

Central themes

youngballymun's programme of work supports positive child development across lifecycle from pregnancy and birth onwards across all ages into parenthood and we would like to see this work supported and enhanced through Literacivic projects. Key themes in our work are about supporting language, communications, health and wellbeing, literacy and learning. We hope that some of these themes catch your imagination. A wide variety of ideas and ways of thinking will be welcomed. Ideas of different scales that use any communications form, creative media, community ritual, celebration, multi-media event, community arts initiative, themed event or an idea using traditional or new technologies – are all eligible. Ideas that carry forward community ownership and local participation and that utilise or build local leadership are also welcome.

So far, Literacivic has provided funding for a number projects to deliver a really broad range of initiatives including a mentoring programme for young women, a community book project, a music initiative, a men's health initiative and a conflict resolution project.

Categories of Bursary

Your project idea or proposal should fit with at least one of the three categories:

AWARENESS RAISING, ISSUES, ADVOCACY – where the project highlights, addresses or campaigns for an issue

CAPACITY BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP – where the project supports creative leadership /builds capacity/sustainability into the future

EVENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND CELEBRATION – creative promotions and celebrations

Bursary levels

There are three ranges of funding that can be applied for depending on the nature of the project.

1 LOCAL PROJECTS Primarily aimed at individuals, community groups and residents' associations who work at street and neighbourhood level in Ballymun. Level 1 Bursary Awards will be made on a scale from €200 up to €4,000

2 LOCAL COALITIONS Primarily aimed at local services, projects and organisations working together. Level 2 Bursary Awards will be made on a scale from €1,000 up to €8,000

3 LOCAL TO NATIONAL COALITIONS Primarily aimed at a local organisation and a national organisation working together on an initiative in Ballymun. Level 3 Bursary Awards will be made on a scale from €4,000 to €10,000

Who Can Apply

Residents groups/projects/services and organisations active in Ballymun electoral districts A, B, C, D.

How to apply

Contact us today for your briefing pack and application form.

Submit your application to the Literacivic Bursary Committee, c/o youngballymun, Axis Arts Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 9, before one of the following closing dates:

- Friday, February 24th 2012
- Friday, June 1st 2012
- Friday, November 9th 2012

What happens then?

Applications are reviewed by an independent bursary committee. The committee is chaired by John Lonergan, former governor of Mountjoy Prison and its other members are Senator Fiach Mac Conghail, Director of the Abbey Theatre; Berni Brady, Chief Executive of Aontas, the National Adult Learning Organisation; and Gerry Mac Ruairc, Director of Masters Studies in Education, UCD. The committee may make a decision on an application on the first reading or have further questions for the applicant. The decision can take a number of weeks after the closing date.

Please, get in touch

To get more information, ask any questions along the way or to get copies of the application form, please contact Hazel O'Byrne in *youngballymun*.

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The Literacivic Bursary

An exciting opportunity to realise your ambitious idea and inspire Ballymun

All great change starts with an idea

Announcing the Literacivic bursary

Literacivic is a special fund to enable individuals, groups or organisations to develop and deliver a unique idea, event or action that demonstrates, celebrates or promotes the central meaning of civic literacy.

Civic literacy is essentially about people's ability to celebrate, read and shape their future and importantly, to play their civic part in inspiring others in the process.

Literacivic is calling for your ideas!

Contact us for more information

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there's reading worlds,
and changing them.

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What is *youngballymun*?

youngballymun is a community change initiative working with children, families and the community as a whole in Ballymun to improve learning and well being outcomes for all.

youngballymun supports other organisations in the community like health services, schools, pre schools, and community organisations work in ways that have been proven to have very positive impacts for children, young people and families. We're already seeing the great results from this way of working.

youngballymun is funded by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and Atlantic Philanthropies under the Prevention and Early Intervention Programme.

The *Literacivic* Service

The five other *youngballymun* services work with statutory and community organisations in Ballymun. *Literacivic* is different. It allows individuals, community groups or organisations to develop, design and deliver their own project or initiative to contribute to improved learning and wellbeing outcomes in Ballymun and promote civic literacy in its broadest sense. By civic literacy, we mean our ability to understand our world at every level; our capacity to shape and influence the systems that govern our lives; and the communication and celebration of our stories.

What is *Literacivic*?

Literacivic is about the idea of 'civic literacy' not just word literacy. It is essentially about **people's ability to celebrate, read and shape their future** and importantly, to play their civic part in inspiring others in the process. To do that successfully, people need to **understand the systems that organise society**. Some people are well equipped to do that. Others have all the abilities but just need the right supports at the right time. Others still, need to build the confidence and skills to use and challenge those systems, and they need the resources and platforms to imagine, create and act. That's where *Literacivic* plays a key role.

"Education... becomes the practice of freedom, the means by which men and women deal critically and creatively with reality and discover how to participate in the transformation of their world."

Paulo Freire

So what is the *Literacivic* bursary?

Literacivic is a special fund to enable individuals, groups or organisations to develop and deliver a new or special idea, event or action that demonstrates, celebrates or promotes the central meaning of civic literacy.

The financial grants can support big ideas or small initiatives. Projects can be on the street level, in a local group or project or across Ballymun. We have funded initiatives from the Hip Hop Dance Group, the Ballymun Home School Community Liaison Cluster, BRYR and the Axis Arts Centre among many others.

Here's how it will operate

Any individual, group, children's/youth initiative, or community group in Ballymun that has an idea for a project can submit a proposal.

Your project, along with bringing new thinking and ideas, should have some of the following elements. It should:

communicate/celebrate/explore Ballymun's stories, issues, challenges, potential

generate energy, creativity, participation, dialogue and debate

enhance capacity to engage with, challenge and reshape our world

use or explore a combination of possible literacies – written, verbal, creative, civic and so on

demonstrate or promote civic leadership

fit with or promote youngballymun's vision to contribute to improved learning and wellbeing for children and families

look at ways of working with others to achieve the best outcomes

be bright, ambitious, new and have high impact

inform and inspire others

have a public or civic dimension – be seen or heard!

Make sure you tell us in your application how your project will achieve the objectives set out.