

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR THE HULLABALLOON

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

When submitting the bid to build the new theatre, the Council agreed to underwrite a subsidy of £80,000 for the theatre's operation. Via the grant funding agreement if the theatre cannot operate, external funding in excess of £2m would be repayable. Due to such a financial cost of closure the theatre is included in the core offer. When opened, the Council and Theatre Hullabaloo will work to try and reduce the deficit funding. A newly built children's theatre adjoining the Civic Theatre, the theatre will be home to Theatre Hullabaloo and will be available on evenings for community use and performances.

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The Hullaballoon is a partnership between Theatre Hullabaloo and Darlington Borough Council, which will provide a national flagship theatre for children and young people by adapting the Edwardian Fire Station adjacent to the Civic Theatre. The Hullaballoon will have national significance as a centre of excellence, a theatre for young audiences. The facilities at The Hullaballoon, whilst being a home for Theatre Hullabaloo's practice, which bring a centre for children's arts of national and international importance, will also provide access for other arts organisations to rehearsal and performance space. In this way The Hullaballoon will be solidly located within its community.

The building will be owned by the Council, however funding from ACE is through Theatre Hullabaloo being a national portfolio organisation (NPO) as the focus for the large capital grant programme is focused on NPOs to develop resilience by giving them the right buildings and equipment to deliver their work and to become more sustainable and resilient businesses.

Following the closure of the Arts Centre in July 2012, there was a potential of ACE clawing back funding of £459,000 for the Arts Centre Studio Theatre, which they had previously funded, however in discussions with them as a result of The Hullaballoon proposal, ACE have removed the claw back option as the Council will invest a significant proportion of the sale of the Arts Centre in The Hullaballoon.

Theatre Hullabaloo will have a guaranteed minimum of 50% of use of The Hullaballoon, which will be mainly daytime focused with some programmed activities/work taking place on a weekend. When Theatre Hullabaloo are not using the facilities in The Hullaballoon, through the Civic Theatre management the building will be available to other arts organisations within the Borough to use the spaces for rehearsal and performance alongside an appropriate programme of external shows/hires.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

Currently Theatre Hullabaloo are based in Darlington, however they do not have their own theatre. Alongside this, the loss of a small scale theatre for community use following the closure of the Arts Centre will be replaced by The Hullaballoon.

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?**2019/20 Costs - £80,000**

	Budget 2019/20 £
Employee	53,000
Premises	25,000
Supplies & Services	33,000
Income	(31,000)
Total	80,000