



# Inspire AGM Meeting Minutes

**The Auditorium – Mansfield Central Library,  
Weds 12/10/16 – 7pm**

**Present:** 70+ Inspire members and staff

**Apologies:**

Karl Hilton – Studio Director, Sumo Digital

Tim Eatherington – Co Opted Director

Pippa Hennessy – Community Elected Director

Pauline Allan – Member

Joanne Lane - Member

## **1. Welcome**

- John Knight welcomed members to the first Inspire AGM and gave a short speech on the value and importance of the benefit society.

## **2. Review**

- Peter Gaw presented an annual review of Inspire's first six months (see appendix 1) and highlighted the many achievements and successes that have been delivered by Inspire staff and enjoyed by its members.

## **3. Financial Update**

- Andrew Kordecki was introduced to the audience by Peter Gaw as Inspire's new Senior Financial Officer. Andrew gave a brief summary of Inspire's finances (see appendix 2).

## **4. Confirmation of Board Elected Members – resolution to approve**

- Peter Gaw introduced the newly elected community and staff board members:  
Richard Gaunt  
John Hess  
Philip Jones  
Steve Powell
- All four members are required to sign the CBS Duties and Code of Practice of Directors  
Signed by Richard Gaunt, John Hess, Philip Jones and Steve Powell

## **5. AOB**

- None

## **6. Poet Kate Fox**

- Peter Gaw introduced Kate Fox, Inspire's guest poet who recited a poem specially written for the AGM (see appendix 3) and several of her other poems.

**Close of meeting – 8.15pm**

# Appendix 1

Annual General Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016



## AGM Agenda

7pm – Wednesday 12 October 2016  
Mansfield Central Library

1. Welcome by John Knight (Chair Shadow Board)
2. Annual review by Peter Gaw (Chief Executive Officer)
3. Financial update by Andrew Kordecki (Senior Financial Officer)
4. Confirmation of Board elected members – Peter Gaw
5. A.O.B

### Agenda Item 2 : Annual Review



**Our Mission is to inspire people to read, learn and enjoy culture**

## Inspiring highlights



**Able Orchestra goes national!** County Youth Arts' Able Orchestra were invited to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in July as part of their Ten Pieces concert. It was broadcast to an international television and radio audience. The project is funded by the Nottinghamshire Music Hub and in partnership with Orchestras Live.

**Jazz in libraries** Inspire libraries demonstrate they can be vibrant cultural spaces in partnership with Jazz Steps and have seen audience numbers grow from 340 to 1000 over the last 3 and half years.



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**Modernising our libraries** Beeston Library refurbishment is the most ambitious yet. When the building re-opens in 2017, users can look forward to a modern library layout and a cutting edge IT innovation suite. Further refurbishments are planned at Keyworth and Mansfield Woodhouse.



**Inspire's Community Learning and Skills Service (CLASS)** launched a new programme of learning in every district in Nottinghamshire.

Funded by the Skills Funding Agency and in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, CLASS now offer over 100 direct delivery courses reflecting the themes of employability, health and wellbeing.

### Our Education Library Service (ELS) and Instrumental Music Teaching Service (IMT) continue to add real value to schools

"ELS provides an invaluable service offering excellent value for money. I would not want to be without the School Librarian's support package which gives access to a huge range of professional support and expertise."

School Librarian

"Just wanted to put in writing how fantastic our Instrumental Music teacher was today. He had a tricky class totally engaged for the full lesson-brilliant management and outcomes."

Head of Department (Music)



**Summer Safety Roadshows** This summer saw our largest libraries play host to these ever popular Roadshows, now in their sixth year. The attendance saw record highs with nearly 2000 people across the three events.

**Southwell Library Poetry Festival** In its ninth year, this year's featured headliners including the mesmerising Lemn Sissay MBE, Forward Prize-winning poet Daljit Nagra and acclaimed stand-up poet and writer Kate Fox, alongside a range of talks and workshops. "Lemn Sissay really touched my heart – poetically, politically, as a human being."





**National Youth Choir of Great Britain partnership** - Students from The South Wolds Academy (Keyworth) and The National C of E Academy (Hucknall) joined singers from the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain's elite Fellowship Programme in May to launch a new partnership for choral excellence in Nottinghamshire secondary schools.

The partnership brings together the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain, Nottinghamshire Music Hub and the Theatre Royal & Royal Concert Hall Nottingham, who will jointly deliver a three-year programme of workshops, activities, and performances.

**Celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl** - Over 500 participants from across the county worked with artists in libraries to create a wonderful exhibition in Mansfield Central Library Gallery to mark the Summer Reading Challenge. We also achieved our best ever result for this year's challenge - 10,696 children in Nottinghamshire took part in the challenge.



**Volunteer celebration** - In July we celebrated the invaluable contribution our volunteers make to inspire, with an afternoon celebration at Newark Library and a personal thank you from our CEO.



**2.9m** visitors came through the doors of Nottinghamshire libraries. A further **1.4m** accessed our services 'virtually'. That's **7 x more** than the combined league home attendance at Nottingham Forest and Notts County last season!



**2,546** items are selected each week by our Education Library Service librarians for schools to help children learn

**Over 1m**

items on our library shelves

**80,000**

new items added to the library

**1,600**

county children and young people have competed, performed, and participated in concerts, proms and events in venues from London to Nottingham to Manchester!



**864 years**

of history in **4 million** archival documents



Our oldest archive is dated c.1155 - Charter from Henry II to the people of Nottingham

**393**

the number of venues our Community Learning and Skills Service deliver community learning from - **across across every district in Nottinghamshire** - more than any other community learning provider in the county



**14,248 pupils**

developed a **passion for music** in our Instrumental Music lessons

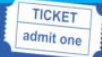


**15,875**

Bookstart packs gifted last year inspiring children's love of books

**200**

amazing events on average delivered each week in our libraries. Around **10,000** a year!



## Appendix 2

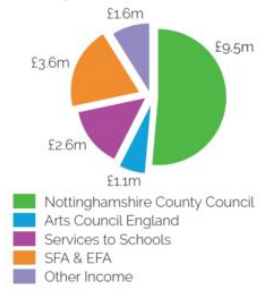
### Our finances



#### Expenditure and funding

Expenditure for 2016/2017 will be £18.4m

Funding and income comes from:

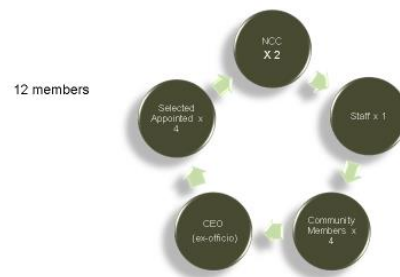


#### Investment - one off

The Council will invest around £1.2M in the refurbishment and modernisation of library buildings and the development of Community Partnership Libraries.

The Council has an investment approved strategy to develop and modernise the Learning and Skills Services Inspire delivers, amounting to £620K over the next academic year.

#### Inspire Board



### Appendix 3

Inspire comes from the words breathe in,  
as in, breathe truth or ideas into someone,  
so- here's a chance to take in  
what that means  
since going live in April 2016  
with a mission to get people  
learning, reading and enjoying culture.

Thirty thousand members  
breathing the same air,  
wanting to share  
the benefits culture can give,  
wanting more than just to exist  
but to live.

The Able orchestra,  
a youth orchestra open to all,  
circulated their musical breaths  
across the country  
and in the Albert Hall

Jazz men and women  
took syncopated breaths in libraries  
with Jazz Steps,

The modern new library at Beeston  
will take people's breath away  
and Keyworth and Mansfield Woodhouse  
are on the way.

CLASS is community learning,  
people taking a deep breath  
and learning something new  
to keep you well and get you earning  
in 393 venues across the county,  
not to boast but that's more  
than any other learning provider  
in the country

Over fourteen thousand kids  
have taken a deep breath  
into recorders, trombones,  
flutes and before strumming a ukulele  
music lessons in schools,  
becoming part of something bigger than they are  
developing rhythm and teamwork,  
seeing themselves more clearly.

Nottinghamshire schools  
have partnered with the National Youth Choir  
1600 performances by kids  
in Nottingham, Manchester and London,  
sights raised by singing a different song,  
breathing in harmony,  
finding a place to belong.

Southwell Poetry Festival  
saw national acts gather in a cathedral town,  
filling our lungs with summer air,  
with books to flog and words to spare,  
allowing ourselves to dream free  
with guests including Lemn Sissay and me!

and Inspire staff and volunteers mustn't ever  
take a breath  
because there's two hundred events a week  
in the country's libraries.

The biggest summer reading challenge yet-  
over ten and a half thousand people  
reading Roald Dahl  
who also inspired an art exhibition  
in Mansfield Library's gallery.

There was a thank you party  
for the Big Friendly Giants  
and Marvellous Medicine givers  
who are Inspire's volunteers.

Nearly three million people visited the libraries this year  
1.4 million came via the net  
that's seven times more than Notts County and Notts Forest combined!  
Clearly Inspire's hitting the back of the net,

Building up strong lungs  
as it meets its goals,  
is it too lofty to say,  
it's good for our souls?