

# COMMUNITY FUNDING BULLETIN (FUNDING WITH A DEADLINE)



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- Welcome to Derry City & Strabane District Council's monthly Community Funding Bulletin! It can also be found on-line [here](#)
- Derry City & Strabane District Council provides free access to a Community Funding Portal, provided by Idox, for those residing within the Council area. This online tool allows you to browse, search and create tailored searches to identify your own funding opportunities. Follow the links to register and/or log-in [here](#)
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### **HELP WITH COST OF LIVING ADVICE**

For advice on help with Finance, Food, Fuel and Bills and other useful info see:

- [www.derrystrabane.com/helpwithcostofliving](http://www.derrystrabane.com/helpwithcostofliving)
- NI Direct's Cost of Living Info and Advice [here](#)
- Community Well Being: Cost of Living Website [View the Cost of Living 24 website](#)

### **ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION – SOURCES OF FUNDING HELP**

[Other sources of funding help | Esmée Fairbairn Foundation \(esmeefairbairn.org.uk\)](http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk)

### **NISRA WEBSITE FOR STATISTICS**

The NI Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) provides statistics, census results and other information which can be useful for funding applications, see:

<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/>

### **BUSINESS SUPPORT INFORMATION**

- Derry City and Strabane District Council's Business Support Section <https://www.derrystrabane.com/Business/Business-Support>
- Go Succeed NI Business Support <https://go-succeed.com/>
- NI Business Info <https://www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/>
- Invest NI is the regional business development agency: <https://www.investni.com/>

### **CROWDFUNDER**

Crowdfunding is a way of raising money through the collective effort of family, friends, customers, individual investors and the public at large via social media and crowd-funding platforms. You can crowd-fund through donations, rewards, community shares and equity.

[Crowdfunder UK - Where Ideas Happen | Crowdfunder UK](#)

## **ON-LINE: CHAT TO THE FUNDER EVENTS**

Useful funder events, including those organised by the Community Foundation NI, appear on this Eventbrite site. [Chat to the funder Tickets, Multiple Multiple Dates / Eventbrite](#)

## **GENERAL SCOPING FORM FOR POTENTIAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

Please find below a General Scoping Form, developed by the Council's Funding Advice Unit, which may assist you to scope out your project ideas before applying for any funding. Please note, this is not an application form and is just for your own use.



Funding Unit  
Project Proposal Sco

## **GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER**

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## **GENERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH VARIOUS DEADLINES**

### **THE ARTS COUNCIL/ CHOMHAIRLE EALAION (ROI) – “AVAILABLE FUNDING” PAGE**

**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](#) 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-support/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](#).

If you are an organisation, to find out which funds you might be eligible for, click [here](#).

Any queries: [email us](#).

### **BBC Charity Appeals**

If you would like a chance to reach BBC audiences with the story of your charity and to apply 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: 2 September 2024 (23:59)**

**Transmission date: 3 Aug – 26 Oct 2025**

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>

## **Terex – “Rest Your Mind” – Free benches for Community Groups (Council area)**

Terex is proud to launch its "Rest Your Mind" initiative, which will see Terex offering free benches to community groups across **Derry City and Strabane District Council** and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council areas. More than 'just' a bench, this unique project aims **to foster community connections and promote mental well-being by providing a space for reflection and open conversations about mental health.** The highlight of these benches is the laser-cut inscription "Rest Your Mind," a poignant reminder of the initiative's core mission to support mental health and well-being within the community.

As part of this initiative, Terex Campsie (Derry/Londonderry) manufacturing sites are offering **free benches to local community groups**, including clubs, societies, schools, nursing homes, and other organisations. Interested groups are invited to explain in 50 words why they believe they need a bench for their organisation. **Beginning January 2024 and for each month throughout the year**, Terex will carefully select 2-3 of the most compelling reasons and deliver a specially crafted bench to the chosen organisations. Fill in the form [here](#)

## **FUNDING WITH DEADLINES**

### **Women's Health Community Fund**

This Fund is designed to support **small, grassroots organisations and community groups to deliver health information and support to women, girls and people from underrepresented groups**. We are seeking projects that address the following key points:

- Projects that aim to improve **information, education and support for menstrual health, related gynaecological conditions** e.g. PCOS, endometriosis, adenomyosis, fibroids, PMDD, and menopause.
- Support people and groups that are often **underrepresented in mainstream healthcare, information and services**, for example people from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds, LGBTQI+, people living with disabilities, deaf people, blind and partially sighted people, people experiencing homelessness, addiction, people living in areas of economic deprivation.

Applicants are invited to apply for **up to £5000 to spend in a 12 month period**. Funds will be distributed in two tranches, 50% at the beginning of the project and 50% upon receipt of a 6 month report.

**Deadline: 19 May 2024**

<https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/get-involved/womens-health-community-fund/>

### **BFI/National Lottery Innovation Challenge Fund (video games sector)**

This Fund seeks to support not-for-profits to develop innovative new solutions which tackle the UK screen sector's most critical challenges. Between 2024 and 2026, **up to six challenge calls** will be identified where innovative new thinking could catalyse a step change in the industry, whilst producing learning and insights that benefit the whole screen sector.

#### **Challenge Call 1 – video games**

The fund's first call will support innovation for UK video games. It will pose two separate challenges for not-for-profits and their partners to respond to, addressing related issues around transparency, navigability and diversity.

#### **Challenge 1A: New, transformative and open data for the UK video games sector**

**Funding available: up to £250,000.**

Currently, data on and for UK video games is fragmented, incomplete or inaccessible. This is particularly challenging for smaller-scale developers and producers, who cannot access useful information to support the development of their projects.

It also means that the independent UK video games industry cannot accurately evidence its value or the challenges it faces, limiting the ability to instigate policy change and leverage funding and support.

This challenge seeks to support proposals which propose a plan to develop, test and launch a publicly facing platform which surfaces data and insights that are demonstrably useful to the sector, particularly smaller-scale and independent developers.

#### **Challenge 1B: Support for under-represented emerging developers**

**Funding available: up to £100,000.**

The video games industry can be opaque and difficult to navigate for emerging developers. In addition, the UK workforce, which is 67% male and 89% white according to the 2022 Ukie Census, severely lacks diversity.

A lack of knowledge around how the sector operates restricts new, emerging and smaller-scale games developers with creative talent and high-potential ideas from being able to develop their work effectively and reach their customer base.

This challenge seeks to fund innovative ways to address the barriers facing emerging and under-represented developers, supporting them to bring their products to market.

**Deadline: 20 May 2024**

Awards are expected to be made in August 2024.

You need to **read the funding guidelines** before you apply. The application link is included in the guidelines.

<https://www.bfi.org.uk/get-funding-support/bfi-national-lottery-innovation-challenge-fund>

### **SPAR'S Community Cashback Campaign 2024**

SPAR shoppers aged 16 years or over can apply for **a grant of up to £10,000 for a local voluntary or community organisation or charity they feel deserves funding**. All applicants need to do is share the exceptional contribution that a local organisation has made to their local community and what the grant would be used for.

The grants will be given based on the strength of the applicant's story, the recipient's levels of dedication to their community and the credibility of what the grant would be spent on and its impact for the local community.

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals
- Community Interest Companies with shares (CICs).
- Community Interest Companies with guarantee that are less than two years old.
- Profit-making organisations.

Last year grants were awarded to over 20 local organisations across the UK, with some receiving £10,000. The short application form and Terms and Conditions can be found on SPAR's website. Successful organisations will be announced between 20 June 2024 and 27 June 2024.

**Deadline: 22 May 2024 (23:59)**

[Community Cashback | Apply Now | SPAR](#)

### **PEACEPLUS EU Funding Programme**

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) is responsible for managing PEACEPLUS. Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland are the eligible areas.

The Programme's strategy is to continue **to take the opportunities and address the needs arising from the peace process in order to boost economic growth and stimulate social and economic regeneration, and to promote social inclusion, particularly for those at the margins of economic and social life.**

The **total budget for the Programme is €1.1 billion**, allocated across the **six key thematic areas** as follows:

1. Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities: €250 million.
2. Delivering Economic Regeneration and Transformation: €170 million.
3. Empowering and Investing in Our Young People: €123 million.
4. Healthy and Inclusive Communities: €172 million.
5. Supporting a Sustainable and Better-Connected Future: €303 million.
6. Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration: €52 million.

Funding levels vary between individual funding calls. In some funding calls applicants may be requested to identify other sources of match funding. Eligibility criteria vary by funding call. Depending on the focus Investment Area, applicants may include public bodies, local authorities, transport authorities, higher or further education institutions, government departments and agencies, voluntary sector organisations, charities or companies limited by guarantee, either applying on their own or as part of a partnership of such organisations.

**The Programme supports projects that contribute towards the promotion of greater levels of peace and reconciliation. It also places a strong emphasis on promoting cross-community relations and understanding in order to create a more cohesive society.**

Deadlines for the following Investment Areas are:

- **8 May 2024 (5pm) for IA 2.3 Programme Area Skills Development**
- **9 May 2024 (5pm) for IA 5.4 Water Quality Improvement Programme (Closed Call)**
- **23 May 2024 (5pm) for IA 4.1 Collaborative Health and Social Care: Cross-Border Addiction Services**
- **23 May 2024 (5pm) for IA 4.2 Rural Regeneration and Social Inclusion Programme**

Guidance notes for each PEACEPLUS call and the online JEMS application portal can be accessed from the SEUPB website.

<https://www.seupb.eu/peaceplus/current-funding-opportunities>

### **Triangle Trust 1949 Fund**

Following on from its change in funding strategy last year, the Triangle Trust 1949 Fund is focusing its funding in 2024 solely on **not-for-profit organisations working with vulnerable young women and girls who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of entering it.**

The Trust holds two grants rounds per year with grants of **up to £80,000 over two years (up to £40,000 can be requested per year):**

- The Spring round is for proposals wanting to work with **young people who already have a criminal conviction.**
- The Autumn round is for proposals **focused on targeted work with high-risk young people 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.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have previous experience of working with vulnerable young women or girls either on the edge of the criminal justice system or who already have criminal convictions.
- Be requesting funding for a project working exclusively with young women and girls.
- Work solely with women and girls.
- Have a proven track record of running projects working with young women and girls that is both gender and trauma informed.



- Be proposing a project with targets that are specifically linked to either reducing the number of young women or girls who reoffend or reduce the number of young women and girls who receive a first conviction.
- Have an average annual income over the past three years of less than £1.5 million.
- Be a registered charity or an organisation set up with a clear social purpose and appropriate governing documents stating this.

The Trust **particularly welcomes applications from organisations working in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.**

Spring application deadline: **23 May 2024**

[The Triangle Trust](#)

### **Coca-Cola Ireland Community Fund**

The funding is for community-based projects and programmes across Ireland and Northern Ireland that are focused on **cultivating inclusive communities by empowering young people aged 16-25 to become skilled and engaged citizens under the pillars of learning and sustainable development.** Projects must directly impact young people aged 16 to 25 years and align with the themes of:

- **Empowering learning**
  - Education support
  - Upskilling opportunities
  - Personal development opportunities
- **Empowering sustainable development**
  - Climate action
  - Supporting the journey to a circular economy
  - Food insecurity.

**Grants of between €8,000 - €15,000 / £7,000 - £13,000** (based on conversion rates at the time) are available. **The 2024 grant must be spent before 31 July 2025.**

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit youth-focused organisations. The funding can be used to cover costs associated with running programmes, such as buying materials, venue hire, facilitator costs, staff time etc.

Deadline: **24 May 2024 (17:00)**

The criteria can be found on the Irish Youth Foundation website. Applications must be submitted using the Irish Youth Foundation online grants platform. Contact the Irish Youth Foundation for further information.

<https://www.coca-cola.com/ie/en/social/tyf>

## 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.

**Deadline: 24 May 2024**

[Help Musicians | Next Level awards](#)

## Leathersellers Foundation: Adverse Childhood Experiences Main Grant Programme 2024

This is the third year of The Leathersellers' strategic giving to help prevent and tackle the consequences of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The ACEs Main Grants Programme provides **multi-year grants of up to four years of £20,000-£25,000 per annum, to charities and CIOs throughout the UK**.

Last year we received 378 expressions of interest, 46 organisations were invited to make full applications, and 22 grants were allocated.

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 24 May 2024 (11:59pm)**

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/charity/adverse-childhood-experiences/>

## **NI Housing Executive: Community Involvement Grants 2024/25**

The Community Involvement grants allow residents and community groups to apply for projects that will benefit Housing Executive Communities. The projects must fit in with one or more of the below themes: **Health & Wellbeing, Environment Improvement, Intergenerational Practice, Digital Inclusion, or Cost of living/poverty.**

Please contact your **Good Relations Officer** for a copy of the Community Involvement Grants Guidelines. This is compulsory as these will assist you in completing your application. Partially completed applications will not be accepted. The **maximum amount of grant available will be £5,000** and it is intended that a response will be issued within a maximum of 10 weeks of receipt of the application.

**Deadline: 28 May 2024**

[The Housing Executive - Community Involvement \(nihe.gov.uk\)](https://nihe.gov.uk)

### **Community Foundation NI: Openreach Community Fund**

This fund prioritises applications from **small groups**, typically with an annual income of less than £200,000, with a focus on **projects that benefit groups dealing with disadvantage (e.g. rural isolation, low income, social exclusion, reduced access to services) and projects that involve the beneficiaries in their development and delivery.** Grants of £500 to £2,000 are available.

Projects must aim to directly support **one of the following specific groups:**

- **Young people**
- **Older people**
- **People with disabilities.**

Examples of types of projects that may be supported include:

- Community education and training opportunities.
- Communication and leadership skills.
- Local initiatives to improve resources and community facilities.
- Creativity and self-expression through drama, music or a range of arts activities.
- Inclusion and involvement of disadvantaged communities.
- Out of school projects for young people.

The funding can be used for the following costs:

- Facilitators/tutor fees.
- Venue hire (not the organisation's own premises).
- Small items of equipment, eg craft/arts materials.
- Transport, if approved as part of larger project.
- Refreshments, if approved as part of a larger project.
- Ingredients for healthy eating course.
- PR costs, including materials such as leaflet design and printing.

**Please note that this is a competitive process and it is anticipated that this fund will be significantly oversubscribed. Under the most recent funding round (January 2024) – 14% of applicants were successful. Deadline: 28th May 2024**

[Openreach Community Fund \(previously the Telecommunity Fund\) - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://communityfoundationni.org)

## Scops Art Trust

Scops Art Trust is offering **grants of up to £30,000** to registered charities, and other constituted, not-for-profit organisations across the UK, to deliver projects and activities **that help people to understand, participate in, and enjoy the arts, particularly the performing arts (music, drama, opera, and dance).**

For the second trustee meeting of 2024, the Trust is interested in **supporting applications for adult music education projects and applications for children's music education projects.** Most grants will be awarded for specific projects, but the Trust will also contribute towards the core costs of smaller organisations where a grant could make an impact. Priority will be given to small-to-medium-sized organisations. Both one-off and multi-year grants will be considered. There is a two-stage application process. Groups must first complete an eligibility check before being invited to submit a Stage 1 application.

**Deadline for Stage 1 applications: 28 May 2024**

[Grant Guidelines - Scops Arts Trust](#)

## Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants 2024

The Pink Ribbon Foundation are now accepting applications from any charity working in the field of breast cancer. They provide 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. **Deadline: 31 May 2024**

[The Pink Ribbon Foundation](#)

## Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Arts Fund

There are now **two application windows per year** for this fund as follows:

**4 April – 31 May 2024** and **4 August – 14 October 2024.** There is also now a **two-stage application process.**

This funding will cover work that involves any of the following: **crafts, creative writing (including poetry), dance, design, film, music, opera, photography, digital arts and media, theatre and drama, the visual arts and cross-arts practices.**

PHF sees **culture as the heart of a just society, where all people and communities have a right to express themselves through art and culture.** We believe that art and artists can help us see the world differently, bringing unheard stories and narratives to the fore and opening up new imaginative possibilities. To realise this potential, we believe **the sector needs long-term structural and cultural change.**

Our ambition is to support a portfolio of organisations **who represent this change to develop, learn from each other and (further) explore the potential of art for personal, cultural and social transformation.** Together, we want to:

- build capacity and resources for culture within historically underfunded communities.
- explore the role that artists can play in addressing issues of social justice.
- create the infrastructure for a more equitable cultural sector.

## Key information

- **Amount: £90,000 to £300,000 per application**
- **Two application Rounds in 2024:** **4 April – 31 May 2024** ; and **14 August – 14 October 2024**
- **Duration: 3 years**

We offer support for organisations with **core costs** so you can continue the work you are already doing and for programmes which are central to your organisation's mission.

We will fund **up to 50% of an organisation's annual turnover over three years**, based on their last audited accounts. We fund organisations working all over the UK.

There will be an online **Q&A session on 7 May** – registration is required – click on link: [Online Q&A Session – 7 May](#)

**Deadline for Stage 1 applications for Round 1: 31 May 2024 (12 noon)**

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/access-and-participation-fund/>

## **Community Foundation NI: Noah Donohue Music Fund**

The Noah Donohue Music Fund will provide an **annual bursary of up to £2,000** to support the development of applicants with a particular talent in music and to financially assist their skills and help them develop their talent. The scheme supports **young people aged from 11 to 18 who may find it difficult to afford costs associated with developing their interest in music.**

**Deadline: 31 May 2024 (13:00)**

[Noah Donohue Music Fund](#)

## **Irish Language Theatre Production and Touring Award**

This Award is **an action research project**, with support from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI), with the objective of **supporting the development, production and presentation of large-scale theatre in the Irish language to general audiences in order to ensure more people will enjoy high-quality theatre experiences in the Irish language throughout the country.**

The successful applicant will be required to work closely with an evaluator during the award period as part of an action research project. Please note that unsuccessful applicants may also be contacted by the evaluator for research purposes. **The award is open to individuals and/or entities with a demonstrable and successful track record in theatre practice based on the island of Ireland.** The guidelines for this award are now available.

## **Information clinics**

The Arts Council is hosting two online information clinics via Zoom for the Irish-language Theatre Production and Touring Award on the following date:

- Thursday 16 May at 11:00 (this clinic will take place in Irish). [Register here.](#)
- Thursday 16 May at 14:00 (this clinic will take place in English). [Register here.](#)

The main points covered in the information clinics will be: Objectives and priorities of the award, Who can apply, Supporting documents, Q & A session. People are welcome to submit questions about the scheme before the clinic.

Please submit all questions to Aisling Nic Artáin via email at [Aisling.NicArtain@artscouncil.ie](mailto:Aisling.NicArtain@artscouncil.ie) before 5pm on Monday 13th May. All questions submitted beforehand will be discussed throughout the sessions. Both sessions will be recorded and will be posted online.

If you have a disability and would like help applying, contact our Access Officer as early as possible before the deadline. Phone: 01 618 0200/01 618 0243.

Email: [access@artscouncil.ie](mailto:access@artscouncil.ie)

You will be able to apply for additional costs if you have access needs relating to your application. **Note:** applications will only be accepted through the Arts Council's [Online Services site](#). If you have not used Online Services before you must register for a login to be able to apply for funding. It is important that you register as early as possible as it may take up to five working days for your registration to be processed.

**Deadline: 6 June 2024 (17:30)**

[Irish-language Theatre Production and Touring Award | The Arts Council | An Chomhairle Ealaíon](#)

### **Shared Island: Bioeconomy Demonstration Initiative (ROI & NI)**

Funding is available to **collaborations of primary producers, businesses and innovators with project partners from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland** working together to demonstrate **new scalable, commercial bioeconomy solutions**, as part of the wider Shared Island initiative.

The Irish Government has awarded €7 million for a Bioeconomy Demonstration Initiative scheme to invest in **sustainable, innovative, and circular bioeconomy development, with the aim of transforming the agri-food sector and creating jobs in the rural and coastal economy and sustaining rural and coastal communities.**

The initiative will pilot and demonstrate opportunities on an all-island basis from biomass produced from land and marine areas, and development of innovative, biobased products and solutions that also deliver clear climate and environmental benefits. The indicative total budget of the call is £7.7 million (€9 million). It is estimated that a contribution of up to £3.8 million (€4.5 million) per project would allow for the requested outcomes to be addressed appropriately.

Applications will be accepted from collaborative proposals co-led by at least two out of three of the following:

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- Research Performing Organisations including Technological Universities and Universities and eg Teagasc, Marine Institute, AFBI etc.
- Local Authorities.

The funding is used to support innovation activities including producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered, or improved products, processes, or services. For this purpose, they may include prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication. The funding can support both capital and operational expenditure.

**Cross border collaboration is a requisite for applying for this funding opportunity.** A partnering platform has been set up to help organisations find a partner in the opposite jurisdiction (Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland).

**Deadline: 7 June 2024 (12:00 BST)**

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/shared-island-bioeconomy-demonstration-initiative>

### **Community Foundation NI: Social Justice Small Grants Programme**

The Aims of the Social Justice Fund are to support local community groups to give voice to excluded groups, and work to advance a fairer and more equal society where the human rights of all are protected.

The fund will support **locally based community groups and locally based ‘communities of interest’ with an interest in promoting or embedding human rights and social justice in their day-to-day work** for and with their chosen communities.

Applications must demonstrate that their proposal will contribute to at least **one** of the following objectives:

- To give voice and power to those whose human rights are most at risk and to support them to challenge inequality, exclusion, and unfairness.
- To provide groups and communities with support to challenge, monitor and remedy inequality and rights violations.
- To increase awareness of and contribute to building a culture of rights within and between communities, particularly those most marginalized from decision-making
- To support communities and marginalized groups to find solutions to contentious issues.

**Deadline: 10 June 2024 @ 13:00**

[Community Foundation NI - Social Justice Small Grants Programme](#)

### **PEACE PLUS 2021-27: Building Positive Relations**

Targeted at organisations **promoting positive relations through projects which transcend local boundaries, with cross border dimensions where possible**, this €35 million PEACEPLUS investment invites applications for projects that will promote positive relations characterised by **respect, celebrate cultural diversity, and encourage people to live, learn and socialise together**. The Programme places particular emphasis on providing support to those **most marginalised within our communities**. It aims is to build relationships based on a greater understanding of those from different cultural backgrounds, and to ensure everyone feels part of a wider, more diverse community.

**Deadline: 13 June 2024 (5pm)**

[Investment Area 1.3 - Building Positive Relations | SEUPB](#)

## **Hubbub/Starbucks: Eat It Up Fund (tackling food waste)**

The fund will support UK registered organisations with **an early-stage food waste project with potential for impact at scale**. The funding is for initiatives that do **one or more** of the following:

- Address pre-farmgate waste (the food production process, up to the point where the products have been harvested and prepared as produce for sale).
- Prevent food from being wasted at the manufacturing and processing stage.
- Minimise food waste from retailers.
- Find creative ways to use surplus food in communities or at home.
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The fund can support ideas that are ready to test, or concepts that have been tested and are ready to progress further. The focus for this funding is as high up the food waste hierarchy as possible. **Priority will be given to prevention and edible recovery/ repurposing over initiatives that do not result in food being kept within the human food chain.**

**Six grants of up to £60,000 each are available in 2024.** The grant must be used within one year of funding being awarded.

**A Q&A webinar will be held on 4 June 2024 (11:00 to 11:45am).** Registration is required for this Zoom session. There is a two-stage application process.

**Deadline for Stage 1 Expression of Interest: 14 June 2024 (5pm)**

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

## **The Big Give: Women and Girls Match Fund**

Equality is essential for women and girls to dream freely, achieve proudly and live boldly. The Women and Girls Match Fund utilises their '1:1' Model of match funding. **Women and Girls charities apply to Big Give and have their application assessed. Successful charities raise funds from the public to unlock their match fund donation during their online fundraising campaign period. So, £50 from a member of the public, becomes £100 for a good cause.** Open to UK-registered charities or tax-exempt status, have an annual income of at least £25,000, registered with Big Give, and seek to raise £2,500, £5,000 or £10,000 in public donations. Log in or sign up, head to Big Give Campaigns.

**Deadline: 22 June 2024**

<https://biggive.org/women-girls-match-fund/>

## **The Nature Save Trust**

The Trust offer grants between **£500 and £5,000** for small projects for charities, social enterprises and grassroots community organisations whose activities are based within the UK. **The May - June funding window is now open, and the theme is soil health.**

**Deadline: 27 June (noon)**

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



## **International Welsh Poetry Competition**

The eighteenth annual Welsh Poetry Competition has opened to applications. Its aim is to **encourage and reward the abundance of creative writing talent that exists across the world but struggles for recognition**. This year the prizes break down as follows:

- **First prize: £500**
- **Second prize: £250**
- **Third prize: £100**

There will also be 17 runners-up who will be mentioned on the funder's website and published in a future anthology. **Budding writers and published authors** are invited to submit a poem, in English, of fewer than 50 lines in length. **Entries are accepted from individuals located anywhere in the world**. Poets may be associated with libraries, writing groups, schools, universities, arts organisations, poetry workshops, bookshops, art galleries, councils etc. The organisers wish to inspire entrants to capture life in the present day and provide an opportunity for them to compete on an equal footing and be recognised for their work. Kathy Miles, award-winning poet, will judge the 2024 contest. Entrants are required to submit a fee with their entry (£6 per poem).

**Deadline: 30 June 2024**

<https://www.welshpoetry.co.uk/>

## **Climate Spring's The Hot House Development Lab (Climate Story Writers)**

The Climate Spring Hot House Development Lab aims to **support the development of writers, and stimulate a pipeline of new, engaging and commercially viable climate stories for film and TV**. This year's lab focuses on '**stories of the climate transition**'.

Successful applicants will each receive **£1,000 and three months of development support** for their projects. At the end of the lab, the projects will be showcased to producers and will be considered for development funding from Climate Spring in partnership with production companies.

Writers and writing partnerships, who are over 18 and not in full-time education can apply. Writers can be based in any country. Applications from writers who have been historically marginalised by the screen industries are particularly encouraged to apply.

**Deadline: 30 June 2024**

[Climate Spring's The Hot House development lab 2024 - long-form TV and feature film projects \(climate-spring.org\)](https://climate-spring.org/)

## **Music For All**

Music for All provides grants for both **individuals, groups and schools** to enable more people to access musical instruments and lessons and music programmes for the community. Open to eligible applicants in the UK and Ireland, Round 2 has the following categories:

- BBB Trust Award (community projects only)
- Working with primary-school aged children (community projects only)
- Chronic diseases and conditions affecting quality of life (community projects only)
- Working with groups with mental health challenges and/or affected by loneliness/isolation (community projects only)
- Working with communities from the Global Majority, in collaboration with Black Lives in Music (community projects only)
- Physical mobility or accessibility needs (community projects).

**Round 2 Application Deadline: 1 July 2024 (8am)**

[Community Project Funding | Music For All](#)

## **Wolfson Foundation: Funding for Places Grants (capital)**

Twice a year, the Wolfson Foundation accepts applications from **charitable organisations and educational establishments in the UK who are seeking grants for capital initiatives, ie buildings (new build or refurbishment) and equipment.**

The Foundation funds a broad range of organisations working across the fields of **education, science and medicine, health and disability, heritage and arts and humanities.**

The size of the grants varies across the different programme areas. The usual grant ranges are:

- Charities working with disability funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Charities working in mental health funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Charities working with older people funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Historic buildings and landscapes funding (includes places of worship and cathedrals) – £15,000–£100,000.
- Hospices and palliative care organisations funding – £30,000–£125,000.
- Libraries and archives – £15,000–£100,000.
- Museums and galleries funding – £50,000–£500,000.
- Performing arts organisations funding – £50,000–£150,000.
- Public engagement with science organisations funding – £100,000–£250,000.
- State funded secondary schools and sixth form colleges funding – £15,000–£50,000 (for equipment); £15,000–£100,000 (for new build and refurbishment).
- Special needs schools and colleges funding – £20,000–£75,000.
- Universities and research institutions – £250,000–£1 million.

The minimum grant available is generally £15,000 (except for universities and research institutions funding which is £100,000). **Match funding is required for projects where the total project cost is above £50,000.**

The project should be for a new building, refurbishment work or equipment that leads to at least one of the following aims:

- Increased access to services for new and existing users.
- Improved quality and range of services.
- Improved financial stability of the organisation.

There are two funding rounds per year, and the Foundation operates a two-stage application process. The application window for Round 2 is now open for all of the programme areas listed above.

**Deadline for Stage 1 applications: 1 July 2024 (23:59) with decisions in December 2024.**

<https://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places>

### **National Lottery Community Fund: Access to Resilience Fund**

This **Access to Resilience programme** provides funding to support organisations - sometimes known as **network, umbrella, membership or community anchor organisations** - enabling them to improve access to the help they provide to small, underrepresented community groups. It aims to enhance their **resilience and readiness for the future** by financing activities that **boost capacity and sustainability**.

The programme has a total fund value of £3 million. Grants of **up to £150,000 are available, providing funding for up to three years**. National Lottery Community Fund anticipates that it will make around **25 to 30 grants across Northern Ireland**.

Applications will be accepted from NI **voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations that support underrepresented community groups**. This includes the following applicant types: Support organisation, Network organisation, Membership organisation, Umbrella body, Community anchor organisation, Established organisation that has a history of providing capacity building support to other groups.

Applicants should use the funding **to support community groups with an annual income of around £10,000 up to £100,000**. They must also focus on representing the needs of: **Older people, Disabled people, Women, Ethnically minoritised people, Faith-based communities, LGBTQ+ people, Rural communities**.

Applicants may be either:

- **A generalist support organisation** that helps a diverse range of community groups. Their aim might be to improve access to underrepresented community groups who are not currently benefiting from their support.
- **A specialist support organisation** that already specialises in helping underrepresented community groups. Their aim might be to get more resources to meet the needs of these community groups.

**The funding is intended to support improvements to the skills, capacity and resilience of community organisations who work with disadvantaged people, helping them to improve outcomes. Projects should address existing barriers and achieve meaningful and inclusive participation. See website for more details of eligible projects and eligible project costs and activities.**

**Deadline: 4 July 2024 (12 noon)**

Before making an application, organisations **need to either watch a video briefing or attend an online or in-person briefing event**. Details of these events, together with programme guidance notes and the online application form are on the website.

[Access to resilience | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

## The Big Give: Christmas Challenge 2024

The Big Give runs the UK's biggest match funding campaign, The Christmas Challenge. For 7 days, it **offers supporters of participating charities the opportunity to have their donation doubled**. It has raised millions of pounds for thousands of charity projects since its launch. In 2022, £28.5m was raised for 1,021 charities. **Applicants must be a UK-registered charity with a Charity Commission number or tax-exempt status and an annual income of at least £25,000** (as per last filed accounts). Charities must also be registered on [BigGive.org](https://www.biggive.org) (free to register). **Watch their video** that explains how the campaign works.

**Deadline:** **5 July 2024**

[Christmas Challenge – Big Give](#)

## Pilgrim Trust: Young Women in Mind Programme (mental health for women aged 16-25)

We set up the Young Women in Mind programme (previously known as the Young Women's Mental Health programme) to help improve the **mental health of women aged 16-25** in the UK. We've committed £5 million in funding over five years (2021-2026). Our grants go to organisations that increase young women's access to high quality, age and gender specific mental health services.

<b>Grant size:</b>	£60,000 to £100,000 spread over three years.
<b>What funding covers:</b>	Project costs, staff costs and fees, advocacy, learning and evaluation.
<b>Location of work:</b>	North East or North West England, Yorkshire and the Humber and <b>Northern Ireland</b> .
<b>Key dates:</b>	Applications will open 13 May 2024. <b>Stage 1 deadline:</b> <b>8 July 2024</b> . <b>Stage 2 deadline:</b> <b>27 August 2024</b> .
<b>Success rate:</b>	In 2023, 47% of those invited to apply were successful.
<b>Further info:</b>	<a href="#">Read our Funding Guidelines for 2024.</a>

[Young women's mental health grants - Pilgrim Trust \(thepilgrimtrust.org.uk\)](#)

## Fluxus Magnetic: International Visual Artists Residencies

Magnetic is a joint Franco-UK initiative under the umbrella of Fluxus Art Projects that brings together ten institutions **to create a network of artist residencies in French regions and UK nations**. **Each residency is based on a tandem partnership between a French region and a UK nation:**

- CAPC, Bordeaux, Nouvelle-Aquitaine for applicants based in England
- Wysing Arts Centre, Cambridge, England, for applicants based in Nouvelle-Aquitaine
- **Frac Grand Large, Dunkirk, Hauts-de-France for applicants based in Northern Ireland**
- **Flax Art Studios, Belfast, Northern Ireland for applicants based in Hauts-de-France**

- Villa Arson, Nice, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur for applicants based in Scotland
- Cove Park, Helensburgh, Scotland for applicants based in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
- Frac Bretagne, Rennes and Kerguéhennec, Brittany for applicants based in Wales
- Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Aberystwyth, Wales for applicants based in Brittany
- Bétonsalon, Paris for applicants based in England
- Gasworks, London for applicants based in the Île-de-France region.

Artists from each one of the five regions in France are invited to apply for the residency based in the associated UK nation; and artists **from each UK nation are invited to apply for the residency based in the associated region in France.** You can find more information about the tandems and each residency on Fluxus' website. **Societal and environmental issues are at the heart of the programme: the residencies are bespoke to each host institution and their immediate locality, where the artists are invited to respond to specific geographical, historical, social, or artistic contexts.**

Magnetic offers:

- 2 months tailor-made residency in discussion with the institution's curatorial teams
- £ 2100/2500 € threshold monthly fee
- Accommodation and access to a workspace
- Curatorial mentoring.

**Timeline:**

- 21 May – 15 July: open call for applications
- Second half of September: selection committees with interviews of preselected artists
- Beginning of October: public announcement of Magnetic 3 laureates
- November: residencies start.

If you wish to apply, artists must submit a proposal outlining the relevance and singularity of your practice and research interests within the context and focus of the host institution you are eligible to apply for. In addition, a short text demonstrating your motivation for applying to an international residency at this point in your career and the benefits it will bring.

### [Fluxus Magnetic 3 International Visual Artists Residencies](#)

### **The Henry Smith Charity - Holiday Grants for Children**

You can ask us to help towards a single trip, which could be a day trip or a longer residential of up to seven days in length. This could be to a countryside or city location but ideally should be outside the children's immediate locality. We will consider trips which are more local but these should have an emphasis on providing a new experience for the children and broadening their horizons. Examples include camping, trips to adventure activity centres or the seaside. We prioritise applications that will benefit **disadvantaged or disabled children living in the most deprived areas of the UK.** For Holiday Grants this means areas that fall within **the bottom 20% according to the National Indices of Deprivation**

**Deadline: 22 July 2024**

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

## Theatre Improvement Scheme

Grants of **up to £20,000** are available theatre operators in the UK to carry out **capital projects (buildings or equipment) to improve their theatre buildings**. Projects must fall within a specific theme each year.

The current theme for the fund is **Improving Environmental Sustainability** as this is an urgent priority for the sector.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- Demonstrate that they run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year.
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years. This can include local authorities or town and borough councils that own and/or operate a venue.
- Have the permission of the property owner and any relevant planning body to do the work required.
- Operate theatres that achieve excellence through their producing and programming and/or community engagement and/or architectural significance.

Organisations currently in receipt of other grants from the Theatres Trust or the Wolfson Foundation are not eligible to apply.

The theme for applications is **Improving Environmental Sustainability**. Funding will be given to projects that demonstrate how a small intervention can have a big impact on reducing the theatre's environmental impact. Grants support a range of projects that consider different ways theatre buildings can reduce their environmental impact, for example:

- Sedum roofs.
- New windows.
- Building management systems.
- More efficient water heaters.

**Deadline: 6 September 2024 (midday).**

**An online webinar is being held on 20 May 2024** to provide guidance on applications. Interested applicants can book a place via the link on the Theatres Trust website.

<https://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme>

## 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 September 2024**

[The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation \(gbsf.org.uk\)](https://gbsf.org.uk)

### **Healthy Hearts Grants – Heart Research UK**

Healthy Hearts Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community projects aimed at supporting adults to reduce their risk of coronary heart disease, helping them to live healthier, happier and longer lives. Grants are available to small, registered charities and community interest companies with annual incomes of less than £1 million. **Projects must work solely with adults and have a main focus on one or more of the following areas: healthy eating, physical activity, smoking or alcohol.**

Applications open 21 August 2024 and the **deadline is: 18 September 2024**

[Healthy Heart Grants - Heart Research UK](https://www.heartresearchuk.org)

### **Mears Foundation Grants**

The Mears Foundation are dedicated to supporting projects that positively impact communities all throughout the UK. They offer **Community Grants** which will **open 5 August 2024** supporting projects that tackle key issues such as **poverty, isolation, vulnerable individuals and asylum seekers**. For their National Grants they invite conversations with national charities and organisations that share their objective and actively support the well-being of local communities, in line with The Mears Foundation's values and goals.

**Deadline: 30 September 2024 (for approval in November)**

[Grants \(themearsfoundation.org.uk\)](https://themearsfoundation.org.uk)

## **Michael Tippett Musical Foundation Grants**

Grants of between **£500 and £3,000** are available to support the following objectives:

- To award grants to support the development of **group music-making especially involving young people, with composing central to the project.**
- To support the **performance or recording of works by Michael Tippett.**

For 2024 the Foundation will support performances or recordings from anywhere in the world of music composed by Tippett. The Trustees will consider applications about any of his compositions but are likely to prioritise plans for specific works that are less frequently performed or projects which are unlikely to be mounted without additional financial support.

Preference will be given to projects involving young people, or with a participatory element.

Proposed projects should start no earlier than January 2025.

**Deadline: 30 September 2024**     <https://www.tippettfoundation.org.uk/grants>

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

This fund will be opening for applications in the **Derry City and Strabane District Council area from Wednesday 11 September 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.

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



## **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 \(Twitter\)](#) and [YouTube](#)

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 Iffernáin at **+353 1 6398463** or email [stg@forasnagaeilge.ie](mailto:stg@forasnagaeilge.ie)

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

## **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 \(community-relations.org.uk\)](http://community-relations.org.uk)

## **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/>

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