

9. YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE YEAR 11 PROPOSED PROGRAMME

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services providing an update on the progress of the Youth Music Initiative (YMI) Year 11 application to Creative Scotland, who grant the funding for YMI.

The Community Arts Co-ordinator advised that the Community Arts service would deliver and manage the 2013/2014 YMI programme. The programme would run from August 2013 to June 2014 and would include fourteen projects plus investment in management, promotion and evaluation.

West Lothian's allocation of YMI funding was £250,000. The outline cost for each project was detailed in the report. All contracts were advertised through Quick Quote with a response date for quotes from suppliers of 28 February 2013. Contracts for the delivery of the projects detailed in the application would be awarded following confirmation of funding. The projects outlined in the YMI application would be extremely beneficial to the young people who would participate, providing them with opportunities to work closely with professional musicians, creating performance opportunities and developing their listening, creative and critical thinking skills. They would also develop increased self confidence and self esteem as well as providing an enjoyable experience for the young people.

In conclusion, the 2013/2014 YMI programme would make a significant contribution to enabling the participants to embrace the principles and capacities of Curriculum for Excellence through a high quality programme of music making activities.

During the course of the discussion the Chair, on behalf of the Panel, wished to congratulate pupils who had participated in the project and who were involved in high level performances previously carried out.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To agree to forward the report to a suitable meeting of the Education Executive for approval.