

Cricklewood Community Play Association

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* PLEASE support our Application for a small grant. We know its not normal practice to support a project two years running but we believe ours is an exceptional case and that their have been recent important developments.

*** THE BODHRAN MAKERS EDUCATIONAL PROJECT - a new development offering BARNET schools workshops in Dance, Music and Drama with performances for parents and govenors encouraging their direct involvement in the main project - this initiative has strong support from local Head Teachers.

*** OFFICE & REHEARSAL SPACE AT CHILDS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, BARNET - we have renovated a disused school building and are about to put in a disabled toilet and ramp - not only is this a valuable asset for the school it makes practical our strong commitment to involving Disabled people in all aspects of the project.

*** ELDERLY BARNET RESIDENTS - tremendous involvement in the social/fundraising events and in the administration of the project, an opportunity for many to feel they are making a contribution to the community.

*** THE TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED OVER BOTH YEARS REPRESENTS ONLY 4.7% OF OUR TOTAL BUDGET - yet the Project is based in Barnet, targets Barnet residents and will be performed in Barnet!

The contribution of BARNET as host Borough is of great interest to a number of other potential funders. They have indicated it will be a critical factor in deciding the level of any support they offer the Association.

The Association has, despite the size of the project, made only small requests to Barnet for financial support, and have followed Officers advice. The Association has made massive efforts to attract funds from elsewhere.

- Barnet has in the past made single grants larger than our two applications combined, and to Arts Organisations involving far fewer residents.

- The Association has already 200 active members, it regularly attracts 600 or more to social/fund-raising events (ALL in Barnet), and will reach an estimated audience of over 6,000.

- Cricklewood Barnet residents feel neglected by the Council.

- The Association has already and will continue to highlight Barnets support in its publications and in the National and local media coverage.

The Project is attracting wide support, recently Dick Spring (Irish Minister Of Foreign Affairs) joined John Marshall M.P. on our list of distinguished sponsors. The Association has broad local support, including clergy and our local community policeman Ian McDonald. PLEASE support our application and so allow an ambitious, positive and celebratory Community Arts Project take place in an area of genuine need. PLEASE support Cricklewoods Barnet residents.

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