

Information Sheet: Resources

You may find there is a variety of equipment and resources that you require to help you stage your event or deliver your project - this might include a PA/sound system, staging, lighting etc. You should start thinking at an early stage about whether you should hire, buy or borrow what you need, because there are all sorts of issues to take into account.

If you hire you won't have to worry about depreciation or ongoing storage, but you will probably need to consider transport costs and you will definitely need to check who is responsible for insurance. Costs can vary (and specialist hirers may be necessary for some equipment) so you may like to think about how often you will need to use such equipment in the future and decide whether hiring represents good value for money.

If you buy you can be sure of getting exactly what you want, but you will need to consider how and where you will store your equipment. Getting funding for capital items can seem easier, but remember that you will need to replace your equipment at some point so you should budget for wear and tear each year. You may find it easier to achieve funding for equipment if you can show that a group of businesses or groups will use it – and this may make it easier to store too (although you will need a robust usage agreement).

If you can find an organisation which is in a position to lend you what you need this may be an ideal solution. You should be very clear about responsibility for transport and make sure the item/s are insured whilst in your care. Make sure you have checked the condition of the equipment before you borrow it and agree any pre-existing damage so there are no misunderstandings.

Remember that, however you source your equipment, there will almost certainly be consumable costs such as bulbs which you will need to budget for.

There is currently no central equipment store in Ryedale, but your Community Officer may be able to offer you advice about sourcing your basic equipment needs.