

## Bangor Arts Initiative

### Trustees annual report 2022

This last year brought many changes for the charity, as B.A.I had to vacate its long-term premises as the unit was being taken over by a new business willing to pay the rent and the business rates. As the charity operates based on occupying empty buildings and vacating when requested, we duly left the gallery space in May 2022. The printer, an asset of the gallery, was donated to another similar project as the machine was ancient and costly. The project engaged young folk who were photography enthusiasts willing to cover the expensive inks and running costs and repair the printer. As a temporary solution, we now have studio space in upper Bangor run by our diversity and inclusion officer until we can occupy another community space.

In July, the charity held an exhibition via Race council Cymru where funding was secured to exhibit several exhibitions around the Windrush generation. A travelling exhibition took place in three different public spaces bringing attention to the flight of the Windrush communities displaced over the U.K.

In August of this year, the charity had to change the bank accounts nationwide as the old account was an outdated trustee's account and was being discontinued as it offered no services, i.e., online banking. The building society no longer offered community accounts, so the charity moved its business to Nat West with a more modern version allowing online banking.

In this year's A.G.M. in September, the charity welcomed two new trustees on the board, Kelly Williams and Stephen Solar, who will be an asset to the charity in the coming years.

The lleu project ran again this autumn of 2022, where the host organisation ( Cimera circus) and member artists from the partnership with B.A.I ran workshops for the African Caribbean community. A project vision for diversity and inclusion. The workshops occurred at the Afro-Caribbean Centre (BACC) and the Bangor independent school at after-school clubs. These workshops emphasised introducing the children of BACC to new creative skills, i.e., arts and crafts, circus skills, singing, storytelling, drumming and lantern making. All participants participated in a community event, "The Bangor solstice lantern parade". This was a successful event for the community by the community, and it was well received.

### **Bangor Arts Initiative Accounts 2022**

#### **Income**

|                         |           |
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| Balance brought forward | £ 30      |
| Race Council Cymru      | £4.900    |
| Cimera Circus           | £4,318.18 |

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| Membership /wall fee | £90    |
| J. Curran            | £14.70 |

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| <b><u>Total income</u></b> | <b>£9,352.88</b> |
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**Outgoings**

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| laptop             | £256.98   |
| charity Insurance  | £180      |
| Freelance artist   | £6,752.44 |
| Workshop overheads | 1,071.63  |

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| <b>Total spent</b> | <b>£ 8,262.05</b> |
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**Net amount as of 27/1/2023**

**£1,091.83**