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Creative Communities funding available

Selwyn District Council is encouraging community-based arts or cultural groups and individuals to apply for funding for their next project as Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme funding applications are now open.

The Creative Communities Scheme is administered by the Selwyn District Council on behalf of Creative New Zealand and supports local arts activities.

Projects or activities must encourage community involvement, support diverse arts and cultural traditions, or enable young people to actively participate in the arts.

In the past, Creative Communities funding has supported projects and activities in Selwyn such as exhibitions, productions, concerts, festivals, workshops and presentations that offer opportunities for community involvement in the arts.

Amanda Hopkins of Darfield received \$450 of funding in August last year for after-school theatre classes for children which led to a Christmas performance in the Kirwee Hall. "The project was very fulfilling for the participants and due to the interest and positive response, I have continued running the classes," says Mrs Hopkins.

The Lincoln Women's Institute Entertainment Group received \$500 in September last year for a Senior Citizens Concert. "The highlight of our project was seeing everyone's faces light up as they watched the members performing light-hearted entertainment," says Group Convenor Helen Hawkins.

Selwyn has four Creative Communities funding rounds each year and has \$14,500 of funding to distribute this round towards community-based arts or cultural projects. Later funding rounds will occur in August, November and February.

Funding may be given to activities such as dance, performance, visual arts, music, arts education, toi Maori, literary workshops and digital storytelling. Funds can also cover artist-led projects involving local communities, materials, promotion for arts activities, or personnel costs for one-off, short term projects.

Applications for this round close on Friday 30 May 2014. For funding application forms, visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding or for assistance with completing the form, please contact Stuart Westoby on 347 2708.

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Photos attached:

The Lincoln Women's Institute Entertainment Group performing at the Senior Citizens Concert held at the Lincoln Event Centre last year.

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