

**BID FOR FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEES
PRO FORMA**

1. Short project title: Colne Light Festival

2. Bid submitted by: Aneesa McGladdery

3. On behalf of (please include contact details): Colne BID Ltd.....
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4(a). Does your organisation have a constitution? Yes

(b). Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work? Yes

(c). Does your organisation have its own bank account? Yes.....

(d). How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account? 1

5. Is your organisation VAT-registered?* Yes

6. Amount requested: £5000.....

7. Brief details of project: We will be working in partnership with six voluntary organisations. As part of a larger community inaugural Light Parade in March 2023. We will be working together to offer creative activities in February and March 2023 prior to the groups taking part in the parade itself. The parade will be a light spectacle, saying good bye to the long and cold dark months of Winter and welcoming in the Spring. Beauty, wonder and awe will be in a plenty whilst also bringing community cohesion to the town. The people of Colne have not seen or engaged in a Light Parade like this before. The groups will attend 4 x 2 hour workshop sessions each in a heated space. Refreshments, materials and travel expenses will be provided, supporting people during the cost of living crisis. There will be volunteers from each of the groups offering 1:1 support and guidance for those attending the making activities. Training and instruction will be provided to all volunteers which enables those groups to continue with this kind of making in the future. Workshops will be adapted and set up to meet the needs of each group and persons taking part. Individual illuminated items will be made to be held in the parade and each person can take this home with them afterwards. Workshops will be advertised through each group network using email communications and posters. The Light Parade will be shared across social media with posters and special competitions through the local businesses as an incentive to bring people to the parade. All activity will take place and in line with current covid guidelines and we can adapt to suit any changes. Feedback will be collected from all relevant stakeholders informing the success and challenges with the project.

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8. Main outcomes to be achieved: 1. - This will be a new multi partnership in Colne. It brings people together and creates a sense of pride in individual and collective achievements. 2. – This will be the first time that the Light Parade has taken place in Colne. We know from feedback on much smaller projects that illuminating the streets will bring a joy, wonder and a feeling of celebration to the town. 3. – We will be working some of the most vulnerable people in Colne, low-income families, special educational needs and people with disabilities. We know from recent workshops that this type of activity has a positive impact reducing low mood, anxiety, social isolation and builds new friendships. Funded transport costs, free refreshments, heated space and support from volunteers enables everyone taking part to feel comfortable and enjoy the activity.

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9. When will the project be implemented? Jan – March 2023

10. Who will undertake the project works? Colne BID Ltd and Handmade Parade CIC

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11. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere? Yes

If so, please give details: We have received £10,000 from Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS's social prescribing fund to help deliver this project

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12. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?

We would like to make this an annual event, once the workshops and parade have taken place there will be no long term revenue consequences (apart from making this an annual event)

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****Please note that grants inclusive of VAT will only be awarded where the organisation is not VAT-registered and is unable to reclaim VAT***