



Carnival Village Trust Selected for Carnival Grant

14 November 2018 - Following a tendering process, **Carnival Village Trust (CVT)** has been selected by the **Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC)** as the successful applicant of their annual £100k grant to organise the next three Notting Hill Carnivals (2019, 2020 and 2021).

The Council has made its official decision following a recommendation by a panel, consisting of local residents, Carnival community representatives, local ward councillors and strategic partners, which unanimously selected CVT. Eight parties initially showed intent to apply for the grant, and four ultimately submitting expressions of interest.

It was noted by the panel that CVT's successful running of the 2018 Carnival (which operated through their subsidiary company, Notting Hill Carnival Ltd), their commitment to improving the Carnival's environmental sustainability and overall long-term ambitions, were key factors in their decision. This is the first year such a panel has assessed grant applications.

Ian Comfort chair of Carnival Village Trust said,

"We were honoured and proud to be appointed as Carnival organisers for 2018 and are pleased that we have demonstrated that we have the capacity and community support to continue for the next three years. We are uniquely positioned through our capacity, track record, secure funding for core work and our pivotal role within the local and Carnival communities to continue to provide the necessary governance, professional and event management expertise and artistic leadership to ensure that the Carnival is an exemplar of a cultural street event."

Cllr Gerard Hargreaves, Lead Member Communities and Culture, Kensington and Chelsea Council, said,

"I am pleased the council has followed the unanimous decision of the Carnival Grant Advisory Panel and awarded the Carnival grant for the next three years to the Carnival Village Trust."

"I think the panel recognised that this year's Carnival was a spectacular, fun and well organised event - I'm sure Carnival over the years ahead will build on this success."

“Carnival is owned and organised by the community, we’re proud we can support such a globally recognised, and locally popular, street celebration.”

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Notes to editor

About Carnival Village Trust

Carnival Village Trust is a registered charity and a national portfolio organisation for carnival arts funded by the Arts Council. CVT manages two venues in West London: The Tabernacle in North Kensington and the Yaa Centre in North Westminster. Both are located in the heart of Carnival.

CVT has two wholly owned charity subsidiary companies: **TabernacleW11 Ltd**, which is responsible for managing facilities at The Tabernacle; and **Notting Hill Carnival Ltd**, which is set up to manage the organisation of the Carnival and to provide an opportunity for wide-representation of carnivalists and local people in its planning and governance. Collectively the three organisations comprise the **Carnival Village Trust Group**.