

**DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL
ARTS INVESTMENT 2007-09**

OUTCOME OF BIDDING PROCESS

The Council has launched this new programme of investment in the capacity of the arts sector as part of its arts policy, *More Creative Lives* – www.devon.gov.uk/more_creative_lives.pdf. The programme is designed to sustain and develop key resources which can contribute to the strategic themes of the arts policy. Investment is available on a renewable basis or for one-off initiatives.

The Council is proposing to allocate a budget of £400K to the budget for each of the next three years (2007/08 to 2009/10).

New bids for investment in 2009/10 will be invited at a later stage. This round was the only opportunity to bid for investment in 2007/08 and 2008/09. The Council has decided to offer investment to 14 organisations, as listed below.

ARTS INVESTMENT	2007/08	2008/09*	2009/10*
	£	£	£
Beaford Arts	45,000	tbc	tbc
Common Players	25,000	25,000	12,500
DAISI	20,000	20,000	10,000
Dance In Devon	20,000	20,000	10,000
Devon Artist Network	15,000	15,000	7,500
Devon Guild of Craftsmen	30,000	40,000	20,000
Exeter Phoenix: <i>Phoenix Media</i>	50,000	tbc	tbc
North Devon Theatres' Trust: <i>education and outreach</i>	20,000	20,000	10,000
Northcott Theatre: <i>education and community</i>	45,000	45,000	22,500
RISE SW: <i>disability arts studio</i>	10,000	10,000	5,000
Theatre Alibi	50,000	50,000	25,000
Villages In Action	15,000	15,000	7,500
Wolf + Water Arts Company	30,000	40,000	20,000
Wren Music	25,000	25,000	12,500
to be allocated	0	75,000	237,500
Total	400,000	400,000	400,000
* base figures for 2008/09 and 2009/10 - subject to future budgets being confirmed and adjustment for inflation.			
tbc: to be confirmed later in 2007.			

This is a three-year rolling programme. For renewable investment the Council will give each organisation planning figures for four years. These figures will be subject to annual review. Investment in Years 1 and 2 will normally be at the same level. The figures for Years 3 and 4 will always allow the Council to discontinue its investment in two stages: 50% reduction in Year 3; 100% reduction in Year 4.

At every annual review the Council will decide for each resource whether to:

- discontinue investment
- continue investment at the same level
- continue investment but at a lower or higher level.

The Council will review the planning figures for 2009/10 by March 2008 in the first annual review of the programme. This review will also consider bids for new investment from 2009/10.