

# Arc Teacher's Forum Minutes

12.07.06

## Present

Kevin Parker - Arc  
Carmen Thompson - Arc  
Faye Simpson - Arc  
Jenni Owen - Arc  
Claire Pearson – Ian Ramsay School  
Kim Burn – Cleveland College of Art and Design  
Belinda Cunningham – Kings Manor School  
Nicky Spencely – Our Lady and St Bedes  
Jeremy Gribbin – English Martyrs

## Apologies

Kevin Bailey – Abbey Hill School  
Tony Gears – Egglecliffe

1 | **Review of achievements**

2 | **Future Progression**

2.1 | Music

**CP requested musical artists to hold workshops in schools.** She would like to see an increase in the range of musical performances offered by Arc. Eg choral music. Also musical workshops which are related to GCSE work, especially when young people are creating their own pieces.

**FS to update all teachers on Youth Music – Street Sounds**

2.2 | Creative Arts Day

Teachers suggested a creative arts day which offered a taster in each artistic area. **CT to investigate and put options together**

2.3 | Aim Higher

3<sup>rd</sup> year students to attend Arts Careers day

Aim Higher are appointing Creative Advisors to mentor students and they will form crucial links for the future.

The university of Teesside will be offering a bigger range of discovery days to young people.

2.4 | Arc Tours

BC suggested that a tour of Arc, explaining technical functions, and how an arts venue operates would be beneficial to her students. **CT to develop a package.**

2.5 | Room Hire – **CT to send out room hire costs to all members**

2.6 | Too Much Punch for Judy – A local authority road safety play

CP requested that these types of plays are performed at Arc and seen by a wider audience. Schools within the forum could pool their resources to pay for the theatre group (Ape Theatre) to come to Arc.

**KP to explore further.**

- 2.7 This will require schools signing up before hand in order to avoid losses for Arc.  
Poet / Author
- In order to support the English curriculum it would benefit students if a poet / author performed and ran workshops. this does not necessarily mean a poet from the GCSE Anthology, students would benefit from local writers too.
- Suggested poets – New Word Order. **CT to create options package on local authors to present to the forum.**
- CT to follow up this request with New Writing North and perhaps invite NWN to attend the teachers forum.**
- 2.8 Master Classes
- Dramatists working directly with young people would also be of great benefit. **KP to devise list of options for ATF.**
- Alternatively creating a 1 act play would be a valuable experience.
- 2.9 Teacher Training
- Workshops upskilling non-drama specialist teachers would be of great benefit.
- 3 Education Hot Spots and Black Spots  
All teachers to forward calendars to **CT to ensure events and activities do not clash with the school calendar.**
- Hot Spots – last 2 weeks in July: Activities Week
- 4 Forthcoming Events
- 4.1 Twelfth Night – Arden Theatre Co are offering Arc Based and School Based workshops to accompany this play. Arden also offer tailored workshops on many plays which will enable young people to develop a passion for live theatre, understand the transition from page to stage and character development.
- 4.2 Tempest – **KP to book Boxed Tempest**, early April best time of year.
- 4.3 Sakoba – **NS and BC are interested in booking workshops with Sakoba**
- 4.4 Cathy Marston – this is during the half term
- 4.5 Fidget Feet – All schools potentially interested require more info.
- 5 Other Matters
- 5.1 CT to contact all teachers before the end of term to follow up discussions
- 5.2 **NS and BC to forward promotional quotes about Arc activities to CT**
- 5.3 Teachers to forward **calendar dates to CT**
- 5.4 **CT to set date for next meeting** 3 weeks into new term.
- 5.5 Teachers keen on working together in clusters to pool funding and resources
- 5.6 **CT to produce funding update for next meeting** eg enterprise funding, personalised learning funding, extended schools funding. And guidance on working as a cluster and pooling resources to get the most benefit out of being part of the forum.