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From: Wendy Ivers [mailto:wendyjane.ivers@virgin.net]
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Subject: Comedy Development[Scanned]

I am a writer and comedian trying to get support and backing for comedy in the Grampian region and in Scotland in general. I wrote a detailed development strategy (april 2004) with ambitious aims and objectives and submitted this to various local authority departments in Aberdeen. Unfortunately despite my thoroughly researched ideas and post graduate qualification and experience in Community Education I have been stonewalled (i.e. several people failing to return phonecalls or meet with me to discuss ideas, people passing the buck and saying that they have passed my document on to someone else etc) and they failed to inform me that your consultation was taking place. I have attached a brief summary of the objectives I think are universal across art forms but which are particularly relevant to the development and nurturing of comedic talent in Scotland. Whilst I am aware that I have missed your consultation could you perhaps give comedy due consideration as a cultural activity in the future? Even the Scottish Arts Council are unaware as to if and how it fits into their remit.

Yours Wendy

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Summary - Aim and Objectives of Comical Capers

Comical Capers will specialise in the art of creating laughter. It aims to make Aberdeen City the centre of a comedy service, which nurtures local talent, and meets the laughter and regeneration needs of the people, communities and businesses of Grampian.

Over the next year Comical Capers will lay the foundations necessary to meet this ambitious aim. Between April 2004 and March 2006 it is proposed to:

- 1) **Establish a comedy audience base within Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray by booking professional performers from the UK comedy circuit and presenting them at regular comedy evenings at Café Drummonds and in suitable venues in Aberdeenshire and Moray. Comedians and comical entertainers will also be sourced for other venues and for social club, community, charity, corporate and private events etc.**
- 2) **Nurture local comedic talent by providing them with advice and networking opportunities and the chance to partake in writing & performance workshops and to perform in open spots and on newcomer nights.**
- 3) **Create opportunities for volunteers and paid staff to develop their confidence and skills by becoming involved in organising, running, promoting and reviewing the work of Comical Capers.**
- 4) **Develop the Comical Capers website to promote events, the services offered and to create a forum for those interested in comedy in Grampian.**
- 5) **Build on existing networks and develop partnerships with comedians and arts, entertainment and comedy venues in Grampian and throughout the country to minimise duplication of effort and to enhance the product and service.**
- 6) **Work in partnership with comedians and community groups and organisations to harness comedy as a tool for personal, professional and community development.**
- 7) **Monitor and evaluate the work of Comical Capers through community; audience; performer; and venue based research using the findings to develop the product and service.**
- 8) **Secure revenue, funding and sponsorship to help meet the above aim and objectives and to allow the organisation to develop in the long term.**

These interrelated objectives will be dealt with in more detail now.