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**Eligible** arts organisations, artists, and groups working within the arts can apply for The Arts Council / Chomhairle Ealaíon (ROI) funding. **This is mostly for organisations in Republic of Ireland but some cross-border projects may be eligible.** Discover what funding is available and if you are eligible, see website below (scroll down). You can also register for

[online services](https://onlineservices.artscouncil.ie/) to submit an application on this website.

<https://www.artscouncil.ie/available-funding/>

**PRS FOUNDATION: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC**

The Performing Right Society (PRS) Foundation is the UK’s leading charitable funder of **new music and talent development**. Check out all their great funding opportunities below:

See the upcoming deadlines for all upcoming opportunities at PRS Foundation here:

<https://prsfoundation.com/funding-s0upport/deadlines/>

Before applying to any of our initiatives, we highly recommend you read the respective FAQs. **All deadlines are 6:00pm**unless otherwise stated.

If you are a music creator, to find out which funds you might be eligible for, click [here](https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/).

If you are an organisation, to find out which funds you might be eligible for, click [here](https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-for-organisations/).

Any queries: email us.

**BBC Charity Appeals**

If you would like a chance to reach BBC audiences with the story of your charity and toapply for a BBC Radio 4 or BBC One Lifeline Appeal, please email the BBC Charity Appeals Unit telling us:

* Name of your charity
* Your Charity Registration number (you **must** be registered with the UK Charity Commission to be eligible)
* Name of **charity contact** (email + phone no.) i.e.the person who is going to fill out the application form.

**Application Deadline: 4 December 2024 (23:59)**

**Transmission date: 2 Nov 2025 – 25 Jan 2026**

**Application Deadline: 3 March 2025 (23:59)**

**Transmission date: 1 Feb – 26 April 2026**

The Appeals Advisory Committee meets quarterly to discuss and approve applications. You should be informed of their decision approximately 3 months after the application deadline. Please note you **must**meet the criteria to be eligible for an appeal.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/charityappeals/apply>

**FUNDING WITH DEADLINES**

**North West Community Network – Funding Fayre**

Join NWCN on **Wednesday 9th October between 11am and 2pm at The Holywell Building, 10-14 Bishop Street** for a festival of funders where you will have the opportunity to hear about the latest funding on offer from a range of funding bodies.  Meet with them face to face and receive guidance and advice. **Here are the funders who have confirmed so far:**

* National Lottery Community Fund
* Community Foundation for NI
* Community Relations Council
* John Moore’s Foundation
* Department of Foreign Affairs
* The Honourable The Irish Society
* NIHE Social Enterprise Plus Programme.

You can call in any time between 11:00 – 2pm.

**Register your interest** at info@nwcn.org

**Fight for Sight’s Social Change Fund UK**

Fight for Sight, the operating name of the **British Eye Research Foundation**, is offering **grants of up to £30,000 for projects that support and empower blind and vision impaired children and young people with the tools to live independent and fulfilling lives.**The proposed work needs to build social, digital and self-advocacy skills, so that vision impaired children and young people feel connected with each other, with their sighted peers, and with the wider communities around them.

There is particular interest in applications from organisations who are collaborating in order to share best practice, deliver at scale or meet previously unmet need.

Applications will be considered from

* UK registered charities
* Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO)
* Charitable companies, limited by guarantee
* Community Interest Companies (CIC), limited by guarantee
* Exempt charities (eg, educational establishments).

**Applicants must directly support blind and vision impaired people or people at risk of losing sight.** The funder is keen to hear from organisations of all sizes that are based in the community, people-powered, and are working to achieve local change.

**Deadline: 14 October 2024 (23:59)**

[Social change funding opportunities | Changing lives | Fight for Sight](https://www.fightforsight.org.uk/apply-for-funding/social-change-funding/)

**BBC Children in Need Pudsey Next Steps Grants (Priority for Strabane)**

**inclusion in their grant-making** and focuses on new applicants working in under-served geographic areas across the UK. Organisations can apply for **grants for up to three years for between £1,000 and £15,000 per year**. Funding will be distributed across the UK based on local priorities.

In Northern Ireland, the Pudsey Next Steps programme welcomes applications from organisations which are either: Situated in **Strabane**and **Rural County Fermanagh** that target **marginalised children and young people impacted by poverty** **OR**reaching racially minoritised children and young people impacted by poverty, outside of the **Belfast**area.

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest for Round 1: 16 October 2024 at 11:59am**

[BBC Children in Need - Pudsey Next Steps Grants](https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/pudsey-next-steps/#block_121dd5af1df7a215be9541d720e9e5f6)

**National Lottery – Arts and Older People Programme (N)**

Community groups, arts organisations and councils across Northern Ireland, can now apply to the National Lottery Arts and Older People Programme, a funding scheme managed by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

The programme aims **to strengthen the voice of older people and promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing through the arts, with grants of up to £10,000** available.

**Deadline: 17 October 2024 (noon)**

<https://artscouncil-ni.org/news/organisations-encouraged-to-apply-for-national-lottery-arts-older-people-funding>

**NI Museums Council: Playful Museums Festival Grants 2024-25**

Grants of **up to £500** are available to accredited museums in NI to support activity that will create playful spaces and programming within museums **for children under the age of five, their parents, carers and teachers.** The Playful Museums Festival Grant programme is provided and administered by Northern Ireland Museums Council (NIMC). Eligible costs include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Facilitator costs.
* Travel costs associated with museum staff undertaking outreach activity.
* Resources such as objects for handling boxes, sensory items, books, puzzles/toys, craft items, signage, equipment (chairs, nappy changing, mats, cushions, table or trolley).
* Online resources.
* Creation of an under-5s activity space.
* Training for staff and volunteers.

Activities should take place during February 2025 to coincide with the Playful Museums Festival.

**Deadline:18 October 2024 (17:00)**

<https://nimc.co.uk/funding/>

**Help Musicians: Next Level Awards**

The Next Level awards programme provided by Help Musicians UK is inviting applications from **musicians with a proven track record but limited resources to support larger and longer-term projects**. The initiative is specifically aimed at **musicians who create, perform, or release their own music and lack resources for ambitious projects such as recording albums, going on tour, or joining long-term courses.**

Successful applicants will receive the following:

* **Up to £3,000**towards their own music activity.
* Six hours of one-to-one business advice from industry experts.
* Online meet-ups with other awardees and industry guests.
* Invitations to online peer drop-in spaces with other musicians (optional).
* Access to a healthy practice session delivered by BAPAM (optional).

Applications are invited from professional musicians of all genres and disciplines. To be eligible, the applicant must:

* Be aged 18 or over, living in the UK, with the right to live and work in the UK and with a UK bank account.
* Not have more than £10,000 savings or access to other capital that could fund their planned activity.
* Have a track record of making 40% of their income from music over the past two years or longer (exceptions apply for musicians with a long-term health condition and/​or disability that impacts their ability to earn).
* Have control over one or more aspects of their career, ie self-managing, self-releasing, or self-producing.

The grant element of support must be spent within 12 months.

**Opening again on 16 September with application deadline of 18 October 2024.**

**Deadline: 18 October 2024** at 5pm

[Help Musicians | Next Level awards](https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/get-support/develop-as-a-musician/next-level-awards)

**Millennium Forum 25th Anniversary Playwriting Scheme**

Calling all budding local playwrights! **Are you aged 16+ and from the North West of Ireland?** Have you ever dreamed of seeing your own play performed on the Millennium Forum stage? Well, this is your chance to realise your dream as the Millennium Forum has just announced details of a brand new project that could help make your dream a reality! **And win you £3000 for your efforts!**

Aimed at giving local prospective writers a unique opportunity to develop their own ideas and script for the stage, this exciting two-year project led by the Millennium Forum will see upcoming local playwrights work alongside Brian Foster, one of the leading playwrights in Ireland. Towards the end of the project, one final script will be chosen which will then be professionally produced by Millennium Forum Productions for performances that will be staged as part of the theatre’s 25th anniversary celebrations in 2026.

Anyone interested in taking part in the project must submit an A4 page synopsis of their original play along with the first six pages of script to magsc@millenniumforum.co.uk. Successful applicants will be selected and will then meet on a regular basis, working with Brian Foster for approximately 6-8 months. As the development programme evolves, a panel of experts, led by Brian, will select one writer to work with further and more intensely throughout the latter part of 2025, resulting in a professional main stage production at the Millennium Forum in 2026. The successful writer will also be awarded a commission of £3,000.

**Deadline:** **18 Oct 2024 @ 5pm**

For more information on the project, contact Mags Anderson at the Millennium Forum, on 02871 272776 or email magsc@millenniumforum.co.uk .

**National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) for Northern Ireland  - Strengthening Communities**

The new fund is available to voluntary and community organisations across Northern Ireland and will invest £20 million each year in support of NLCF’s 2030 strategy  ‘[It starts with community](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/our-strategy)'.

**Grants of between £20,001 and £500,000 are available for up to five years.**

**Grants of between £20,001 and £200,000 are available to organisations with an annual income of under £500,000.**

**Grants of between £200,000 and £500,000 are available to any size of organisation.**

The Fund has a targeted approach distinct from previous programmes, as it is intended for **projects focused on early intervention with a particular focus on people who experience poverty, disadvantage or discrimination.** The Fund will start by targeting two of the NLCF's mission areas:

* **Help children and young people thrive.**
* **Enable people to live healthier lives.**

Projects must align with at least one of the following outcomes:

* **Communities help to reduce health inequalities.**
* **Communities support people’s physical health, mental health and wellbeing.**
* **People have positive relationships and connections.**
* **Communities help young people to reach their potential and thrive as adults.**
* **Children and young people develop good social and emotional skills.**

Organisations are encouraged to consider how to make their **projects accessible to vulnerable and excluded communities.** The Fund is interested in vulnerable or excluded communities that struggle to access support for reasons such as:

* Living in an isolated area.
* They are socially excluded.
* They can't use online services.

**Organisations are encouraged to make their project inclusive and accessible for these groups.**

The following costs are eligible for funding:

* Equipment.
* Staff costs.
* Training costs.
* Transport.
* Utilities.
* Volunteer expenses.
* Small refurbishment projects that are needed to deliver a service.
* Overheads for the project.

**Project costs and overheads are eligible for funding.**

NLCF will be hosting online information sessions on the following dates:

* **16 October 2024 (11:00 – 12:00).**
* **16 October 2024 (18:30 – 19:30).**
* **24 October 2024 (14:00 – 15:00).**

Organisations can register for the sessions on the National Lottery Community Fund website.

**The Fund will open to applications on 21 October 2024. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (no deadlines).**

For more info, see: [Strengthening Communities | The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/strengthening-communities)

**Friends Provident Foundation – Shifting Cultural Perceptions Fund**

This **one-time funding opportunity** is for a small number of organisations in the UK to work alongside the Foundation for the next three years to explore the question:

*“****How can we can begin to shift perceptions, cultural assumptions and beliefs about the economy – what it is and what it could be?”***

It will focus on how we can promote the idea that **change is possible**. Recognising the enormity of this challenge it will take the approach of **an action research set, seeking to generate shared learning that will push our thinking further after a three-year period.**

Organisations funded through this strand will work collaboratively to share ideas, experiences and learning. **Each organisation will receive grants of £50,000 per year for three years (a total of £150,000). Participants will also be compensated for participating in a series of facilitated programme learning days (paid at £800 per day per organisation).**

Applications will be considered from a wide range of organisations, including but not limited to NGOs, think tank, academics, media outlets, framing organisations, and polling organisations. Charities, CICs, and social enterprises can apply. There is one application round.

**Deadline:** **21 October 2024** **(12 noon)**. Notification of final decisions will be on 20 December 2024 with activities going live from January 2025.

<https://friendsprovidentfoundation.org/grants/>

**National Lottery Community Fund: Sustainable Community Buildings**

This fund will be opening for applications in the **Derry City and Strabane District Council area until Wednesday 23 October 2024**.

This funding is suitable for **voluntary and community organisations (with an annual income of less than £500,000. The funding is for grants of up to £50,000 for capital only.**

This funding is to help your organisation to:

* understand how to reduce your carbon footprint – by attending carbon literacy training
* create an environment plan for your organisation with the help of our experts in sustainability – to see where you could save energy
* improve the environmental performance of your building – for example, we could offer funding so that you can add solar panels, improve insulation or install energy-efficient lighting
* share the benefits of becoming more environmentally sustainable with your community
* monitor, measure and report on the impact of your funding – for example, track what difference the improvements have made to carbon emissions, energy savings, community engagement and behaviour change
* ultimately reduce your carbon footprint and energy bills.

## There will be a two-stage applications process with the first stage being the submission of an Expression of Interest. If you pass Stage One, you will be invited to apply for funding to improve your building’s environmental performance, for things like:

* battery storage
* ground-source heat pumps
* energy efficient lighting
* new insulation
* energy-efficient windows and doors
* solar panels.

Every building will need something different. We’ll ask you to work with a sustainability expert to work out exactly what your building might need. These things will be recorded in your environment plan, which will be what you’ll use to apply for funding.

**Deadline: 23 October 2024**.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/sustainable-community-buildings>

**The Linnean Society – “Our Local Nature” Grants**

The scheme provides grants to support innovative projects, designed and led by young people in the UK, which aim **to increase access to local natural spaces and encourage a deeper appreciation and understanding of nature**. **Grants of up to £1,000 are available**, however applications for significantly lower amounts are welcome. The Society will **co-fund projects** along with other organisations.

Individuals and organisations who are linked to a school or community-based organisation that works directly with **young people (16 and under)** within the UK are welcome to apply. This includes (but is not limited to): **school staff, student groups, home education groups, community groups, small charities.**

Applications should be created in partnership with and ideally led by young people.

Funding is intended for projects which affect change or **empower local young people and the surrounding communities to increase access to natural spaces and improve understanding of the local biodiversity**. Examples of eligible projects are as follows:

* Running a school festival about nature.
* Painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area.
* Building or restoring a community garden.
* Creating a nature walk.
* Hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging.

Grants can be used for materials, room hire, publicity, speakers, trainers, freelancers, project-specific staff costs, audio-visual hire, reasonable volunteer expenses, transport, or other costs of activities/events.

**Next deadline: 24 October 2024**

<https://www.linnean.org/the-society/medals-awards-prizes-grants/our-local-nature-grants>

**Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust – Power & Accountability Programme**

The Fund aims to support people to create a world in which **power is more equally shared, and in which powerful institutions are responsive and accountable to wider society and aligned with the long-term public interest.**

Applications will be accepted from a range of organisations. It is not necessary to be a registered charity to apply to the Trust, however, the Trust can only support work which is legally charitable as defined in UK law. **Organisations should be undertaking work at a national level**. This means work that seeks to make positive change across the UK as a whole, or across one or more of its member countries - England, Scotland, Wales or **Northern Ireland**.

Funding is available for work in the following areas:

* **Strengthening corporate accountability**- the Trust is interested in funding work which:
	+ Develops and promotes mechanisms which increase the accountability and responsiveness of companies to shareholders, stakeholders, regulators and the long-term public interest, for example through improvements to corporate governance, corporate structures (including alternative corporate forms), company reporting or regulation.
	+ Develops and promotes mechanisms whereby those who suffer severely as a result of company actions, particularly marginalised groups, can gain access to justice.
	+ Promotes the application of the same standards of accountability to large digital companies as other commercial organisations, for example with respect to taxation, consumer protection, treatment of minorities and the protection of rights.
	+ Encourages a constructive dialogue across private, public and civil society sectors to define and develop values and norms of corporate accountability and transparency in relation to new digital technologies.
* **Strengthening democratic accountability** - the Trust is interested in funding work which:
	+ Develops and promotes mechanisms which ensure an accountable, transparent and proportionate relationship between the private sector and government.
	+ Develops and promotes mechanisms which enable civil society and the general public, including marginalised groups, to engage appropriately and effectively with government policy making.
	+ Encourages government, parliament and other statutory agencies to be more representative of the wider public they serve.
	+ Supports the modernisation of the democratic infrastructure to increase its accessibility, relevance and resilience in a digital age.
	+ Promotes greater transparency by digital intermediaries in relation to their impact on democracy and elections.
* **Encouraging responsible media** - the Trust is interested in funding work which:
	+ Encourages accurate and responsible media, with appropriate safeguards.
	+ Helps to develop a relevant and proportionate response to the risks of misinformation and disinformation in commercial media.
	+ Explores and promotes ways for all forms of media to play a constructive role in holding government, companies and other powerful actors to account.
	+ Helps to develop and strengthen infrastructure to support new forms of community journalism for the public benefit.

**Registration deadline: 24 October 2024 (17:00)**

**Application deadline: 4 November 2024 (12 noon)**

<https://www.jrct.org.uk/power-and-accountability>

**NFU Mutual Charitable Trust: Rural Community and Education Projects (UK)**

Charities supporting rural development, particularly **young people's education and poverty relief within rural areas,** can apply for funding through the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust. The funding focuses on supporting larger initiatives that would significantly impact rural communities. Grants available are for £1,000 - £ 50,000.  Larger grants are used to support organisations that significantly impact rural communities nationally. Projects funded in the past have ranged from City farms, Federations of Young Farmers Clubs and farming Community Networks.

**Next deadline: 25 October 2024**

<https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/>

**National Garden Scheme: Community Garden Grants**

**Eligible community garden projects** from England, Wales and **Northern Ireland are welcome to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000**. Each application must itemise the details of the costs they are planning to cover. Applicants must be a fully set up community group, registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with a functioning non-personal bank account.

The following list of eligible costs is not exhaustive: Plants and containers, Materials for flower or vegetable beds and other hard landscaping, Greenhouses, polytunnels and sheds, Seating, Hand tools and certain garden power tools (e.g. strimmers), and Materials for providing refreshments.

**Deadline: 28 October 2024 (noon)**

<https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/>

**The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund**

This round offers grants of up to £80,000 over two years (up £40,000 can be requested per year) for proposals focused on targeted work with **high-risk young women and girls ages 11 and 30 who are on the edge of the criminal justice system.**

Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office can apply as long as they can clearly show that **women and girls make up at least 80% of their total beneficiaries across their whole organisation**. They need to have a proven track record of running projects with vulnerable and challenging young women and girls between the ages of 11 and 30 years, and their work is both gender and trauma informed.

There is particular interest in funding projects working with young women and girls who are care-experienced, come from Black or minoritized/racialised communities and work that is led by people with lived experience. **The Trust particularly welcomes applications from organisations working in Northern Ireland**, Scotland and Wales.

**Deadline: 30 October 2024 at 11:59pm**

<https://www.triangletrust.org.uk/>

**Foras na Gaeilge: Business Support Scheme**

This scheme supports **small and medium-sized enterprises promote Irish** in their businesses through **signage, packaging, websites and printed marketing material**. Eligible businesses will be entitled to seek **up to 50% of the total cost** through this scheme.

For a taste of other businesses that use Irish as a marketing tool, look at the samples that are on  [X (Twitter)](https://twitter.com/i/flow/login?redirect_after_login=%2Fgnoasgaeilge) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX61NeUbEHI&list=PLdoi9yvh3zxr6W7lVkjxsi7X9YnidOiKh)

The budget for this scheme is limited. Applications will be accepted and assessed until the fund is spent. For more information and to find out whether your business is entitled to funding under this scheme, contact Áine Ní Ifearnáin at **+353 1 6398463** or email stg@forasnagaeilge.ie

**Deadline: 31 October 2024**

<https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/business-support-scheme-2024/?lang=en>

**The Nature Save Trust – Small Grants for Energy Efficiency**

The Naturesave Trust supports environmental projects across the UK. **The September – October 2024 funding window is now open. The theme of this funding window is energy efficiency**.

They offer **grants between £500 and £5,000**. Our buildings are responsible for contributing 20% of the UK’s total emissions, the majority of which come from heating. Over 90% of our buildings are heated by fossil fuels, accounting for a third of UK total gas use**. Improving energy efficiency can lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other pollutants**, as well as decrease water use. It can also lower individual utility bills, create jobs, and help stabilise electricity prices. If you have a project or initiative working to combat this problem, they encourage you to apply. **Deadline: 31 October 2024**

<https://naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/>

**Linder Foundation Grants (arts, environment, young people)**

The Foundation seeks to provide funding to areas in which genuine social change can be brought about. The trustees strongly believe in nurturing the emotional and educational development of young people, encouraging applications from organisations aiming to enhance the skills and career prospects of those with little support, whether through therapy, mentoring or educational programmes.

The Linder Foundation considers access to the arts to be a vital tool through which communities can connect and talent can be cultivated. The Foundation proudly contributes to charitable institutions which foster creativity and preserve the importance of the arts, particularly within music, theatre and illustration.

Grants are also provided to projects which address the harmful effects of human activity on the environment, preserving the natural world for the benefit of society as well as for local wildlife.

Grants are only made to UK registered charities or exempt charities. Please view our ‘[what we fund](https://thelinderfoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/)’ and eligibility criteria pages carefully before applying for funding.

**Deadline: 31 October 2024**

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**NI's Community Relations and Cultural Diversity Funding**

The scheme is aimed at organisations such as **community development groups, cultural organisations, women's and men's groups, faith-based groups, tenants' associations, youth groups and rural groups involved in community relations, reconciliation projects and cultural engagement for projects primarily involving adults**. It supports the development of such group’s capacity to **engage in community relations work and to enhance the community relations potential of projects they undertake.**

The funding is for projects which address **at least one** of the Community Relations Council's objectives:

* Develop opportunities for groups to explore their own cultures, beliefs and traditions increasing their capacities to develop relations with those from other cultures.
* Develop opportunities for groups to extend their knowledge and understanding of others' culture, beliefs and traditions.
* To enable groups to challenge stereotypes of their own and other communities in order to acknowledge and address differences.
* To increase the ability and confidence of groups and organisations to identify issues which divide them.
* To develop networks of communication, trust and co-operation between divided communities.
* To promote models of good practice for community relations work in Northern Ireland.

Groups can apply for **grants of up to £10,000** but **most grants awarded will be of between £2,000 and £5,000.**

**Deadline: 1 November 2024 (4pm)**

[Community Relations / Cultural Diversity | Community Relations Council (community-relations.org.uk)](https://www.community-relations.org.uk/funding-scheme/community-relations-cultural-diversity)

**Road Safety Trust**

The overall aims of the Road Safety Trust are to reduce death and injury on the UK roads through providing independent funding for research and the development of innovative approaches. The objectives of the grant programme are to:

* **Generate new knowledge about what works.**
* **Translate ideas into new measures.**
* **Influence road safety policy and practice.**
* **Support partnership working and collaboration**.

The theme for the Autumn 2024 round is **‘Inequalities in Road Safety’.**

Two levels of grants are available:

* Large grants: between £50,001 and £300,000 for up to two or three years.
* Small grants: between £10,000 and £50,000 over two years.

Match funding is required. All projects should have other sources of funding, either cash or in-kind. This contribution can come from the applicant or other partners. Each application should have a lead organisation which must be a UK local public sector organisation. An element of partnership or collaborative working is expected in all projects

**Deadline for large and small grants: 1 November 2024 (5pm)**

<https://www.roadsafetytrust.org.uk/our-grants>

**British Science Week Community Grants**

Supported by UK Research and Innovation and managed by the British Science Association, these grants are designed to help **eligible community groups organise engaging events and activities** during [British Science Week 2025](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/usxoCZVY1S5WxnNHzPFjCBkDQQ?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com) (7-16 March 2025), **making science more accessible and fun for everyone.**

We’re offering **grants of £500 and £1,000 to community groups working with people typically underrepresented in science**. We’re looking for events and activities that not only engage your local community but also challenge stereotypes and inspire a lasting interest in science. For inspiration, you can explore our [Community Grants case studies](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/4WzkC1rWLiMQOwYULyH9CVmG2V?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com) to see how past recipients have used the funding for their own projects.

Before you get started, don’t forget to review the [Community Grants guidelines](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/x41PC2vxMipD6owfn0IRC5uJL5?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com) to ensure your group is eligible and to find all the details on how to apply. If you have any questions, we’re happy to help - just reach out to us at communities@britishscienceassociation.org

**Deadline: 5 November 2024**

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/grants/>

**Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership (Level 2)**

This funding is for a partnership between a community pharmacy and community organisation to co-produce and deliver **a community development project over 6-12 months with a group of 12-15 people which focuses on the** [**social determinants of health**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/TG88C2vxMipDw0VUn8c6F5uUE9?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com).  Partnerships are awarded **up to £12,000**. Please note your application *must* be made on the current Application Form.

**Deadline for Level 2: 7 November 2024**

Application Form & Guidance Notes - [Click here](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/OTA_C32QNfprQWXUgzfOFQh71A?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)
Further information available [here](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/udy_C4RQOfBw1RzTOLhEF4OIU1?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

**Sported: Cash4Clubs**

**Grants of £2000 (€2000 in Ireland) are available for community organisations working with adults from under-represented communities, delivering sport or physical activity for social purpose**.

The 2024 programme is exclusively focused on **supporting adult clubs**. Funding is available to groups that **deliver activities to over 18s only, with an emphasis on 18–25 year olds**.

The funding will be unrestricted but with an outcome of increasing participation, meaning clubs are able to decide how best to use the grant to engage more adults from their local communities.

**Deadline: 12 November 2024** Apply now as the programme may close early if there is a large volume of applications!

<https://thehub.sported.org.uk/cash4clubs.html>

**Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Teacher Development Fund**

This Fund (TDF) supports arts-based teaching and learning in primary schools. Each year, the TDF awards approximately **eight grants of up to £165,000 to partnerships of arts/cultural organisations and six to ten schools.** These partnerships will collaborate over two years and participate in a shared learning programme. The TDF prioritises projects that promote partnerships between schools and arts/cultural organisations, support teachers’ professional development, address systemic inequity and disadvantage, and use various art forms.

**Deadline: 13 November 2024 @12 noon**

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/teacher-development-fund>

**Derry City & Strabane District Council – Cultural Grant Aid 2025/26**

* Heritage Animation & Visitor Servicing Programme
* Access Programme for Cultural Organisations
* Headline Events Funding Programme
* Community Festival Funding Programme
* Christmas Events Funding Programme
* Artist & Cultural Practitioner Awards

Applications for Council’s above Cultural Grant Programmes 2025/26 are now welcomed. The grants will open on **Monday 14 October 2024** and there will also be an **online information session at 10am** that day, to provide an overview of the grants and for prospective applicants to gain further advice. To register for the session, contact: colin.coyle@derrystrabane.com

**Deadline: 15 November 2024 (12 noon)**

[https://www.dcsdcgrantaid.com/grant-aid-programmes.asp#](https://www.dcsdcgrantaid.com/grant-aid-programmes.asp)

**Community Relations Council – Core Funding Scheme**

An annual programme providing support to not-for-profit organisations with an interest in promoting community relations and cultural diversity in Northern Ireland is accepting applications.

The programme has an annual budget of around £1.2 million with approximately 30 groups normally receiving funding. For 2025/26, it is estimated that around £700,000 is available for new applications. While there is no minimum or maximum grant value, grants typically range between £20,000 and £80,000.

The Core Funding Programme provided by the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council seeks to support not-for-profit organisations deemed strategically important in promoting community relations.

To be eligible for support, projects must meet the following criteria:

* The work must be intentional - programmes must have a clear good relations purpose from the outset with deliberate and planned activities which directly address sectarianism.
* All applications must be able to clearly demonstrate the good relations need they want to address and how they have identified this need.

Proposed projects must contribute towards one or more of the Together: Building a United Community strategic priorities, with funding intended to contribute towards salary and organisational running costs.

**Deadline: 15 November 2024 (16:00)**

[Community Relations Council Core Funding Scheme](https://www.community-relations.org.uk/funding-scheme/core-funding-scheme#:~:text=About%20the%20Core%20Funding%20Scheme,salary%20and%20organisational%20running%20costs.)

**Henry Smith Charity – Holiday Grants for Children**

The Henry Smith Charity’s Holiday Grants programme is now open for applications to support **recreational trips or holidays for groups of children aged 13 or younger.**

**Applications are currently being accepted for holidays taken between 1 September and 31 December 2024.**

Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities can apply for **a one-off grant of between £500 and £2,750 to support a day trip or a longer residential of up to a week for groups of children aged 13 years or younger. Deadline: 19 November 2024**

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-funding-guidelines/>

**National Lottery Heritage Fund – Landscape Connections Strategic Initiative**

Grants of between **£10,000 and £10 million are available for not-for-profit organisations** to deliver projects that **support and strengthen protected and world-class landscapes across the UK** and make them more accessible.

**A total of £150 million is available across approximately 20 projects** in National Parks and National Landscapes in England and Wales, **Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Northern Ireland**, and National Parks and other equally important world-class landscapes in Scotland, that:

* Enable everyone in the UK to have access to landscapes rich in nature, clean water, fresh air, and places that are inspiring in their beauty and cultural heritage.
* Help these landscapes to become better for nature and more able to welcome people from all backgrounds.
* Are bold in ambition and create measurable outcomes for Protected Landscapes and equivalent outstanding landscapes in Scotland.
* Support those who live in and care for these places to strengthen them as working landscapes based on a clear diagnosis of why the landscape is currently failing to deliver for nature and people and how that will be addressed.
* Accelerate systemic and lasting nature recovery across whole landscapes, creating and sharing exemplars for how landscape conservation and nature recovery can be delivered with, by, and for people who live and work there.
* Create innovative frameworks for ways in which communities, landowners, organisations, and those that manage the land can work equitably together to agree on how to influence and drive change to ensure a legacy.

For **applications of over £250,000** there is a multi-staged application process:

* Groups must first submit an online Expression of Interest.
* Successful groups will then be invited to submit a full application.

For **grants of less than £250,000**, decisions are made monthly by the senior investment or engagement staff for the applicant’s nation or area. For grants above £250,000, decisions are made on a quarterly basis by the Committee of the applicant’s nation or area or by the board of trustees.

**Next deadline (for applications over £250,000): 21 November 2024 (noon)**

[Strategic initiatives | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/strategic-initiatives)

**The Cultural Bridge Programme**

Cultural Bridge has announced continued funding **for the development of partnerships between Germany and the UK for another two years.**

The Cultural Bridge Fund **is open to all arts and cultural organisations with proven expertise in socially engaged/participatory practice**. **Partnerships must be bi-lateral, including at least one German partner and one UK partner, from any one of the four nations: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.**

Two tiers of funding are available for activity starting from 1 April 2025 and completed by 31 March 2026.

* **Tier 1 grants** (between **£5,000 and £10,000 per partnership**) are for **new partnerships** and can be used for partnership development, exchange, residencies, co-creation and networking between UK and German organisations.
* **Tier 2 grants** (**up to £30,000 per partnership**) are for **established partnerships** and can be used to support the partnerships which must include direct engagement with communities.

The Cultural Bridge programme is committed to promoting an equitable, diverse and inclusive network. The activity supported as well as the workforce of the organisations funded should reflect the diversity of the UK and Germany. Priority will be given to smaller arts and cultural organisation who do not already receive significant or sustained funding.

Although the fund does not open for applications until mid-October, the guidance notes for the new round are now available. Organisations are encouraged to develop their collaboration and project proposals before the application window opens.

Matchmaking support will be offered, in advance of the application stage, to help broker new connections between UK and German organisations wishing to find a partner to apply to Tier 1 of the programme.

**The application window opens on 15 October 2024 and closes on 26 November 2024**

[Funding | Cultural Bridge (cultural-bridge.info)](https://www.cultural-bridge.info/funding/)

**Historic Environment Fund (NI) – Roof and Window Repair Stream**

Owners of historic, **listed buildings** in Northern Ireland can access financial support to carry out **essential repair work, with a focus on keeping buildings watertight.** This funding is part of the Department for Communities' Historic Environment Fund initiative, aimed at preserving architectural heritage.

The Repair Stream of the Historic Environment Fund offers **up to £8,000 per property**, and up to £15,000 for thatched buildings, for vital roof and window repairs in the 2025/26 financial year.

The aim is to spread the available support widely and to help owners tackle the impact of more extreme weather resulting from climate change.

Eligible works include repairs to slated roofs, leadwork, chimney repairs, thatch roofs and windows. Some professional fees may also be covered, but **the programme does NOT support alterations, improvements or work on unlisted historic buildings. Churches are also excluded from funding.**

**Deadline: 27 November 2024 (17:00)**

[Historic Environment Fund Repair stream | Department for Communities (communities-ni.gov.uk)](https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/historic-environment-fund-repair-stream)

**North West Migrants’ Forum – Advancing Race Equality Awards**

Do you know a teacher, pupil or school going above and beyond **to embrace diversity and inclusion**? Perhaps you have a colleague who is working quietly to create a better society and you feel they deserve recognition? Or maybe you know a business or public sector department that has impressed you by its desire to assist those seeking sanctuary in Northern Ireland? We need to hear from you! There is a category for everyone.

**Deadline: 30 November 2024**

**All you have to do is click** [here](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/aBbFCoQV1CrR50mi1WLbYe?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com) **to nominate them**. You can also contact us at areawards@nwmf.org.uk or call Conor on 02871 362184.

**Branching Out Fund (Tree Planting) UK**

The Tree Council grant for **community groups, schools, small registered charities, and Tree Warden Networks** seeking to establish trees, hedgerows, and orchards.

Branching Out supports applications ranging in value f**rom £250 to £2,500, with specific criteria for those under £500, and those above £500**. Before you start your application, read our [*Application Guidance*](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/l5nUCXoLWCXzg0ZF6otgu5lYkW?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com). You will find everything here that you need to know, from the types of trees that qualify, to recommendations around protection.

**Deadline: 1 December 2024 (midnight)**

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/grants-and-guidance/our-grants/branching-out-fund/>

**The Castle Studies Trust**

The Castle Studies Trust is offering grants of **up to £10,000 to support the production of new and discrete pieces of research that enhance the understanding and knowledge of castles**. Grants will focus on new work on castles, such as **architectural and geophysical surveys, radio-carbon dating, or projects that enhance the general public’s understanding of castles.**

Proposed projects should have a specific, achievable result that will help advance the field of castle studies. Types of work that can be funded include but are not limited to:

* Site-based survey work.
* Scientific tests on objects or materials from a castle site, such as radio-carbon dating.
* A review of historical sources. (Only as part of a Castle Studies Trust-funded project.)
* Reconstruction drawings and other pieces of work that would help public understanding of a castle site.

The fund will cover costs specific to carrying out research and site work. Funding can be used to co-fund large-scale projects. The Trust's focus for projects is on sites not managed by major heritage bodies but applications for sites managed by such organisations, especially free-to-access ones, may be considered subject to meeting strict criteria available from the chair of trustees.

**Deadline: 1 December 2024**

<https://castlestudiestrust.org/Grants.html>

**BFI National Lottery Discovery Feature Funding (for films)**

The BFI National Lottery Discovery Feature Funding is administered by the British Film Institute (BFI) with funding provided by the National Lottery. The programme **supports original live action and animation feature filmmaking by debut directors.**

Grants of up to £1 million are available for features with budgets of up to £3.5 million. It is expected that most awards will range between £500,000 and £850,000.

The funding is a contribution towards the total budget of the film, and can be used for crew and cast payments, production fees, legal costs etc. Applications must be made by the film's producer through a limited company, registered and centrally managed in the UK.

**Deadline: 6 December 2024 (17:00)**

[Making an application for BFI National Lottery Discovery Feature Funding | BFI](https://www.bfi.org.uk/get-funding-support/create-films-tv-or-new-formats-storytelling/discovery-impact-feature-funding/making-application-bfi-national-lottery-discovery-feature-funding)

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| **Pet Plan Charitable Trust** |

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| **Grant size:** no amount specified**Open to:** UK registered charities directly benefitting to one or more of the species supported by Petplan Ltd (i.e. dogs, cats, horses and rabbits). Grants to human charities will be considered when it can be clearly demonstrated that the grant will enhance/give support to the animals’ best interests.**Deadline:**  **9 December 2024**[Apply for a Grant - Petplan Charitable Trust](https://petplancharitabletrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/) |

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**International Tree Foundation – UK Community Tree Planting Programme**

Grants are available **for community-based organisations across the UK to deliver tree-planting projects that protect and restore indigenous trees and woodlands, support community engagement in tree planting, and increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being.** The UK Community Tree Planting Programme will support projects that meet the following essential criteria:

* Plant trees in public/publicly accessible spaces: sites that are readily accessible to the public, including schools, parks, rights of way, and sites managed by community groups.
* Plant indigenous tree species: this may include traditional fruit trees and ‘honorary’ natives where appropriate.
* Engage community members in tree planting and enjoying the benefits of woodlands.
* Have clear plans for maintenance and sustainability.

In addition, for this funding round proposed projects must meet one or more of the following criteria:

* Engage children and young adults in tree planting and learning about trees.
* Engage vulnerable groups and groups with low access to woodlands.
* Create biodiversity in habitats.
* Conserve soil and water.
* Demonstrate new approaches, such as agroforestry.
* Support rewilding and natural regeneration.
* Support work or research on tree pest and disease resistance and climate change adaptation.
* Support urban tree planting.

Grants are available across two funding streams:

* Grants for community woodland/hedging projects that range from 100 to 25,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.95 per tree.
* Grants for community orchard projects of up to 30 trees planted per year.

There is a two-stage application process. Submit an online Expression of Interest form first.

**Deadline: 13 December 2024 (noon)**

<https://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-grants>

**Great Britain Saskawa Foundation (cultural co-operation with Japan)**

The Foundation is offering **grants of up to £6,000 for cultural and educational activities that foster good relations between the UK and Japan** by advancing the education of the people of both nations in each other’s culture, society, and achievements. Funding is available to support activities in the following fields:

* Arts and culture.
* Science, technology, and the environment.
* Humanities and social issues.
* Japanese language.
* Medicine and health.
* Youth and education.
* Sport.

Grants can be used to pump-prime a range of projects, such as:

* Visits between the UK and Japan by academics, professionals, creative artists, teachers, young people, journalists, and representatives of civic and non-governmental organisations
* Research and collaborative studies, seminars, workshops, lectures, and publications in academic and specialist fields.
* Teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools, Further Education colleges and universities.
* Exhibitions, performances and creative productions by artists, musicians, filmmakers, writers, and theatre groups.

Priority will be given to projects in the fields of science and technology, medicine and health, environment and social issues, Japanese studies, and the Japanese language.

Applications originating from the UK and Japan are considered separately at different meetings by the Foundation’s London and Tokyo offices respectively.

**Deadline: 15 December 2024**

[The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation (gbsf.org.uk)](http://www.gbsf.org.uk/)

**Foras na Gaeilge – Colmcille Small Grants Scheme 2024**

Colmcille is a partnership between Foras na Gaeilge in Ireland and Bòrd na Gàidhlig in Scotland. This scheme aims to promote relations between the language communities of Scottish and Irish Gaeilge and to strengthen Scottish and Irish Gaelic through these relations. Colmcille has three schemes funded: Small Grants Scheme for carrying out research and planning joint initiatives, Project Scheme to fund projects (Colmcille's main grant scheme), and a Bursary Scheme to help people learn Scottish Gaelic. They provide Small Grants of € 2,000/£1,750 to develop an initiative with a partner in Scotland or relating to Scottish Gaelic. Once the partnership and the project plan have been agreed under the Small Grants Scheme, an application can be made for the Colmcille Project Scheme, Colmcille's main grant scheme, which provides a higher level of support, if required. Tel: 048 9089 0970

**Deadline: 18 December 2024**

Email: colmcille@forasnagaeilge.ie

[240220 Small Grants Scheme Form 2024](https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/240220-Sceim-Miondeontas-Foirm-2024.docx)

**National Lottery Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future**

The aim of the programme is **to support community-led projects to inspire more people to take climate action by linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities**, and by linking up different groups across locations. This could be in one country, or across the whole UK. The type of actions supported could include:

* Engaging communities through **arts, sports, or other interests** to link climate action to their daily lives.
* **Influencing policy at regional or national levels** through public engagement campaigns.
* **Involving underrepresented groups in climate action**, particularly those new to it or facing disadvantage.
* **Testing innovative engagement methods** to find the most effective ways to involve diverse groups in climate action.
* **Expanding successful local initiatives to a national scale** by sharing effective approaches.

To be eligible, applications must be submitted by **partnerships consisting of a mix of organisations and sectors, and smaller groups working locally.** This includes:

* voluntary and community organisations
* registered charities
* charitable incorporated organisations
* not-for-profit organisations
* community interest companies
* schools, colleges, and universities (as long as the project benefits and involves the wider local communities)
* public sector organisations
* co-operative societies

**The minimum grant that can be applied for is £500,000; however, most projects are expected to receive funding of between £1 million and £1.5 million over 3 to 5 years.**

A small number of larger or longer projects may also be funded.It is anticipated that up to 25 projects will be funded. **Deadline: 31 December 2024**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-our-shared-future>

**Mike Moloney Award for Young People in Circus (NI)**

**Circusful is welcoming applications for the Mike Moloney Award for Young People in Circus. The award, funded by the National Lottery through the Arts Council NI, aims to support young people based in NI, aged 16-30, who want to develop their Circus Arts/Street Theatre performance and/or related circus practice.**

**Deadline: 13 January 2025 at 5pm**

<https://circusful.org/awards>

**Sport NI: Creating Opportunities (with Crowdfunding)**

Community organisations across NI have the opportunity **to secure match funding for projects aimed at promoting accessibility and inclusion in sports, coaching, officiating and leadership roles for traditionally excluded groups**. The initiative is designed to connect communities and increase participation in sport and physical activity, particularly among groups that have historically been underrepresented. These include **women and girls, people with disabilities, children and young people aged 11-18, older adults over 50, ethnically diverse communities, the LGBTQ+ community, and those living in rural or high-need areas**.

Unlike traditional grants, **this programme requires applicants to first raise funds through Crowdfunder's platform. Once a project secures at least 25% of its funding target from a minimum of 25 unique supporters, Sport NI will pledge up to 50% of the total project costs, capped at £5,000.**

Eligible applicants include constituted sports clubs affiliated with recognised governing bodies, community or voluntary organisations focused on sport or physical recreation, charitable trusts, and Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) offering extracurricular sports activities.

**Projects must align with the programme's goal of 'levelling the playing field'**. To apply, organisations must set up an eligible project on the Crowdfunder UK website and meet the initial fundraising criteria. **For campaigns requesting between £4,000 and £5,000, a bespoke project video is required.**

**Deadline: 20 January 2025 (at 2pm)\* or whenever funds are exhausted**

**\*Check website for different deadline dates for different phases of this fund\***

[Creating Opportunities | Sport NI](http://www.sportni.net/funding/creating-opportunities/)

**National Churches Trust: Treasure Island Grants for NI**

The Treasure Ireland Grants Programme can offer **between £500 and £10,000 to Places of Worship in Northern Ireland for urgent and essential maintenance and repair projects costing up to £100,000 (incl. VAT)**. They will consider applications from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship of any denomination that are located in NI. **You must have 50% of the funds required at the point of application.**

**Next deadline: 20 January 2025 (midnight)** (And further upcoming deadline in **May 2025**)

[Treasure Ireland: specialist support for Northern Ireland places of worship | National Churches Trust](https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/campaigns/treasure-ireland)

**Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (UK) (extended)**

Only works carried out to repair, maintain or alter the fabric of an existing listed building are eligible. Applicants can submit:

* one claim with a value of between **£500 and £1,000** (excluding the VAT paid) in any 12-month period; and
* any number of claims for eligible work to the value **of £1,000 or more** (excluding VAT) may be made.

Eligible works must be carried out by a VAT registered contractor. To be eligible, the place of worship must be listed with the relevant statutory listing agency. All denominations eligible.

**Deadline: 31 March 2025**

<https://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/>

**The Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants (Breast Cancer)**

The Pink Ribbon Foundation provides **grants of up to £6000 for practical projects and initiatives, which aim to help registered charities to deliver good physical and mental health to individuals with and recovering from breast cancer.**  They expect projects that receive funding to be delivered within 12 to 18 months. For the 2025 grant period and with requests for assistance growing, the Foundation decided to focus in the main on organisations with limited financial resources to deliver their services. Applications are now open to receive a grant in 2025.

**Deadline: 30 May 2025**

[The Pink Ribbon Foundation](https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/getsupport-apply)

**Duke of Edinburgh – Access Without Limits Funding**

This Fund aims to **open up access to the DofE Award to young people living in difficult circumstances, including those unable to afford to take part due to the cost of living crisis.**

**Grants of up to £10,250 are available**. The grant will be combined with support from a dedicated member of staff who will help the grant recipient set up, launch and deliver the Award programme. The package includes:

* Licence fee support for community and voluntary organisations.
* Access to staff and volunteer training courses.
* Free participation places for young people.
* Expedition kit start-up costs.

Not-for-profit voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations can apply. To be eligible, organisations must fit into several specific criteria – please check website for details. Note that for successful applicants, the first year will be covered by the grant and **50% will be required in the second year. All funding must be spent by 31 March 2026. Deadline: 31 January 2026**

Applicants will need to initially discuss their project with an Operations Officer and should contact Georgina Harper at DofE for further information about how to go about this (e-mail: georgina.harper@dofe.org)

<https://www.dofe.org/access-without-limits/community/>

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