

Introduction

The council is seeking a partner for Manor House Library. We are looking for an organisation that shares our social values to be our partner in managing this beautiful Grade II* listed, four-storey Georgian manor house in Lee Green. This is part of the expansion of Lewisham's successful community library programme.

We already have partner organisations for seven of our libraries. Manor House is the largest and most ambitious of these projects to date and we have received proposals from three organisations wishing to make the most of this fabulous building.

Over the following pages, please read an introduction to each of the three organisations and a summary of their proposals. They are presented in alphabetical order:

- Organisation 1 - **Arts Network**
- Organisation 2 - **Family Health (Lee)**
- Organisation 3 - **V22**

Each summary has been produced from the full bid document. After each summary there are TWO questions that we would like you to answer. Your feedback will be used to inform the decision on the chosen partner for Manor House Library. This will be taken by Mayor and Cabinet on 11th January 2017.

Organisation 1 - Arts Network

Overview

The following overview and proposal is provided in their own words:

"Arts Network provide an inspirational and understanding environment for people with mental health support needs. Through creative activities, exhibitions and events we help people to learn new skills, increase self-confidence and develop relationships, allowing them to achieve their personal goals.

We constantly seek to battle stigma and discrimination by presenting our work and practice to medical practitioners, key stakeholders and the general public".

Arts Network - Proposal for Manor House Library

Arts Network will provide a unique creativity and well-being hub at Manor House Library for residents, worker, pupils and students in Lewisham and the surrounding area.

Children's & Family Provision

We would identify providers to run children's creative activities in the Basement of Manor House Library throughout the opening hours.

We envisage running the following type of activities:

- Creative workshops for under 5's & families (Music, visual arts & dance)
- After school creative workshops (Music, visual arts & dance)
- Space and activities for family support groups e.g. Post-natal support groups, autism support groups

Community Library

We would manage the library ensuring that a paid member of staff is in the space during opening hours. The staff member would be supported by volunteers sourced from our membership, the local community and educational establishments.

The Library would facilitate the following:

- Training programme for volunteers
- Support for public using the library
- Reading & creative writing workshops for people with mental health needs
- Literature programme with partner organisations
- Meditation and Mindfulness Space

In addition we would look to work with other creative partners to provide unique and innovative activities in the space.

Creative arts provision

We would run our workshop programme of creative activities for people with mental health needs in rooms on the first floor from 9.30am to 3.30pm Tuesday -Thursday.

Outside these times the spaces would be available to organisations providing creative activities to members of the public and people with mental health needs.

Mixed use space

The Baring room would be used for a mix of activities including, but not limited to:

- Exhibitions
- Wedding ceremonies
- Arts Network activities
- After school creative activities
- Community meetings

Creative Hub

The top floor would be hired to creative & mental wellbeing organisations for office space & creative practice.

Garden

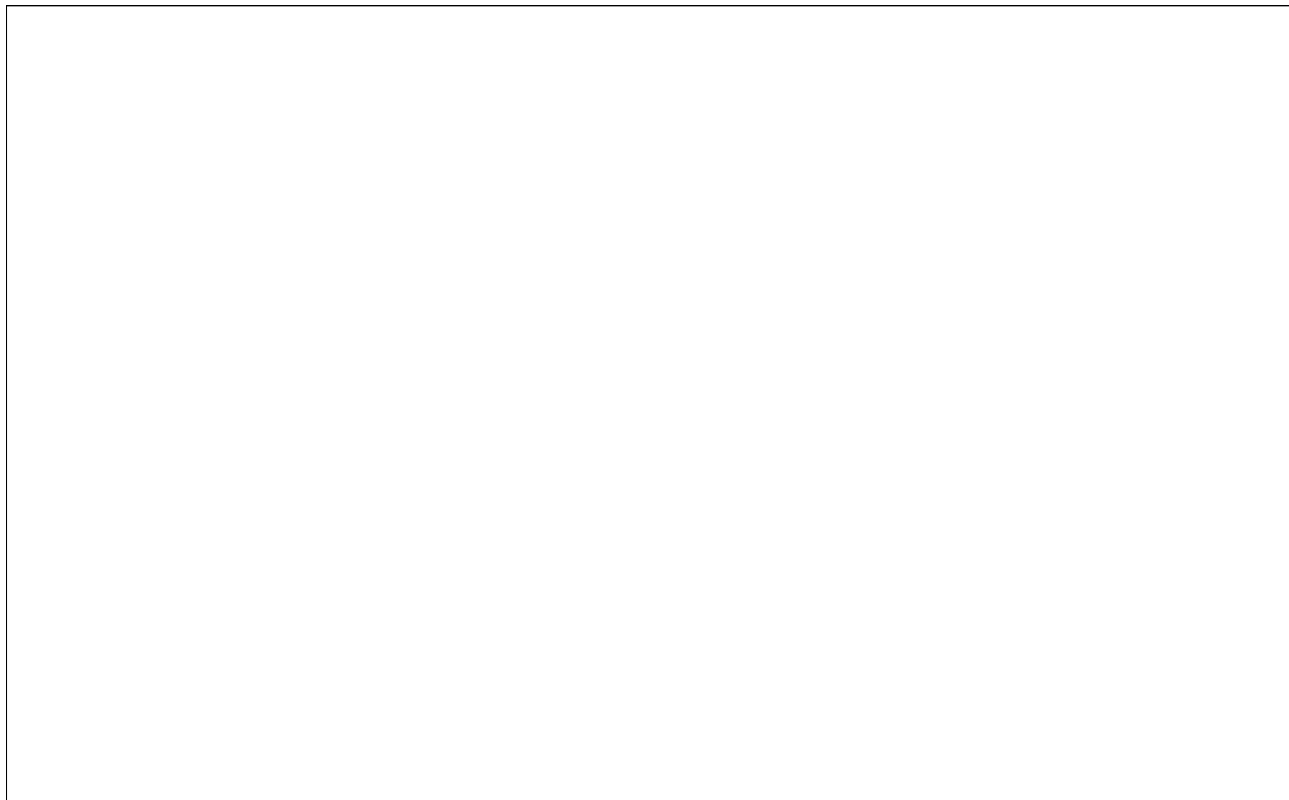
We would like to run a weekly programme of gardening activities for our membership, which would include the up-keep of the grounds and planting projects.

We would also:

- look to work with visual arts organisations to explore the possibility of a sculpture garden.
- use this space throughout the year for Craft Fairs, evening Christmas Markets including a carol service.
- explore using the garden space for Yoga, T'ai Chi and gentle exercise in the summer months.

Would you make use of the activities and facilities being proposed by the Arts Network for Manor House Library?

Do you see the activities/events proposed by the Arts Network as being of value to the local community?



Organisation 2 - Family Health (Lee)

Overview

The following overview and proposal is provided in their own words:

"Family Health Lee is a dynamic mental health and wellbeing organisation working with the whole community. We offer a range of mental health and wellbeing services for people of Africa and African-Caribbean background aged 18-65 years old in Lewisham. We also provide education, training and consultancy services, and it is these services that we are seeking to introduce into Manor House as integral to our comprehensive proposal. Family Health Lee was set up in 1987 in the London Borough of Lewisham as a Charity and Community organisation, and is one of the oldest of its type in the UK.

We will partner the highly reputable People Opportunities Limited (POL), an organisation development consultancy specialising in, change, diversity, leadership and development in this initiative. POL helps create organisations fit to house the human spirit, and has been in existence since 2002. They have skilled practitioners from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. They work with generosity and a passion for social justice, humanity and personal and organisational effectiveness. They focus on outcomes and work with a belief in greater possibilities".

Family Health - Proposal for Manor House Library

Library

On the ground floor we would have the library and learning centre operating in a dynamic way including all activities that are currently supported, but also encouraging focus on local history, showcasing the uniqueness of the locality, together with it being a learning centre for health and wellbeing, leadership development and study of the global/sustainable development goals.

We would support the work of schools, homework clubs and parents home-educating and community action. We will have a greater involvement of the community in running the library and training of volunteers. We will engage with the local community and key stakeholders in thinking about how we use the library in the daytime, afternoon, evening and weekends in ways that it can best sustain itself. For example, for book launches and fayres, poetry evenings, special readings, sales and advertising/sponsorship events.

Education, Training and Consultancy Agency

For local residents, we will offer a range of education opportunities that complements or supplements what children receive in school. We will also offer opportunities for parents and their children to learn together.

It is our intention to develop awareness raising, health and wellbeing and skills development programmes in consultation with local residents.

The first floor and second floor will operate interchangeably as the education, training and consultancy centre and cultural and entertainment centre. These will be multi-purpose areas where we will run our own raising awareness of health and wellbeing workshops, skills enhancement training, leadership development programmes and conferences. We will also collaborate with others in running similar kinds of events, as well as rent out the areas to organisations serving community needs, businesses and other interests groups.

We would use these areas to present an ever-changing vibrant programme of art exhibitions, creative activities, arts and craft workshops, film screenings, seminars, lectures, festivals, heritage displays and a live performance programme of music, dance and theatre. Activity will be delivered by a combination of top quality arts professionals and organisations as well as local individuals and community based organisations such as local schools, colleges, dance, theatre and music groups.

Origins Café and Leisure Hub

The café will be branded as offering “food good for body, clean for the planet and fair to communities”. The leisure hub will be a gateway to healthy living and lifestyles.

We envisage that on the lower ground floor/basement will be the Origins Café (left), Leisure Hub (centre) and Children’s Centre (right). It is in this way that we see utilising this area in the morning for porridge, late afternoon for our high teas and evening’s for Horlicks. It will also be a wellness centre supporting children, families and community in healthy living through offering healthy drinks and juices, “lite” bites and “lite” lunches.

It will be a leisure hub for persons hiring out other rooms in or out of the building for leisure activities (e.g. horse riding and mindfulness exercises) or otherwise just as an exciting meeting place.

There is a window between probably 10am to 5pm for exciting children centre activities and homework support activities. These could include a support programme for parents and carers, support classes in English, Mathematics and Science and other creative activities involving children, parents and carers. The lower ground floor is seen as a community activity rich area focused on generating greater numbers of people from the local community using Manor House productively. Long term we will consider the feasibility of a nursery/crèche in this area.

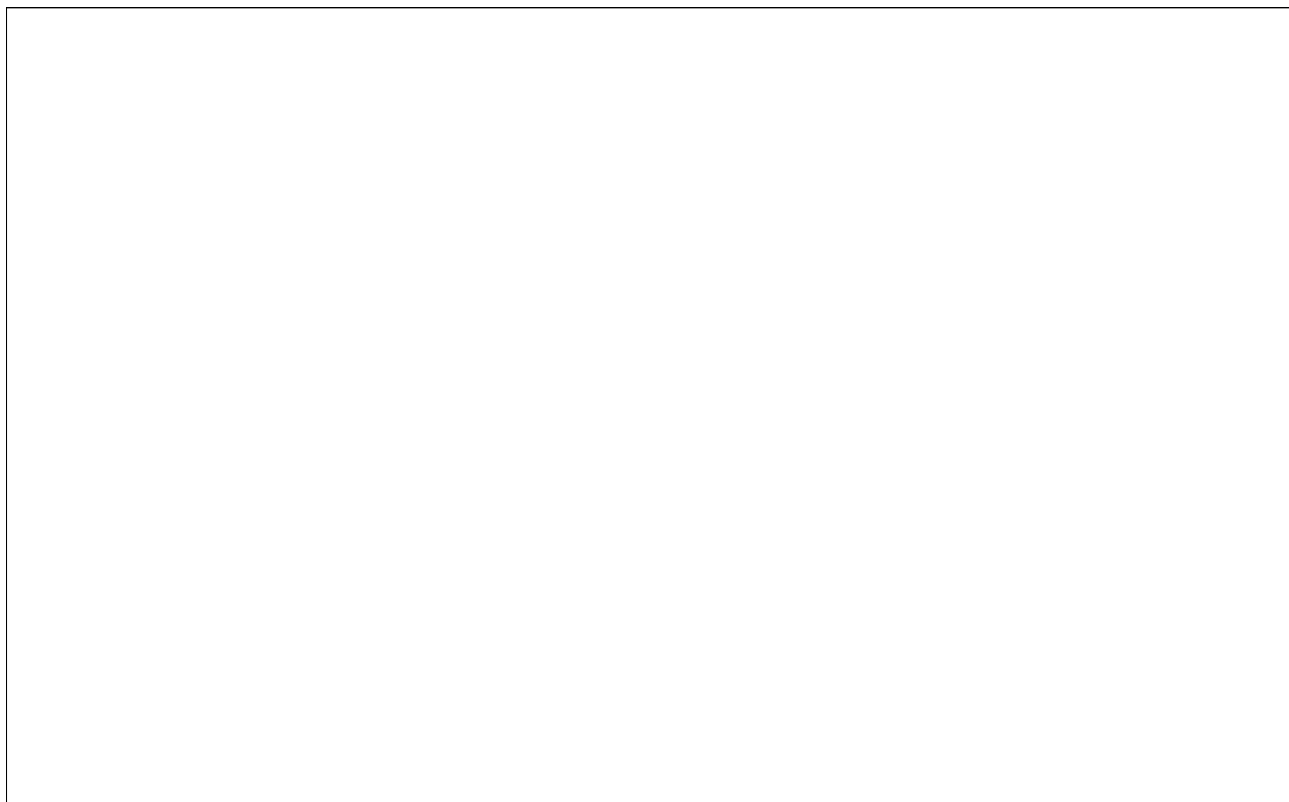
Community cultural and entertainment centre

Open to local and wider communities and linking to Garden events is the offer of good quality cultural events and entertainment that the local communities value. We will be responsive to diverse local talent, showcasing communities, surfacing what is unique to local neighbourhoods, putting on events of regional and national significance and connecting with global performers.

Our focus will be on appreciating the seasons, festivities and celebrations over the year. We will think about what is right for winter, spring, summer and autumn. We will consider what can be done for Christmas festivities, Black History Month (October), International Women's Day (8 March), May Day, International Friendship Day (2 August), Remembrance Day (11 November), Human Rights Day (10 December) and so on.

Would you make use of the activities and facilities being proposed by Family Health (Lee) for Manor House Library?

Do you see the activities/events proposed by Family Health (Lee) as being of value to the local community?



Organisation 3 - V22

Overview

The following overview and proposal is provided in their own words:

"V22 is a multifaceted art organisation, with a shared ownership model, which specialises in the collection of contemporary art, the production of exhibitions and events, the provision of artists' studios, workspaces and artisans' workshops at affordable rates, and the running of community engagement and education programmes. V22's mission is to build a new kind of art institution".

V22 - Proposal for Manor House Library

Library

We aim to create a re-energised library that will partner with cultural and educational organisations both locally and in the wider London area to provide opportunities to children and adults alike to improve their literacy, education, prospects and sense of community.

We aim to offer extra content and services that will be best suited to the local community and will help to increase the number of people regularly visiting and using the building, extending the library, gardens and adjoining park into an even more vibrant and attractive community hub.

We hope that in addition to the core provision, the contribution of a specialist art library will get more people, young and old, interested in art.

V22 and the Library could host talks and seminars, as well as small classes. These would be linked to the library and would host events for specialists as well as beginners, for children and older people and anyone with an interest in learning more about art.

The children's library will be maintained in its current location and the plan is to improve the stock provision to improve contacts with and usage from local schools and to provide more talks from local children's authors. Other extra specialist events and provision for local children will be maintained and enhanced. We will bring authors (and especially children's authors) into the building, and work with local schools to provide curricula-relevant lessons and improve access for local children. The services currently offered for young people will continue to benefit the area, and support local schools.

Provider of IT and 'Digital Education'

It will be our intention to provide greater access to and education on digital technology in a bid to make the community not only digitally literate, but digitally fluent.

We have already established a dialogue with Go-On Lewisham and have made clear our intent to work with them so that the Library can become a key location for improving the digital skills of Lewisham adults.

Studios and work space

We would use the additional rooms above and below the existing library space as studios and workspace areas, rented out to carefully selected tenants in order to increase our community offering, but also to generate a long term revenue stream. A studios, workspace and residency programme at the library will provide further affordable workspace for local artists and creative businesses.

The footprint of the library on the ground floor within the building would remain the same and existing functions within the other dedicated areas would be judged upon their merit and the level of support and regard from users of these services, and Manor House community offerings.

Universal service

We aim to provide and deliver services fairly and equally, to engage with minority groups within the community, e.g. providing books for those who do not have English as a primary language; providing help for job seekers; for the elderly, etc. We would also like to build on existing services offered to the blind and partially sighted.

Would you make use of the activities and facilities being proposed by V22 for Manor House Library?

Do you see the activities/events proposed by V22 as being of value to the local community?

Volunteering at Manor House Library**Would you volunteer at Manor House Library?***(please select one answer)*Yes No **If yes, do you consent to your contact details being shared with the successful partner organisation?***(please select one answer)*Yes No **Please provide your name and preferred contact details below (e.g. telephone number and/or email address):**

Respondent Type**Are you a resident in the London Borough of Lewisham?***(please select one answer)*Yes No **Please provide your postcode below:**

About you

The following monitoring questions help us to be fair and inclusive in the work that we do. All questions on the form are **voluntary** and you do not have to answer them.

The information that you do provide helps us to understand who is sharing their views and influencing our decision-making. It also helps us to ensure that nobody is discriminated against unlawfully.

Any information that you do choose to provide on this form will be treated confidentially in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Age

Please select your age group

(please select one answer)

- Under 18 years
- 18-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65+
- I'd rather not say*

Ethnicity**What is your ethnic group?***(please select one answer)***White***English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British* *Irish* *Gypsy or Irish Traveller* *Any other White background* **Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups***White and Asian* *White and Black African* *White and Black Caribbean* *Any other mixed/ multiple ethnic background* **Asian/Asian British***Chinese* *Bangladeshi* *Pakistani* *Indian* *Any other Asian background* **Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British***African* *Caribbean* *Any other Black/ African/ Caribbean background* **Any other ethnic group***Arab* *Other ethnic group* *I'd rather not say* **Any other White background (please specify)**

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Any other mixed/ multiple ethnic background (please specify)

Any other Asian background (please specify)

Any other Black/ African/ Caribbean background (please specify)

Any other ethnic group (please specify)

Gender

Are you:

(please select one answer)

Male

Female

I'd rather not say

Transgender

Is your gender identity different from the gender you were assigned at birth?

(please select one answer)

Yes

No

I'd rather not say

Disability

Under the Equality Act 2010 a person is considered to have a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities. This also includes people with HIV, cancer and multiple sclerosis (MS).

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

(please select one answer)

Yes No I'd rather not say

Please state the type of impairment that applies to you

People may experience more than one type of impairment, in which case you may indicate more than one. If none of the categories apply, please mark 'Other' and specify the type of impairment.

Please state the type of impairment that applies to you.

(please select all that apply)

Physical impairment, such as difficulty using your arms or mobility issues which means using a wheelchair or crutches

Sensory impairment, such as being blind/ having a serious visual impairment or being deaf/ having a serious hearing impairment

Mental health condition, such as depression or schizophrenia

Learning disability/difficulty, such as Down's Syndrome or dyslexia or cognitive impairment, such as autistic spectrum disorder

Long-standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy

Other

Any other disability (please specify)

Religion and belief

(please select one answer)

- None
- Christian (all denominations)
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Any other religion/ belief
- I'd rather not say

Any other religion (please specify)

Sexual Orientation

How would you define your sexual orientation?

(please select one answer)

- Straight/ heterosexual
- Gay/ lesbian
- Bisexual
- Other
- I'd rather not say

Any other sexual orientation (please specify)

Pregnancy & Maternity**Are you pregnant or on maternity leave?***(please select one answer)*Yes No Prefer not to say **Would you like to receive the Lewisham Life e-newsletter for local events and things to do, news, discounts and other consultations?***(please select all that apply)*Yes please No thanks **If yes please provide your email address**