

## **6 What is the project?**

Happy's Circus tours the UK to schools in term time and community projects in the holidays, and they have been booked to come to Oak Hill Park and set up their 600 seat big top tent near to the café in Oak Hill Park on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August for the finale performance of our 2016 Festival which is celebrating our 21<sup>st</sup> festival

They offer a 2 hour professional performance at 3pm, preceded by a workshop for all ages at 1.30pm

The application is for 200 free seats to be offered to low income and disadvantaged adults and children. This includes local summer play schemes, social service referrals or recommendations. Community focus and local charity organisations. The total seating is 600 and it is for 200 tickets that we are seeking assistance ( i.e. 200 x £8 = £1600)

We will also have additional expenditure on press advertising estimated to be £300 and setting up a card payment facility at the main festival. Estimated to be £100

## **7 How will it benefit the local areas**

The benefit to the local area will be to provide superb family entertainment at a reasonable and reduced or free price for all ages, which will not be dependent on weather conditions. There has never been a Circus at Oak Hill park in the 21 years that the festival has taken place and this is a marvellous opportunity to provide a live entertainment event that can be enjoyed by all ages.

The audience is expected to be mainly from East Barnet and Brunswick Park Ward, with more from surrounding areas, i.e. Coppetts High Barnet , Underhill and Oakleigh wards

## **8 Who will benefit**

The whole community, but especially families and young people who cannot afford to go away during the holiday period. This will offer them a very enjoyable experience and for some an unforgettable introduction to live entertainment

## **9.What evidence of need is there for this project?**

East Barnet Music & Dance Festival is held annually in July is a free event, and very popular with families and young people, as are the Theatre in the Park performances on summer Sundays.

Attached is a summary of comments received, which include requests for more children's entertainment.

## **10.Please provide a breakdown of how the project intends to spend the Area Committee Funding**

We want to use the funding to provide up to 200 free tickets and towards advertising and implementing a mobile card payment facility

## **11 Which corporate priority will the project assist in delivering**

To promote family and community well-being and encourage cohesive and safe communities

**12 Please tell us how your project meets the selected priority**

All the Festival events bring the community together, taking part in performances in the open air in the beautiful surroundings of Oak Hill Park. Comments are received on the happy atmosphere and enjoyable experiences of those who attend.

By enhancing the festival with a Circus event we will once again bring the community together to enjoy a first class family entertainment suitable for all ages

**13 . Is the applicant or organisation part of a constituted group or organisation**

Yes . East Barnet Festival is a company limited by guarantee no 3213293 The company has charitable status No 1063654

**14, Are there any safeguarding issues**

We have a safeguarding policy which is registered with the Equalities register . All the children attending our events are with their parents in any case.

**15 Are there any equality issues.**

We have an equality policy, also registered

**16 In the past twelve months have you sought or are you seeking funding from anywhere else including another Council department for this project**

No

**16.1 n/a**

For info We make an application annually to the London Borough of Barnet for the expenses of musicians and entertainers who perform at East Barnet main Music & Dance Festival early in July. We are usually awarded £1500.