

CANOPY

FAO Neil Sampsted , Newent Town Clerk

Dear Neil

Canopy Arts Festival 2024

Further to our chat on Monday, having secured our partnership funds from the Arts Council we are now in a position to proceed with our plans that we put together about this time last year.

This time Canopy would like to deliver the Arts Festival in early May and would like to agree a date with you soon. However, the plan is to commit to delivery Arts opportunities for local communities in the preceding couple of months to build up engagement for the festival. Therefore Canopy will be offering Arts workshops and activities in Newent Library, The Recycling Shop, The Secret Gallery, Sheppards' House and The Chill Out Zone.

Canopy will be appointing an Events Manager in early December whom we hope will start in January to begin to lead on the necessary planning and preparation with local groups and hold stakeholder meetings with interested representatives.

We attach our previous application to Newent Town council for the Arts Festival 2023 which was awarded to us but we had to return as at that stage we were unable to deliver. Now, we are hoping that the Town Council can reinstate this funding or we can update this application if required.

Ideally we wish to arrange a stakeholder meeting in December to discuss the way forward.

Canopy requires a headed letter that can be forwarded to the Arts Council England which agrees in principal to this funding, and date of delivery.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Rob Olins Canopy Chair