



CFO name: SCOTTISH YOUTH THEATRE	Reference number (GMS): G200801078
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Lead officer's recommendation

Scottish Youth Theatre (SYT) is a strategically important organisation which impacts on all 3 Scottish Arts Council Aims (particularly Aim 3). They involve large numbers of young people and play a key role in developing the youth theatre sector in Scotland. While SYT predicts a reduction in activity on standstill, their new developments should balance out the impact of this long term. Participation continues to increase under standstill). The new building provides enhanced opportunities for SYT to develop strategically (although it could potentially drain resources and become a risk factor).

SYT has a very strong management structure. The organisation is concerned about their future financial position however the lead officer believes they are in a relatively strong position particularly given their new capital development.

Under standstill I would recommend support for their application.

Under the optimum scenario would recommend that SYT is funded by an additional £100,000 towards the following:

- The Summer Festival (*re-instate the one lost production and maintain fees at the current level/provide a rural course*)
- The Special Educational Needs workshops (*provide 10 free places*)
- National Roadshow (*free of charge*)
- Weekly classes (*expand to Aberdeen*)
- SYT Productions (*provide Oct recruitment week/weekend masterclass/recruit participants from wide geographic spread*)

Assessment:	High		
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Areas of concern:

No areas of concern.

Development issues:

There is scope for SYT to

- Develop a more inclusive approach particularly in relation to disabled young people.
- Develop the board to reflect a more diverse society.

Inform the board of the Scottish Arts Council equalities policy and strategy.

Lead Officer: ANGELA HOGG	Date: 26 November 2005.
Print name:	

Decision and authorisation			
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Stage 2: Head of Department recommendation within the context of the sector ecosystem			
Category for support	Essential		
<p>SYT has a unique role in developing young people in theatre. Additional investment would bring considerable extra benefit to participants and the public in general. SYT need to be conscious of the risks attendant on operating a new building.</p>			
Decision authorised:			
Head of Department Print name:	Head of Drama	Date 1.12.05	

Stage 3: Head of Department recommendation within the context of the Corporate Synthesised scenario			
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Category for support	Foundation		
<p>Scottish Youth Theatre (SYT) is the organisation which runs Youth Theatre activity at a national level through its summer schools and other activities throughout the year. It represents the high point for non-professional drama for young people. It has recently moved in to a purpose built building in Glasgow and has potential to grow and raise standards even further. SYT provides development opportunities for young artists and works to high artistic standards. The organisation also provides international opportunities for participants.</p>			
Recommendation authorised:			
Head of Department Print name: David Taylor		Date 14.02.06	

Stage 4: Group Heads			
Recommendation and authorisation			
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Category for support	Foundation		
In line with the other national youth arts development agencies, we are proposing Foundation status with the proposed increase in grant for 07/08			
Decision authorised:			
Group Head Print name: Jim Tough		Date 14.02.06	

Stage 5: Creative Arts / Performing Arts Committee			
Recommendation and authorisation			
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Category for support	Foundation		
Agreed as per Manager/Group Heads recommendation with additional comment/conditions: that the organisation needs to develop a greater national profile.			
Committee Chair Print name: Jennifer Waterton		Date 06 February 2006	

Stage 6: Council			
Decision			
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Category for support	Foundation		
<p>Approved Foundation funding as per Managers/Group Heads and Committee recommendation</p>			
Chairman Print name: Richard Holloway		Date 28 February 2006	

End of Assessment