth work taking focus. Now the youth club is up and running plans will recommence to hold an initial meeting in the coming weeks.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was discussed in detail with key elements from the 2013 2014 Narrative presented by Geof Armstrong.

The organisation has now reached its goal of becoming fully sustainable. This is down to the continual growth of the HUB Club. The group have been involved in a number of projects over the year which were all a great success and well attended.

The Youth Club has now been launched with the first weekly session happening tonight. It is intended that this will help us to engage with the next generation of disabled artists in the region.

The Blue card continues to grow and has now been picked up by Sunderland People First, spreading its reach to disabled people in Wearside.

There has been a decline in requests for HUB Tickets, with other schemes becoming available. We are currently reviewing if there is a need to continue with this service.

Production of the HUBble has been halted on a temporary basis while we search for a more cost effective way to produce and circulate it.

Progress with the consortium has been slow due to the difficulty in coordinating diaries on a regular basis. It is hoped this will improve in the coming year.

5. Presentation of Accounts

The Independent Examiners Report was presented by Katy Saunderson.

The accounts now better reflect the balance between charitable activity and administrative costs.

Although the HUB has now reached a place where it no longer needs grant funding there still exists an element of financial risk. We currently have 60 places which are taken up by 30 people, if 1 person in attendance 5 days was to leave that would create a significant dip in income. Ideally we would want 50 people taking up those places to minimise the potential impact. We need to consider developing a joint service specialising in dementia, to enable us to better cope with our ageing members in the future.

Board accepts the accounts.

6. Any Other Business

Diane Little has expressed a wish to resign from the board due to a change in her circumstances. The board understand her position and

whilst they accept her resignation they would like to note their gratitude for the contribution she was able to make.

Due to Kirsty Trimming being unable to attend meetings on a regular basis Geof will call her to discuss whether she wishes to remain on the board.

Peter Miller suggested as a potential board member who is a current HUB member should Kirsty wish to stand down.

It was proposed that Karen Sheader should continue as Chair with Pauline Heath as Vice-Chair. All board members accept.

It was proposed that we again use Jim Dodds of Ellison Services for next years Independent Examination. All board members accept.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 15:30.