

First Light Steering Group Meeting 01/11/2019

### **In attendance**

Genevieve Christie, Lizzie Hall - FlipSide  
Dave Carlin – Cefas (Chair)  
Phil Aves – Lowestoft Rising  
Nicole Cox and John Wicks – ECC placement officers  
Karen Read – Seagull Theatre

### **Apologies**

Clare Matterson - FlipSide  
Rachel Bunn – East Coast College  
Alice Taylor – Lowestoft Town Council  
Claire Simons – Suffolk Police  
Emma Butler Smith – Marina Theatre  
Hilary Carlisle – Norwich University of the Arts

### **Welcomes**

Nicole Cox and John Wicks – ECC placement officers. Also Lynsey Wright who could not attend today.

- Talk about or suggest engagement and volunteer opportunities for students at First Light

### **Minutes and matters arising**

Economic impact and evaluation still with ESC.

LH still need to send revised security plan to Claire Simons but did discuss at SAG. Arranging a time to meet with her and John Corkett re security and licensing.

Still some follow up required re youth voice. LH did catch up with Phoebe and attend one of sessions with the group working on Ness Fest - LCEP plan to continue this led by Meg Barclay, and see how can work with on First Light.

Need to follow up with Hilary re NUA reps.

### **Updates**

ESC have committed substantial funding for 2020.

ACE have asked us to apply for 2 years of funding. GC waiting to push the button on it.

Planning a programme of lead in project that integrate with the festival but also wrap around it.

Want town to feel ownership of festival and feel actively involved in regeneration ambitions.

Link to tourism and shift what visitors think Lowestoft is about.

### 1. Mass Dance Project – with Dance East.

Choreography by dance east artists to music by the darkness.

Disseminate dance routine to various groups across the town – community groups, businesses, schools etc, who come together to perform on the beach

ECC now includes sixth form – Lynsey Wright rep there. lots of performing arts students who may be interested.

Schools dance festival – 16 primary schools involved, learn routines in advance. Run by Northern Schools Partnership and the Marina and is week before First Light. GC has been in touch with them and will follow up.

### 2. Reimagining the seaside carnival

Clean green new take on seaside carnival. Want to build on opening procession of 2019.

Target creatives, crafters and makers in the town. Link arts practitioners with orgs and groups to physical make things. Ask Phil for directory for social proscribing.

Growing relationships, intergenerational and bringing together existing groups that wouldn't traditional mix.

Look to include businesses to sponsor or link up with particular group/ float. PA noted that Lowestoft has been seconded a business in the community connector – involve Jason in planning?

DC involved in Lords Mayors in Norwich and knows groups who might have equipment and can support it.

### 3. Spinback

Although not a lot of feedback from young people (unsurprisingly) felt there were alot of young people attending.

Music project with Access to Music and Creative Nation to connect with young popular culture. Year 2 Brownswood (Gilles Peterson youth group)

Begin with focus on young female DJs – tying in with Jayda G headliner.

Create youth music stage.

#### 4. Hightide Theatre

Aldeburgh and London based early stage playwriting development. Will have a programme of new writers from the region showcasing their work.

#### 5. East Coast college and youth involvement

Students involved as volunteers in key areas and sufficiently supported by first light and college staff. Get together in the new year and explore those areas but thoughts as follows:

- site runners
- Catering students to support the sunrise feast again
- Car parks – can uniformed services support running of Walmer Road if we have it again?
- Public services students support with stewarding and Event Management team
- Green room and artist liaison support.
- Childrens area needs revisiting from 201 as didn't really work. Thought about Beach School – link with SWT.
- Construction and engineering build something on the beach. Tie in with environmental awareness and clean up.
- NUA want to work with ECC to run creative workshops and show off what they do.

National Youth Takeover day on 20<sup>th</sup> November – GC will talk about engagement around First Light and Eco friendly activity.

#### 6. Elsewhere!

Plan to expand camping and food and drink offer.

DC hopes Cefas building work will be finished, so can utilise that space – gardens/ parking etc.

### **SAG**

Generally fine – no complaints and positive feedback from ambulance, highways or environmental health. Most feedback from the police about security and alcohol which were areas we were aware of and working on with Claire ad licensing. LH share SAG notes.

Cliff by sunrise café – the engineers report has come back to council and is worse than thought, best case scenario it stays at is now but access could be worse. Waiting to find out how this will impact our site.

Weather is a risk, but now have precedent from year one people will turn. Increase undercover areas. Rain is not an problem, its wind that will stop play from our end.

### **Next meeting**

Board room @ CEFAS Friday January 10<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12. Seagull as back up

**Actions**

DC make some enquiries about parade equipment used in Norwich and whales and crab used in London.

LH follow up with Claire Simons re security and bars

LH share SAG notes