

Theatre NEMO

Directors Report from Dec to March 04

Theatre NEMO ended the year with an open day and AGM on the 21st Dec

Present for AGM

Archie Buchanan	Director
Hugh McCue	Director
Rab McNamara	vice Chair
Pat Stirling	Treasurer
Isabel McCue	Secretary

Funding

In the previous quarter we received a number of small grants, these include

U.V.A.F £500.00 For the promotion of volunteering

A report, with pictures and thanks, has been sent to them. And we have had a reply accepting our evaluation.

Arch Daisies £1000.00 For the purchase of computer software

This amount has been spent on an updated version of Final Cut Pro and the latest Operating system from apple. We have also sent a report to the arch daisies which was accepted.

Community Fund

We have sent in our accounts for last year and these have been accepted by the community fund we are still compiling our end of year report for them, hopefully this will also be accepted.

In the next few months we will be trying to secure funds to allow us to take our workshops into psychiatric units within the three main hospitals in Glasgow (Leverndale, Gartnavel and the Southern General) we hope to access these funds through the Scottish Executive funds for there choose life campaign, some of which is coming through "Glasgow Healthy City"

In the longer term we will be re-applying to the community Fund for a larger grant, in addition to our current grant. We would like to have a centrally located venue which will cater for our workshops and adequate office space.

Workshops

We have restarted our Sunday workshops this year with the goal of a late late Christmas show, rehearsals are going well and we have recently found ourselves another rehearsal venue in Albion St on a Thursday evening.

On Wednesday evenings we have started providing video workshops in the Murray Owen centre in East Kilbride, the feedback from these have been extremely positive and we hope to develop this in Glasgow as well.

In January we had a meeting with Alex Davidson (The head of social work in south Lanarkshire) to discuss the possibility of Theatre NEMO providing an eighteen week project in the spring, there was a positive reaction from all present and a follow up meeting is scheduled for the 5th of April.

Activities

On the 20th December we performed at a charity event for Spirit Aid

4th Feb started first video workshops Murray Owen Centre EK

Purchased p.a system & microphones

We are getting ready to present a second application to the Community Fund to rent large venue suitable for rehearsals and small performances. (it is a kind of drop in arts centre?)

Applying to the Choose Life Fund from Glasgow Healthy city

We are hoping to get into hospitals with workshops information on our proposal.
(Hand out)

Fund Raising – Shark Dive 21 March 04 Dive completed have gathered in £176 so far. Try to gather in the rest over the next week.

Performances – “Late Late Christmas Show” 24th April tickets ready to sell.
Lady from community centre decorated them for us.

 Esteem 1st April Cancelled as it is on a Thursday and we do not have much time to rehearse for our show. They will reschedule

We have been approached by the Dundee Rep to perhaps take workshops and perform for a one day event they are having early summer.

We are being asked to visit Aberdeen to do workshops and performance it would be a great way of getting out message out but will need funding for such a trip.

Lanarkshire must have a choose life strategy fund but we don't know who to contact

Media

We have had a good lot of coverage in local newspapers but not much feedback, the articles are too tame not really saying much about what we are doing . Have had an offer from Ross Jamison “Who wrote the report on the arches event” to be our PR person He is good and has an interest in mental health. So hopefully he should guide us on the right track. Isabel has been invited on to the Thistle Television (Lanarkshire) to give an interview and talk about theatre NEMO and they will show bits of the video “The Captured Minds”

Funding

We are now working on funding application for the Community fund Second Application. We want to apply for funding for a premises that is sizable enough to accommodate an office, workshop and performance space.

To carry this plan further we need funding to appoint an admin workers as well as workshop leaders.

Transport

We will also need to get some form of transport relatively soon as Isabel’s car is not going to last much longer; the amount of mileage and weight which it is constantly carrying is taking its toll.

Committee

We will have to rethink our management committee, everyone involved believes passionately in what we are doing but have there own problems and illnesses to consider so most of the work is left to Hugh and Isabel preventing the company from moving forward as we would like.

Business Plan

Hugh and Isabel had an appointment With Aidan Tyrrell from ceis and they will help us with a business plan this will make our aims clearer to funders.

Aidan advised us that one of the best ways forward and be recognised was to get someone in the public eye to be a patron of theatre NEMO. Any Thoughts?

Poem books

I have contacted Ottakars on many occasions regarding the monies taken for poem books and videos but have had no response.

Have been notified today by Clydeside Press the rest of the books are ready to pick up and pay for. They were inserting an extra page

There has been no payment made towards the books so the bill has still to be paid in full.

Accounts

Three months accounts available, made up by Donald Goldie.