

NEWS RELEASE

MK Arts & Heritage Alliance appoints Intern



AHA-mk's new intern Lallie Davis

Milton Keynes Arts & Heritage Alliance (AHA-mk) has appointed an intern, Lallie Davis, for the next six months. Lallie, who recently moved to the area having completed a Masters in Culture, Policy and Management at City University, London, said she is excited to be working with AHA-mk members to learn about and promote the dynamic cultural scene in Milton Keynes.

The twenty-six member organisations of the Alliance work collaboratively to support the development of Arts & Heritage in Milton Keynes. Lallie will be providing administrative and organisational support for their quarterly Forum meetings and to co-ordinate and promote their projects and activities. In return she will gain an insight into the operational models of some of MK's best known arts and heritage organisations, and career development through introductions to local, regional and national professional practices.

Speaking of Lallie's appointment, Euan Henderson, Chair of AHA-mk said: *Lallie's voluntary internship, which is supported by Arts Gateway-mk in association with Milton Keynes Council's Arts & Heritage Teams, significantly increases AHA-mk's capacity to advocate the significant benefits of arts and heritage to the growing community of Milton Keynes."*

Amongst Lallie's priorities will be working with *Destination MK* to promote next year's arts and heritage events under the banner of *Summer of Culture 2012*, including *Heritage Open Days* the AHA-mk *Arts and Heritage Open Places* week, supporting the members' professional development training programme, and promoting the collective achievements of member organisations.

Lallie said, *"I've already learnt that in 2009-2010 AHA-mk members events and activities attracted almost 2.6 million visits or engagements. In the same period, collectively AHA-MK members generated £14.6m of turnover; this supports employment (and in turn generates revenue for the government). I look forward to supporting the Alliance's valuable activity and promoting opportunities for even more people in the city and region to enjoy MK's arts and heritage offer."*

In addition to their core work delivering exciting and diverse arts and heritage experiences for Milton Keynes and the surrounding region, AHA-mk members provide valuable feedback from the sector to local strategy consultations.

Notes to Editors

AHA-mk Member organisations (as at September 2011)

Arts Gateway MK
Artworks MK
Bletchley Park
Cowper and Newton Museum
Destination MK
Festive Road
Fringe-MK @ Westbury
Inter-Action MK
Living Archive
Madcap Arts Centre
Milton Keynes Arts Education Forum
Milton Keynes Arts For Health
Milton Keynes City Centre Management
Milton Keynes Community Foundation
Milton Keynes Council including Milton Keynes Music Service
Milton Keynes Design Forum
MK Gallery
Milton Keynes Heritage Association
Milton Keynes Islamic Arts Heritage & Culture
Milton Keynes Museum
Milton Keynes City Orchestra
Milton Keynes Theatre
Stantonbury Campus Theatre
"The Play"s The Thing" Theatre Group
The Stables
Thames Valley Partnership: Arts & Community Safety

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