

## Area Board Project/Councillor Initiative

### 1. What is the project?

**CONNECT** – Exhibition space for the community at the Wellington Academy

Permanent exhibition facility for the arts and community. The opportunity to acquire 16 exhibition panels, creating 4/5 exhibition stands. These exhibition panels are new and form part of the “Other Worlds” travelling exhibition. It is the first time of use; the panels are in excellent condition.

### 2. Where is the project taking place?

Permanent site At the Wellington Academy –adjacent to the library

### 3. When will the project take place?

Projects can be initiated as soon as the panels can be acquired. They form part of the “Other Worlds” travelling exhibition which will be removed on the 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The Young Gallery, Salisbury and the manufacturer of the panels have agreed to fund half of the cost leaving a shortfall of £1500.

### 4. Please outline:

- **Community benefits**
- **Evidence of need**
- **Links to Community Plan**
- **Community Issue**

The Academy had long desired to have a temporary exhibition space to hold/host art and community projects. By having the panels in a permanent position at the Academy it will benefit the students, local community, local artists, local businesses and provide a positive impact for cultural diversity in the wider community.

It will be possible to host up to 8 exhibitions a year. Two of these will be chosen from the John Creasey exhibition by the students and teachers at the Academy and will have a positive impact not only for students studying Art but also increasing cultural awareness for all students.

The local community will have the opportunity to visit all the exhibitions, contributing immensely to the culture of the local area and wider community. It will provide an opportunity for local people to join together. It will help promote creativity and enable people to participate in art. Artists will be invited from all fields and the Academy will work with the community to select the exhibitions throughout the year.

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Local Artists will be able to exhibit their works and hold events to market their Art ( thereby improving the economic outlook for artists within the local area)

The panels could be used by local businesses to promote themselves – the displays do not have to be art related but could also be related to science, business, careers, literacy and other areas of the curriculum.

Art projects from local schools, both primary and secondary, youth groups, and charities such as Tedworth House, will have the opportunity to showcase their work, hold events and run competitions. This will strengthen community links and encourage community involvement.

## 5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

- A legacy from the OW project.
- Opportunity to show high quality art exhibitions in conjunction with the Young Gallery Salisbury
- Learning experience for all involved in the process of organising and realising various projects
- Strengthening links between community
- An asset that can install pride and recognition in individuals, groups, organisations.
- Natural progression in the growth and aspiration of the Academie's wider aims
- Raising the profile extending the facilities on site .The exhibition panels will provide a lasting exhibition space for the community, (the Wellington Academy will agree to maintain the boards) helping to build community identity and pride.

## 6. Who will Project Manage this project?

The project will be managed by the Academy, working together with the Young Gallery,Salisbury, local schools, and other organisations wishing to promote their projects.

## 7. Please confirm costs and provide quotes

- Total project costs up to and including £5,000 – 1 quote
- Total project costs over £5,000 - 3 quotes

Total project cost - £3000  
Funding from the manufacturer and the Creasey Trust of £1500 has been secured  
Required funding - £1500

## 8. Additional information in support of the project

Partnerships with the community and organisations, offer great opportunities. This is a fantastic opportunity for the local community to grow cultural diversity and build its identity and pride.  
This facility gives reality to so much word and thought. The sponsors and the Academy recognise the opportunity being proposed.

Organisations will be able to work together to offer exhibitions that will enable the community to participate in a wide range of art and creative thinking.

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It represents excellent value for money, and through the offer of match funding, demonstrates how partnerships can change and enhance great facilities further.

I know the Young Gallery in Salisbury and the other sponsor are keen to have this facility used to further the visual arts in Wiltshire and undoubtedly The "Other Worlds Exhibiton" is a fantastic example of the sort of exhibitions that could be shown.

However, this is only one aspect of the potential of this facility and everyone involved looks forward to realising the full potential of this new facility within the needs and aspirations of the wider community.

Sponsored by Cllr Chris Williams