

**PORTFOLIO:**

**CULTURE, HEALTH, LEISURE  
& YOUNG PEOPLE**

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## **OLD TOWN HALL & TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE**

Plans to carry out a programme of repairs and restoration to the fabric of the building and explore future utilisation and commercialisation of the Old Town Hall continue to be progressed.

An Overview and Scrutiny Task Group has now been formed to review the current service and look at options for future development of the Tourism Information Centre with a view to providing a more commercially orientated and modern service. This work will include members of the Task Group visiting Tourist Information Centres in other parts of the North of England and reporting back to Overview and Scrutiny in late November. Their findings will then be considered in how future phases of development of the Old Town Hall are defined including the potential for external funding.

## **SUMMER PROJECTS**

Summer Splash 2012 ran throughout the summer holiday period and attracted young people aged between 10-17 years at venues across the City. In mid August, the successful summer arts and performance project, which works particularly with mental health support groups, those recovering from substance misuse, people with disabilities and the long term unemployed, was run for the third year.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

### **Healthy City Week 2012 - forthcoming event 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October**

This is advanced notice of the approach of Carlisle's second Healthy City Week. The week seeks to raise awareness amongst agencies and promote collaboration to tackle the issues which contribute to ill health, poor quality of life and premature death.

## **INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION**

The City Council is proud to be working with voluntary sports clubs, Carlisle Leisure Limited (CLL) and Carlisle's Sport and Physical Activity Alliance (SPAA) Foundation to build on the legacy of the Olympic Games. At the forefront of this work is the aim of ***'Inspiring the Next Generation'***

### **Carlisle Sports Awards - Forthcoming event Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

The second Carlisle Sports Awards evening will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The awards celebrate local talent, honour volunteers and coaches and recognise the contribution they make to delivering sport in Carlisle. Nominations are open across a number of categories and once again, Carlisle City Council will be sponsoring the 'Volunteer of the Year' Award.

## **Sports Development**

The City Council plays a key strategic role in ensuring a wide range of sporting opportunity is made available to all members of the community. It supports, commissions and monitors work through clubs, schools, Carlisle SPAA Foundation and Carlisle Leisure Ltd. Over a very busy summer period a sample of work includes:

- Developing a new volunteer scheme to offer young people the chance to volunteer in sports related opportunities. Links made with Streetgames to encourage young people to volunteer in their communities.
- Commissioning of a rounder's course at Carlisle Youth Zone to enable families to take up opportunities to play sport together.
- Work with Cumbria University to give students experience of delivering sports development in the community. They will organise sports events such as volunteer engagement and back 2 sports activities.

## **TULLIE HOUSE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY TRUST**

### **Talking Objects**

*Talking Objects* is a programme initiated by the British Museum to inspire engagement with museum collections by young people and encourage links with cultural and heritage sites in their area. As one of the British Museum's six national partners, this summer Tullie House took part in this prestigious programme. The project worked with pupils from Richard Rose Morton Academy. It focused on a special object from the museum collection, the Celtic statue of the *Genii Cucullati*, (or Gods in Hooded Cloaks). Tullie House is now looking forward to building on its links with Richard Rose Academy. For more information contact Tim Padley on 618768.

### **Georgians**

This popular exhibition ran from 23<sup>rd</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> September and explored Carlisle's development during the Georgian period (1714-1836). Visitors are able to see the context that brought the industrial revolution and growth of the British Empire and left a lasting mark on the City. The response to the exhibition has been very positive.