

ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY PANEL

Application Pack

The Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel

The aim of the Arts and Culture Service at Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is to promote, develop and support the sector throughout the Borough in line with the Council's Corporate Plan, Our Vision, Our Borough 2015 – 2030 and to deliver an artistic and culture offer with broad appeal that serves to enrich the lives of residents and visitors bringing a vibrant Cultural Life to Antrim and Newtownabbey.

The Council established an Arts & Cultural Advisory Panel in 2015 which is made up of elected members, and voluntary, independent members which advise, advocate and endorse the Council's Arts and Cultural offering whilst informing the development of the service thereby supporting the delivery of the Corporate Plan.

There are a number of vacancies for independent panel members to serve on the Panel for the remaining term of the Council which runs until May 2019.

The Role of the Panel

The role of the Advisory Panel is to provide advice, support, and advocacy for the Borough's Arts and Cultural Service to enable it to deliver the Council's Corporate Plan, Our Vision, Our Borough 2015 – 2030. The panel will report to the Operations Committee of the Council who will oversee the strategic framework of the panel. The specific role of the panel is to:

- Advise Council on programming of arts and cultural activities, specifically the performing arts programme of the three theatres: the Theatre at the Mill, the Old Courthouse Theatre, and the Courtyard Theatre.
- Provide advocacy for the Borough's arts and cultural sector
- Provide the Council with an informed insight into current issues affecting the arts and culture throughout Northern Ireland
- Represent the arts and cultural community both locally and regionally
- Contribute expertise, skills and knowledge from specific genre for the benefit of the ongoing development of arts and culture in the Borough.

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Membership

Membership will consist of

- Six elected members of the Council with at least one member coming from each of the political parties represented within the Council and preferably with an interest in the arts and cultural sector.
- Up to 12 independent members.

Independent members shall be actively involved in the arts and cultural sector, with a minimum of 3 years' experience, either in a voluntary basis or as working practitioners, educationalists, or presently employed within the sector, and have demonstrable experience in one of the following areas: museums, visual arts, crafts, literature, performance art, community arts, arts education or music.

Status

The status of the panel will be voluntary and there will be no payment to independent members for attendance at meetings. Incidental expenses may be reimbursed. The Panel will provide advice and recommendations for the service. Where recommendations are made requiring a Council decision, then these will be referred to the Operations Committee as a report.

Period of Service

Independent Members can serve for a four year term of office, to coincide with the term of the Council.

Commitment:

The Arts and Cultural Advisory Panel will meet formally four times a year.

Panel Members will also be invited to some performances and events throughout the year.

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NON ELECTED MEMBERS APPLICATION FORM

1. Personal Details

Title	
Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone Home	
Telephone Mobile	
Email	

2. Current Involvement in Arts and Cultural Sector

Please outline briefly your current involvement including three years' experience in the arts and cultural sector either as a working practitioner, an educationalist or an employee.

Please also outline briefly your specific area of expertise

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3. Board Membership

Please outline any relevant experience, including present or past membership of other boards or advisory groups

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4. Non-elected panel member role specific criteria:

Please outline briefly how you feel you could contribute to each of the following, including relevant examples of past experience to support this:

(i) Development of artistic and cultural programming

(ii) Knowledge and experience of current issues affecting the arts

(iii) Knowledge of the local and regional arts community and sector

5. References

Please provide names and addresses of two referees. (Relatives should not be nominated)	
Name	
Address	
Telephone No	
Occupation	
Name	
Address	
Telephone No	
Occupation	

6. Declaration

I declare that the information contained in this application form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature		Date	
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Depending on the response to the call for membership there may be a requirement to attend an informal interview with elected board members and representatives of the Arts and Culture Management Team.

Please return signed and completed form, by Friday 12 May 12noon, to:
Email: Bernard.clarkson@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk
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