



Grants for the arts November 2009 awards

This month we have awarded £550,420 to artists and projects across the capital.

A life-size polar bear carved from ice will take residence in Trafalgar Square for the duration of the Copenhagen Climate Change conference in December. £14,936 of funding will support sculptor Mark Coreth, who will create a bronze skeleton encased within a polar bear ice sculpture. This project aims to raise awareness of the human impact on the climate.

£16,797 will contribute towards a three year artist in residency programme at Valentines Mansion, a new cultural facility in Redbridge. The programme will provide a platform for enhanced arts programming in the borough and will have a specific focus on visual arts and community engagement.

The Zamana Foundation have received a grant of £5,000. Funding will contribute towards providing high quality diverse musical opportunities for young people and families residing in Tower Hamlets. Participants will be mentored by professional musicians in order to help them to develop and progress their musical performance skills.

Borough	Applicant	Title	Description	Amount
Brent	Encee Arts	Patidar Theatre season of new work	To programme new south Asian work to help establish Patidar Theatre as an arts centre for north west London. Encee Arts will create the programme by commissioning new work in theatre and dance, and by co-producing activities for young people	25,104
Camden	Michael Arditti	Writing a novel	Support for a novel set in the near future about a maverick priest cloning Christ in order to transform society. It will explore his relationship with the clone along with the themes of identity, relationships and spirituality	10,000
Camden	Jewish Book Council	Jewish Book Week	Funding to help Jewish Book Council explore entertaining and lively interactions between writers and potential readers through a series of events	8,941
Camden	Jason Wilde	Rank & File	For a photography based portrait project and exhibition that focuses on young people. This work will contribute to Jason Wildes's documentary portfolio	5,000
Ealing	Amer Anwar	Western Fringes	For Amer Anwar to write a novel set in West London's Asian community	5,000
Enfield	Mario Petrucci	The i tulips project	To support the development of novel approaches to modern poetry which will culminate in two experimental volumes of contemporary work	8,100
Hackney	Eva Weinmayr	I Wonder What the Silence is About	The artists' book project I Wonder What The Silence is About is a collaboration between artists Eva Weinmayer and graphic designer Sarah de Bondt. The book combines interviews and visual material derived from researching the disappearance of Art in Ruins, an English artist duo	5,000
Hackney	Custom/Practice	Classical Acting Workshop for Black & Asian Actors	Funding for Custom/Practice to work with young Black and Asian actors to provide them with the opportunity to improve their skills in European classical text performance. Over two weeks invited practitioners will lead a series of masterclasses alongside scene study workshops led by directors Rae McKen	5,000

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Hackney, Tower Hamlets	East End Collaborations	AIR Project	To support a programme of live performances, an artist-in-residence scheme and a platform for emerging artists. In partnership with Live Art Development Agency, AIR Project will support emerging and established artists and create a dedicated venue for Live Art in London, based at Queen Mary University of London	44,657
Hammersmith and Fulham	Charles Boyle	The noise made by reversing trucks	Following on from 24 for 3, written by the applicant under pen-name Jennie Walker and published first by CB editions and Bloomsbury, this new novel will explore contemporary gender relations from a chiefly male perspective	5,000
Haringey	Sarah Pucill	The Phantom Gaze	To make a black and white 16mm film, based around several performances to camera in the vein of Tom Gunning's cinema of attractions. The film will be used as both a single screen and as part of installations	5,000
Haringey	Ambit Magazine	Global Institutional Subscriptions Campaign	A campaign to assist with attracting international institutions to subscribe to Ambit Magazine. This will increase their sustainability, while ensuring the widest possible audience for the magazine and to encourage submissions from writers from different cultures	13,500
Islington	Left Handed Ltd	Confirm/Ignore	For a brand new live performance based around Riz MC's music, to be presented for two nights in the Lilian Baylis Studio at Sadler's Wells	5,000
Islington, Camden	CreateKX	Reveal; an EventsKX project	Funding to support an event which will animate Kings Cross with a range of cultural activities that give participants and audiences access to the hidden treasures of the area. Participants will discover the past through performance and installation whilst glimpsing the future through multi-artform and digital media events	75,000

Islington, Southwark, Hackney	Freeport Records Limited	London Urban Collective 2010	London Urban Collective is an acclaimed youth music project that empowers Collectives of thirty young people to write, record and promote their own album for independent release under expert professional guidance. Funding will assist with gaining support for the project's return to London in 2010	5,000
Kensington and Chelsea	Pride Legacy Project	Making a Scene	For an evening event celebrating all things queer within the arts. Pride Legacy Project will host interactive art performances such as Queer Cortesán that explores the history of sexuality and gender	1,000
Lambeth	Noise of Art	Kindertransport	Kindertransport is a combined sculpture and audio/visual installation. Inspired by the evacuation of Jewish children from Nazi Germany and devised by Ben Osborne, the sculpture is created by Ralph Koltai CBE, a Kindertransport survivor. It will be shown free to the public and will tour the UK	4,700
Lambeth	International PEN	Free the Word! 2010	Free the Word! London is a festival celebrating international literature. Funding will assist with additional interlinked elements to compliment the main festival programme: a series of free events, an outreach programme, a booklet of translated literature and an event featuring high profile and emerging writers	46,540
Redbridge / Liverpool	Eleanor Moreton	Solo show at the Ceri Hand Gallery	Support for Eleanor Moreton to research and develop new work for her solo show at Ceri Hand Gallery, a new contemporary art gallery in Liverpool	5,000
Redbridge/Tower Hamlets	London Borough of Redbridge	Valentine Mansion Artist in Residence	To develop a three year programme at Valentines Mansion, a new cultural facility in Redbridge. The programme will provide a platform for enhanced arts programming in the borough with a clear focus on visual arts and community engagement	16,797
Southwark	Paintings In Hospitals	Artworks for Young People	Paintings in Hospitals wish to develop its Children's Collection, a picture loan service for healthcare sites that treat children and young people. Funding will assist them with commissioning artworks to benefit the health and wellbeing of young people aged between 13 and 18 years	4,967

Tower Hamlets	Kasia Molga	Mirror of Infinity 3.0	For a free public interactive visual art installation engaging spectators in the interaction and co-creation of a piece via the use of mobile phones. The project promotes social inclusion and learning through the arts	5,000
Tower Hamlets	James Leadbitter	Domestic Experiment	To enable The Vacuum Cleaner to develop a range of new work reflecting on his practice and how his mental health has affected him, his work and the wider world	5000
Tower Hamlets	Clod Ensemble	Organisational Development	For Clod Ensemble to undertake a six month programme of organisational development. This will assist them with taking the company's management structure and artistic vision to the next level which will increase organisational stability, enhance public engagement and engage a greater number of artists	32,543
Tower Hamlets	Oliver Chanarin	American Landscapes	For a collaboration between British writer John Berger on a major new book of words and photographs. The new series of photographs, which looks at the role of photography in Iran and America will be exhibited at FOAM in Amsterdam followed by a UK venue yet to be confirmed	9,266
Tower Hamlets	Bow Visions	About Now MMX	Funding to support Bow Visions to produce an artist's film portrait of the City of London observed from the 21st floor of the Balfour Tower block in East London	10,456
Tower Hamlets	Yad Arts	The Other Seder	To support the commission and development of a new puppet theatre piece by Blind Summit as part of the Other Seder 2010 to be premiered at Bush Hall	5,000
Tower Hamlets	Jonathan Kemp	Jonathan Kemp	For the creation of a collaborative novel, where participants will work eight hours a day for five days as part of a public performance	4,785
Tower Hamlets	Zamana Foundation	Musical Conversations	Funding for Zamana Foundation to create high quality diverse musical opportunities for young people and their families in Tower Hamlets. Participants will be helped to develop their musicianship by receiving mentoring from highly regarded music educators	5,000

Tower Hamlets	It's Nice That Ltd	If You Could Collaborate	To stage an exhibition that encourages designers, illustrators and artists to collaborate together on a piece of artwork especially for the show	5,000
Wandsworth	Nadifa Mohamed	Land of Rogue Deeds	For Nadifa Mohamed to write a novel set in northern Somalia in the late 1980s. It will follow the lives of five characters from one street as they struggle to survive the siege of Hargeisa. The book will focus on marginalised people from the community	5,000
Westminster	Clare Twomey	Specimen	Support for the manufacturing of 450 unfired china handmade flowers by the traditional flower makers in Stoke on Trent. The temporary and fragile flowers will be touched and worn away in the duration of an exhibition at the Royal Academy	4,500
Westminster	The Ice Bear Project Ltd	The London Ice Bear Sculpture	For a sculpture by Mark Coreth which will take the form of a life-sized hunting polar bear carved in ice surrounding a bronze skeleton for the Northern Terrace of Trafalgar Square in December 2009	14,936
Westminster	Arts Co	Ghost Forest	Ghost Forest is an installation of seven stumps logged from a tropical rainforest presenting a powerful metaphor for climate change. It aims to capture media attention as it continues its journey from its source in the Tropics, to London and finally to Copenhagen for the United Nations Climate Change Conference	4,967
Westminster	Concrete and Glass Ltd	Heart of Glass 2009	Concrete and Glass is a festival of music and art which takes place in London. The central focus of the art strand of the festival is Heart of Glass, a group show of new work selected via open submission. There will also be a solo exhibition of Kate McGwire's work	25,000
Westminster	Amy Sackville	Time to write: Research trip and writer's retreat	For Amy Sackville to spend two weeks in Orkney in 2010. This will be a writer's retreat where she will undertake research for the setting of her second novel	1,700

Westminster	British Council	Arabic / English Winter Translation School	For an intensive one-week residential literary translation training programme for emerging translators from the UK, Middle East, Near East and North Africa	14,538
Westminster	Royal Geographical Society	The Creative Compass	To support a year long project consisting of commissions exploring the themes of contemporary mapping and the Society's historic collection of photographs, maps, documents and objects	23,000
Westminster	London Print Studio	Expansion of Gallery Programme 2010-2011	Funding to assist with curatorial and production costs of four exhibitions at londonprintstudio 2010-2011. This will enable them to create high quality exhibitions that will attract new audiences to londonprintstudio	20,000