



Subject:	To seek approval for the use of Botanic Gardens for Belfast Children's Festival 2018.
Date:	7 th November 2017
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To request permission for the use of Botanic Gardens for Belfast Children's Festival 2018. The dates requested are Friday 9 th , 10 th March and 11 th March 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recommend that permission is granted for the use of Botanic Gardens for this 20th Belfast Children's Festival, see attached map appendix 1 subject to satisfactory terms in line with the above being agreed with the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on condition that:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The organiser resolves all operational issues to the council’s satisfaction; 2. An appropriate legal agreement is completed; and 3. An event management plan is developed to Council’s satisfaction and the organiser meets all statutory requirements of the Building Control Service including the terms and conditions of the Parks Entertainments Licence.
3.0	Main report
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p>Young at Art has successfully delivered events since 1998. This children’s festival will mark the 20th children’s festival delivered. The event is children orientated and will include activities such as a Luminarium (Architects of Air). Architects of Air build ‘luminaria’ – monumental inflatable structures designed to generate a sense of wonder at the beauty of light and colour. Each Luminarium is a dazzling maze of winding paths and soaring domes. The domes are large chambers rising up to 10 metres high that provide the focal points which create the beauty of light and colour. Appendix 2 sets out in full the detail of the event and its delivery.</p> <p>From, Hong Kong to Honolulu, Taipei to Tel Aviv, Sydney to Singapore, the monumental walk-in sculptures of Architects of Air have enchanted audiences around the world. Since 1992, over 3 million visitors in 41 countries across 5 continents have immersed themselves in the spectacular, luminous world of Architects of Air which will come to Belfast from its current position in Germany. To assist with the cost of provision, there will be a charge of £3 per person. Time slots will control the numbers. The Luminarium has the capacity to hold 80 people at any one time.</p> <p>In addition there will also be theatre performances which will cost £10 per person and will focus on children aged 7+ years. This is a standard ticket price for a children’s festival ticket. These are the only chargeable activities.</p> <p>There will be a huge range of free activities throughout Botanic Gardens and the Ulster museum, including; sow and grow workshops, arts and crafts, treasure trails, drumming workshops, walk about performers, magicians, dance and learning zones.</p> <p><u>Key Issue</u> To seek approval for the use of Botanic Gardens for a three day children’s festival.</p>

3.6	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>The organisers have requested free use of the following: Bowling Pavilion, Tropical Ravine, Palm House, Bandstand and use of the gardens.</p> <p>Human Resources:</p> <p>The proposal has no Human Resource implications other than Officer time.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>No Implications</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Site Map</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Luminarium (Architects of air) photographs.</p>