



Powys Arts Forum

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Post Conference Update

Just a quick update following our conference.

1. We're looking into the best way of getting a regular e-mail service to you as you suggested. That means a few tweaks to the website so it won't happen overnight, but should be in place during July.
2. We are putting together an outline plan for Arts Month based on the feedback from the conference. Our next steps are to discuss it at our Board Meeting in early July to which we have invited ACW to discuss what support they might be able to offer.
3. Also in July we will be taking part in a Workshop on Regeneration on your behalf. This will look at 5 major themes
 1. Supporting Business Creation & Development
 2. Natural Resources and Environmental Technologies
 3. Tourism, Food & Cultural Industries Development
 4. Infrastructure & Spatial Hub Development
 5. Enabling Delivery – Maximising Public Sector Resourceand we'll be suggesting ways in which the arts could feature in these. This won't necessarily result in any more money for the arts, but the more we can explain how the arts fits into these themes, the better chance of support there will be in future.
4. One other thing the Conference told us was that you didn't know what the Forum actually did behind the scenes. I have now put up on the site the role we have played in the Powys Regeneration Partnership (PRP). I have also been sitting on the assessment panel for Festivals & Events grants on behalf of the Forum.
5. The PRP also has a research budget, and it is funding - through Glasu - a study into the Cultural & Creative Industries in Powys with in depth analysis of five festivals. We hope this study will give us information to make our case about the impact our sector has on the economy of Powys, and ways in which investing in it through grants can help drive regeneration.
6. And finally to remind you of what we said at the Conference, that we will be employing some part-time and temporary staff during the autumn to develop the Forum itself, the ideas for Arts Month, and any other initiative that our members identify as being needed and that the trustees can see a way of doing.

Some details of the Conference are now up on the website <http://www.powysartsforum.org.uk/conference/border-crossings.html>

And if you're a member we'll see you at the AGM. If you're not - here's how you join <http://www.powysartsforum.org.uk/members.html>

regards,

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for Powys Arts Forum

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PS You can get in touch with other members by using our message board. It's also a good way of identifying what you might like to see featured at the AGM workshops and seminars .