

Task and Finish Group on Participation in the Arts in Wales

Inquiry into Participation in the Arts in Wales

Response from Wrexham Youth Justice Service

1. What organisation do you represent?

Wrexham Youth Justice Service

2. Which groups of people participate in your organisation's arts activities?

young people who offend (aged between 10 & 18yrs) or young people who are 'at risk' of offending(aged between 10 & 18yrs old)

3. Do you think that budget changes have affected participation in the arts, either positively or negatively?

We have never had sufficient funding to undertake this work so it has always been difficult, so therefore it is difficult to say. However, some activities we have done have been subsidized by arts organisations and I am assuming that this will disappear or reduce and therefore we may not get these subsidies

4. Do you think that certain groups of people have been affected more than others?

Don't know

5. Are there gaps in provision for people to participate in arts activities, either demographically or geographically?

We find that there is a gap for specialists to travel to North Wales.

6. Are there enough funding sources available other than the Arts Council for Wales? Are alternative funding sources accessible?

No!

7. What role does the voluntary arts sector play in promoting participation in the arts in Wales and how can this be supported?

Don't know

8. Is the strategic relationship between the Welsh Government and the bodies that distribute arts funding effective in increasing participation?

Don't know

9. All public bodies in Wales will have published a strategic equality plan by April 2012. Do you think that these new public sector equality duties

will help to increase participation in the arts among under-represented groups in Wales?

Don't know