



## The Fundingpoint Local Access Digest | May – June 2019



The Fundingpoint Local Digest provides up-to-date funding information for non-profits in the Meath area. Funding sources reflect both local and national funding opportunities. All information is quoted directly from funder website / literature.

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## WorldWise Global Schools Programme

Applications for funding are invited from eligible organisations for Global Citizenship Education initiatives in post-primary schools in the coming academic year under the WWGS Annual Grant Call 2019.

WorldWise Global Schools (WWGS) is the Irish Aid programme for Development Education in post-primary Schools in the Republic of Ireland. It is the key channel through which Irish Aid support for Development Education (DE) at post-primary school level is coordinated, and is named as one of five strategic partnership programmes in the Irish Aid Development Education Strategy 2017-2023.

WWGS is implemented through a consortium comprised of Gorta-Self Help Africa (GSHA), Concern Worldwide (CW) and the City of Dublin's Education and Training Board Curriculum Development Unit (CDETBCDU).

### How to Apply

Full details available here:

<http://www.worldwiseschools.ie/grants/>

**Deadline:** 10 May 2019

## Erasmus+ Programme: 2014 - 2020

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport for the years 2014 to 2020. It provides funding and support for organisations to operate projects consistent with its objectives and which encourage European exchange, co-operation and learning. Erasmus+ is funded by the European Union through the contributions of member states, including Ireland. Funding of almost €170 million has been allocated to Ireland for the duration of the programme.

Erasmus+ funding is available to all sectors (or fields) of formal, informal and non-formal education. Structurally, Erasmus+ is divided into three 'Key Actions' describing the kind of project activities possible.

### Programme Objectives

Erasmus+ aims to modernise and improve the quality of teaching, training and youth work across Europe, and to support the development, transfer and implementation of innovative practices. These objectives are closely tied with the Europe 2020 strategy of achieving a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy by 2020 for all of Europe's citizens. Fundamental goals for Erasmus+ include improving key competences and skills, and fostering partnerships between education and employment. The programme also seeks to promote European values as stated in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union: respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

### Eligibility

Erasmus+ is open to private or public organisations active in the fields of adult education, higher education, school education, sport, vocational education and training, and youth and community work, in any participating country. While the programme enables individuals to travel, work, volunteer and study abroad, project applications from individuals themselves are not accepted. However, individuals may apply to attend Transnational Cooperation Activities with the support of their organisations.

Some key actions / proposals are managed directly by the European Commission, while others are managed by the relevant national body (Leargas in the case of Ireland - note: Leargas managed items are in bold below).

### **Learning mobility of individuals (Key Activity 1)**

This Key Action supports:

- Mobility of learners and staff: opportunities for students, trainees, young people and volunteers, as well as for professors, teachers, trainers, youth workers, staff of education institutions and civil society organisations to undertake a learning and/or professional experience in another country;
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees: high-level integrated international study programmes delivered by consortia of higher education institutions that award full degree scholarships to the best master students worldwide;
- Erasmus+ Master Loans: higher education students from Programme Countries can apply for a loan backed up by the Programme to go abroad for a full Master Degree. Students should address themselves to national banks or student loan agencies participating in the scheme.

## **Cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices (Key Activity 2)**

This Key Action supports:

- Transnational Strategic Partnerships aimed to develop initiatives addressing one or more fields of education training and youth and promote innovation, exchange of experience and know-how between different types of organisations involved in education, training and youth or in other relevant fields. Certain mobility activities are supported in so far as they contribute to the objectives of the project;
- Knowledge Alliances between higher education institutions and enterprises which aim to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity, employability, knowledge exchange and/or multidisciplinary teaching and learning;
- Sector Skills Alliances supporting the design and delivery of joint vocational training curricula, programmes and teaching and training methodologies, drawing on evidence of trends in a specific economic sector and skills needed in order to perform in one or more professional fields;
- Capacity-building projects supporting cooperation with Partner Countries in the fields of higher education and youth. Capacity-building projects aim to support organisations/institutions and systems in their modernisation and internationalisation process. Certain types of capacity-building projects support mobility activities in so far as they contribute to the objectives of the project;
- IT support platforms, such as eTwinning, the School Education Gateway, the European Platform for Adult Learning (EPAL) and the European Youth Portal, offering virtual

collaboration spaces, databases of opportunities, communities of practice and other online services for teachers, trainers and practitioners in the field of school and adult education as well as for young people, volunteers and youth workers across Europe and beyond.

### **Support for policy reform (Key Activity 3)**

This Key Action supports:

- Knowledge in the fields of education, training and youth for evidence-based policy making and monitoring, in particular:
- country-specific and thematic analysis, including through cooperation with academic networks;
- peer learning and peer reviews through the Open Methods of Coordination in education, training and youth.
- Initiatives for policy innovation to stimulate innovative policy development among stakeholders and to enable public authorities to test the effectiveness of innovative policies through field trials based on sound evaluation methodologies;
- Support to European policy tools to facilitate transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications, as well as the transfer of credits, to foster quality assurance, support validation of non-formal and informal learning, skills management and guidance. This Action also includes the support to networks that facilitate cross-European exchanges, the learning and working mobility of citizens as well as the development of flexible learning pathways between different fields of education, training and youth;
- Cooperation with international organisations with highly recognised expertise and analytical capacity (such as the OECD and the Council of Europe), to strengthen the impact and added value of policies in the fields of education, training and youth;
- Stakeholder dialogue, policy and Programme promotion involving public authorities, providers and stakeholders in the fields of education, training and youth for raising awareness about the European policy agendas, in particular Europe 2020, Education and Training 2020, the European Youth Strategy, as well as the external dimension of European education, training and youth policies. These activities are essential to develop the capacity of stakeholders to actively support the implementation of policies by stimulating the exploitation of the Programme results and generating tangible impact.

## Jean Monnet

Jean Monnet activities will support:

- Academic Modules, Chairs, Centres of Excellence in order to deepen teaching in European integration studies embodied in an official curriculum of a higher education institution, as well as to conduct, monitor and supervise research on EU content, also for other educational levels such as teacher training and compulsory education. These Actions are also intended to provide in-depth teaching on European integration matters for future professionals in fields which are in increasing demand on the labour market, and at the same time aim at encouraging, advising and mentoring the young generation of teachers and researchers in European integration subject areas;
- Policy debate with academic world, supported through: a) Networks to enhance cooperation between different universities throughout Europe and around the world, foster cooperation and create a high knowledge exchange platform with public actors and the Commission services on highly relevant EU subjects; b) Projects for innovation and cross-fertilisation and spread of EU content aimed to promote discussion, reflection on EU issues and to enhance knowledge about the EU and its processes;
- Support to associations, to organise and carry out statutory activities of associations dealing with EU studies and EU issues, and to publicize EU facts among a wider public enhancing active European citizenship.
- The Jean Monnet Activities also provide operating grants to designated institutions which pursue an aim of European interest and organises Studies and conferences with the purpose of providing policy-makers with new insights and concrete suggestions.

## Sport

Actions in the field of sport will support:

- Collaborative Partnerships, aimed at promoting the integrity of Sport (anti-doping, fight against match fixing, protection of minors), supporting innovative approaches to implement EU principles on good governance in sport, EU strategies in the area of social inclusion and equal opportunities, encouraging participation in sport and physical activity (supporting the implementation of EU Physical Activity Guidelines, volunteering, employment in sport as well as education and training in sport), and supporting the implementation of the EU guidelines on dual careers of athletes. These partnerships include also Small Collaborative Partnerships, aimed at encouraging social inclusion and

equal opportunities in sport, promoting European traditional sports and games, supporting the mobility of volunteers, coaches, managers and staff of non-profit sport organisations and protecting athletes, especially the youngest, from health and safety hazards by improving training and competition conditions.

- Not-for-profit European sport events, granting individual organisations in charge of the preparation, organisation and follow-up to a given event. The activities involved will include the organisation of training activities for athletes and volunteers in the run-up to the event, opening and closing ceremonies, competitions, side-activities to the sporting event (conferences, seminars), as well as the implementation of legacy activities, such as evaluations or follow-up activities;
- Strengthening of the evidence base for policy making through studies; data gathering, surveys; networks; conferences and seminars which spread good practices from Programme Countries and sport organisations and reinforce networks at EU level so that national members of those networks benefit from synergies and exchanges with their partners;
- Dialogue with relevant European stakeholders, being mainly the annual EU Sport Forum and support to Sport Presidency events organised by the EU Member States holding the Presidency of the EU. Other ad hoc meetings and seminars relevant to ensure optimal dialogue with the sport stakeholders may also be organised as appropriate.

## How to Apply

Leargas serves as the Ireland contact for the Erasmus programme. Learn more here:

<http://www.leargas.ie/programmes/erasmusplus/>

Visit the main Erasmus programme website here:

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en)

**Deadline:** 16 May 2019 (VET Mobility Charter)

## Social Innovation Fund Ireland - Children and Youth Education Fund

The Children and Youth Education Fund has been created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Department of Rural and Community Development provides match funding for all philanthropic funds raised by Social Innovation Fund Ireland, via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

Through the Children and Youth Education Fund, we are aiming to improve access to higher and further education for students (including the full primary school cycle and up to the age of 25) who are affected by disability or disadvantage.

As part of the application requirements, we are asking applicants to demonstrate that they have secured private or philanthropic funding for the duration of this fund. If the applicant is successful, we will match their donation by providing a 50% uplift on their funds, as well as delivering other supports such as training, impact measurement, and capacity building.

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

Education largely determines the opportunities afforded to people throughout their lives. Those who leave education without qualifications are hindered in their ability to find well-paying jobs, and as a result are more at risk of poverty.

We are calling out to innovative projects or programmes in Ireland that:

- Improve the retention of youth learners up to age 25 who are affected by disadvantage or disability at level 1 to 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) or equivalent accredited programmes/courses,
- Demonstrate movement of learners along the NFQ ladder or equivalent.
- The Children and Youth Education Fund aims to have wide impact and will contribute to Ireland's achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

### **WHAT DOES THE FUND OFFER?**

- 50% uplift on funds raised by applicants (applicants must provide evidence to verify that private funding has been secured)
- Peer to peer networking and knowledge sharing
- Training workshops

- Impact measurement
- A platform for awardees to showcase their work at an awards event

## **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

Successful applicants are asked to provide evidence to verify the private funding they have secured. We require a minimum of €20,000 private funding per year with a Donor Letter of Commitment over a minimum period of 2 years (Sample: Donor-Letter-of-Commitment)

How the funding process works:

- These private funds are paid to Social Innovation Fund Ireland annually
- Social Innovation Fund Ireland provides evidence of committed donor funds to Government
- Government releases funding to Social Innovation Fund Ireland
- Following this, Social Innovation Fund Ireland provides an uplift of 50% on the donor funds and makes a grant to successful applicant.

The Children and Youth Education Fund provides a total uplift to the €60,000 of €30,000, making a total fund of €90,000. This €90,000 is paid over the 3 years at €30,000 p.a (€20,000 donor funds and €10,000 SIFI uplift).

## **WHAT KIND OF PROJECT IS THE FUND LOOKING FOR?**

Applicants should be able to demonstrate how they improve the retention of children and youth learners up to age 25 who are affected by disadvantage or disability at NFQ levels 1 to 8 equivalent, moving them up the NFQ ladder.

All applicants should have a strong evidence base for their project and have an evaluation or assessment component.

Applicants should also be able to provide evidence that they have raised private or philanthropic funding for the period proposed and demonstrate what SIFI funding would enable them to achieve.

## **WHAT ORGANISATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE?**

Applicants must have not-for-profit legal status to be considered for the Children and Youth Education Fund. For example: charity, company limited by guarantee, trust etc...

## How to Apply

Full details on Fund website. <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/children-youth-education/>

**Deadline:** 17 May 2019

## Social Innovation Fund Ireland - Children and Youth Mental Health Fund

The Children and Youth Mental Health Fund has been created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Department of Rural and Community Development provides match funding for all philanthropic funds raised by Social Innovation Fund Ireland, via the Dormant Accounts Fund.

Through the Children and Youth Mental Health Fund, we aim to provide meaningful, lasting support to innovative mental health programmes and initiatives that reach out to children and young people before and during the societal, academic, physical, and emotional pressures of early adolescence and early adulthood.

As part of the application for this fund, we are asking applicants to demonstrate that they have secured private or philanthropic funding for the duration of their project. If the applicant is successful, we will match their donation by providing a 50% uplift on their funds, as well as delivering other supports such as training, impact measurement and capacity building.

### Objective

Mental health is increasingly being recognised as an important health issue in Ireland. It is estimated poor mental health will affect one in four people over the course of their lives, with the onset often starting in childhood, adolescence, and early adulthood. The development of poor mental health in childhood, adolescence and early adulthood can have devastating impacts that may last over the course of a person's lifetime. By promoting mental, emotional and social wellbeing, we can enable children and young people to fulfil their potential and cope with the challenges faced during this critical development period.

The objective of the Children and Youth Mental Health Fund is to provide meaningful, lasting support to innovative mental health programmes and initiatives that reach out to children and young people before and during the societal, academic, physical, and emotional pressures of early adolescence, adolescence and early adulthood. The fund is open to all innovative projects offering either preventive supports or interventions for children and young people and their mental health.

### What does the fund offer?

- 50% uplift on funds raised by applicants (applicants must provide evidence to verify that private funding has been secured)

- Peer to peer networking and knowledge sharing
- Training workshops
- Impact measurement
- A platform for awardees to showcase their work at an awards event.

## **Funding Requirements**

Successful applicants are asked to provide evidence to verify the private funding they have secured. We require a minimum of €20,000 private funding per year with a Donor Letter of Commitment over a minimum period of 2 years(Sample: Donor-Letter-of-Commitment)

### **How the funding process works:**

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### **WHAT KIND OF PROJECT IS THE FUND LOOKING FOR?**

Applicants should be able to demonstrate how they improve the capacity of those up to age 25 to cope with mental health challenges and difficulties. These projects may be preventative initiatives, group or one to one interventions or tailored projects that reflect the specific requirements/needs of their target group(s).

All applicants should have a strong evidence base for their project and have an evaluation or assessment component (at least commenced).

Applicants should also be able to provide evidence that they have raised private or philanthropic funding for the period proposed and demonstrate what SIFI funding would enable them to achieve.

## **WHAT KIND OF ORGANISATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE?**

Applicants must have not-for-profit legal status to be considered for the Children and Youth Mental Health Fund. For example: charity, company limited by guarantee, trust etc.

## **How to Apply**

Full guidelines available here: <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/children-youth-mental-health/>

**Deadline:** 17 May 2019

## Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2019 (Meath)

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme will provide funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure and for the necessary maintenance, enhancement and promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland.

Measure 1: Small maintenance/promotion of existing infrastructure (maximum grant €20,000)

Measure 2: Medium scale repair/upgrade and development of new small/medium infrastructure (grant of between €20,000 and €200,000)

Measure 3: Repair/upgrade and development of larger more strategic projects (grant of between €200,000 and €500,000).

Local Authorities will be the applicant bodies under Measures 1 and 2, with Local Development Companies invited to participate under Measure 1 as partners or co-applicants.

Measure 3 will be open to Local Authorities and State Agencies, with collaborative approaches welcomed under this Measure in particular. Funding for all three measures will be provided to a maximum of 80% of total project costs, with the balance to be provided from Local Authority or other sources.

The term “recreation” in the context applies to sporting and recreational activities, which operate in the countryside. It does not include sporting activities which take place in the countryside on confined courses or pitches specifically designed and constructed for those sports.

Meath County Council are now seeking expressions of interest for projects under Measure 1 and 2, details can be submitted by either completing the project details in the forms below or submitting on a separate sheet. All projects must be completed by October 2019. As far as possible, the cost of works associated with each project should be as accurate as possible. Further details on the scheme can be found in the attached document.

### How to Apply

Full details available here:

<http://www.meath.ie/Community/CommunityInformation/CommunityGrants/OutdoorRecreationInfrastructureScheme/>

**Deadline:** 17 May 2019

## **Ecclesiastical - Movement for Good Awards**

Charitable giving is at the heart of what we do – and has been for over 130 years. Today, we're the only financial services group that exists to give its profits to charity. We're proud to be doing things differently. To be giving back to the communities we serve and championing the issues that really matter to them – working together to build a movement for good.

### **OUR MOVEMENT FOR GOOD AWARDS**

Through our Movement for Good awards, we're giving £1m to charities. We want to put our giving directly into the hands of remarkable organisations (like yours perhaps) that are changing people's lives for the better.

Our £1,000 awards are open to eligible charities registered in the UK and Republic of Ireland - these could range from smaller volunteer-run groups to larger, well-known organisations. Our £50,000 awards are open to eligible charities registered in the UK and Republic of Ireland with an income of less than £5m, which support a cause that we know our communities care about.

### **GIVING £1M TO DESERVING CAUSES**

Our £1m giving programme has two funding categories:

1. £1,000 donations to 500 charities
2. £50,000 grants to 10 charities

We know that for many charities, £1,000 can make a real difference. We also know the importance of longer-term funding for charities, especially when trying to bring ambitious new ideas to life. Through our £50,000 awards, we're actively championing innovation, giving charities the backing they need to propel their plans forward.

By splitting the awards into two categories, we are allocating the funds in a way that charities tell us will have the greatest impact.

Remember - charities can be nominated for the £1,000 donations and apply for the £50,000 grants.

## **How to Apply**

### **FOR THE £1,000 AWARDS**

Anyone can nominate a charity to win one of our £1,000 awards. And it's quick and easy to do.

The charity you nominate must be an eligible charity registered in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

You can only nominate a charity once and your nomination is identified by your unique email address. However, your chosen charity can receive multiple nominations. So the more support you can drum up, the more nominations your chosen charity will get and the greater their chance of winning.

#### FOR THE £50,000 AWARDS

The £50,000 awards open on Monday 17 June and it's never too soon to start preparing your application. If you'd like to know when our online application form goes live, sign up for an email alert. You only have one chance to submit your application so to ensure you are in with a good chance of being shortlisted, be sure to read our application guide containing useful information about the assessment criteria and how each application will be scored.

Full guidelines and nomination options available here:

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/>

#### **Deadlines:**

- Deadline for £1,000 grants: 17 May 2019
- Applications open for £50,000 grants: 17 Jun 2019
- Deadline for for £50,000 grants: 26 Jul 2019

## Proposals for Gender Equality

On 16 April 2019 Mr. David Stanton, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality with special responsibility for Equality, Immigration and Integration will launch (launched) a Call for Proposals for Gender Equality projects under the European Social Fund.

€5.5 has been allocated for this round of ESF Gender Equality funding.

### Thematic and Overall Objective

Combating all forms of discrimination and promoting equal opportunities. The purpose of the activity is to increase women's overall participation in the labour market, while offering women increased economic independence; to decrease their risk of poverty in older years, associated with detachment from the labour market; and to foster the achievement of the female employment target in Europe 2020 and meet the objectives of EU Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan.

### Activity Title

Strand A – Women Returning to the Workforce To develop and deliver one or more training models to offer self - developmental training in employment-related skills to women who are currently detached from the labour market (i.e., not in paid employment but not registered as unemployed) and who are interested in entering/reentering employment.

Strand B – Women's Entrepreneurship Page 8 of 30 To develop and deliver interventions aimed at addressing the gender gap in entrepreneurial activity through targeted supports for women's entrepreneurship.

### Specific Objective

To engage with the most disadvantaged groups, including those distant from the labour market, with a view to raising their skills, ultimately increasing their future employment prospects.

### Indicative Fund Allocation

The Department of Justice and Equality may commit up to €5.5 million in this Call - €4.5 million to Women Returning to the Workforce Projects and €1 million to Women's Entrepreneurship Projects. €200,000 is the minimum grant that can be applied for. The Department reserves the right to make a grant funding offer that may differ from the grant funding requested.

### Matching Funding

Selected project(s) will be funded through the Department of Justice and Equality (50% ESF funding, 50% Exchequer funding).

Subject to the availability of funds, funding for approved projects will be in the form of a grant issued in instalments over the duration of the project (subject to the terms of the Grant Agreement and ongoing conditions).

### **Duration of Project Approvals**

Projects under this call should be for a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 3 years and end no later than 30th September 2022. The Gender Equality Division reserves the right to vary the maximum duration in exceptional circumstances.

### **Geographical Scope**

All interventions should be focussed on activity in the State. The selection of projects to be funded under this Call will have regard to the desirability of achieving a geographical spread of activities.

### **Eligibility**

Public, Private and Voluntary Bodies are eligible to apply. Applicants must be legally constituted at the point of signing a Grant Agreement and must be able to enter into a legally binding Grant Agreement, should their application be approved. Applications are invited from organisations with the capacity and experience to deliver projects aimed at women returning to the workforce and/or aimed at increasing women's rates of entrepreneurship, in accordance with the objectives of this Call (see Section 1.5 below). If more than one organisation is applying for funds, one organisation must be nominated as the Lead Applicant.

If successful, the Lead Applicant will sign the Grant Agreement and will carry the liability for ensuring its terms and conditions are met by them and all delivery partners. It is acceptable for an organisation to make more than one application under this Call. However, in these circumstances, the projects proposed must be clearly separate and distinct.

### **How to Apply**

Full application forms and guidelines are available here:

<http://eufunding.justice.ie/en/EUFunding/Pages/2019-AMIF-Open-Call-ES>

**Deadline:** 28 May 2019

## NDA Research Promotion Scheme (Homelessness) 2019

The National Disability Authority (NDA) is an independent statutory body which was established to provide evidence-based expert advice to the Government on disability policy and practice and to promote Universal Design in Ireland.

The NDA's Research Promotion Scheme aims to promote quality new research on specific themes aligned to the NDA's strategic priorities, through the provision of funding to successful applicants.

The NDA is now inviting proposals for research projects from research bodies and organisations, disability organisations or service providers, or other relevant bodies, under the theme set for 2019: People with disabilities experiencing homelessness.

The maximum grant will be €25,000, and it is envisaged that grants will be in the range €20,000 to €25,000.

### About

The Census 2016 figures show that the disability rate among the homeless was double that of the general population. Whereas the proportion of people with disabilities among the general population is 13.5%, 27% of the total homeless population consists of people with disabilities. The Discrimination and Inequality in Housing in Ireland report by ESRI/IHREC (2018)[1] showed that people with disabilities are more than twice as likely as people without a disability to report discrimination in access to housing. However, despite much discussion of housing policy and homelessness, there appears to be a dearth of specific research on people with disabilities who experience homelessness and associated issues within the Irish context.

The NDA now seeks to fund research projects that will help to develop further understanding of homelessness and the experiences of people with disabilities, including issues specific to people with disabilities, supports that are available, and what was required in this area. Defining homelessness and housing exclusion using the European Typology of Homelessness and Housing Deprivation (ETHOS) scale[2], projects can encompass (among other categories) people sleeping rough, people in emergency accommodation or accommodation for the homeless, people in direct provision and people living in temporary or non/conventional structures, among other categories. Proposals that consider any of these situations in the context of the experiences of people with disabilities are welcome, as are proposals that explore:

- Homelessness and mental health (including dual diagnosis and complex needs)

- People with disabilities transitioning into, or out of, homelessness, and in particular those with complex needs, e.g.:
- Possible pathways out of homelessness for people with disabilities.
- Details of existing accommodation provision and other supports for homeless people with disabilities.
- What supports are effective and which ones are less so.
- The inter-connection of disability and homelessness, e.g.:
- The extent to which disability can be a factor leading to, or exacerbating, homelessness
- How disabilities are impacted by homelessness
- The impact of homelessness on accessing supports for disability needs.
- The impact of other equality grounds. For example, how gender, ethnicity etc. impacts the experiences and outcomes of people with disabilities who experience homelessness.

The NDA is especially interested in the analysis of existing datasets and available administrative data. Qualitative research that illustrates key factors will also be considered. Proposals should reference the Irish policy framework and the measures highlighted should be applicable in the Irish context.

Applicants should demonstrate that their proposed research topic fills a gap in current research and will add to the existing evidence base. Applicants should also show how their research is of sufficient scale to give findings that could be generalised.

## Deliverables

Successful applicants will be required to:

- undertake a piece of research relevant to the theme, with a strong evidence-base and meeting NDA's quality standards
- write a report of the research, to a publishable standard, meeting NDA's accessibility standards
- develop a strategy for dissemination of the research to key target audiences including policy makers, service providers and academics

- permit the NDA to publish the report on its website if it so decides
- give a seminar in the NDA.

## Eligibility

Proposals/applications are invited from the following:

- research institutions and agencies
- academic departments in recognised third-level institutions
- representatives of user/advocacy groups
- service providers.

NDA encourages proposals prepared by partner agencies/ organisations/ institutions who wish to work in collaboration. However, joint applications must indicate clearly the involvement of all different partners and stakeholders in the design, planning, implementation and dissemination of the research.

## How to Apply

Full details available here:

<http://nda.ie/Policy-and-research/Research/Research-Promotion-Scheme/NDA-Research-Promotion-Scheme-2019.html>

**Deadline:** 30 May 2019

## Community Enhancement Programme 2019

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) is a Capital Grant programme which provides funding to enhance community facilities and address disadvantaged areas in County Meath.

Meath Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is responsible for allocating funding to projects.

Applications are now invited from Community and Voluntary groups in County Meath for a Small scale capital grant of €1,000 or less or for a Capital Grant in excess of €1,000.

The project must benefit the local community and relate to a priority identified in the Meath Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) in order to be eligible for consideration.

### How to Apply

Full details available here:

<http://www.meath.ie/Community/CommunityInformation/CommunityGrants/CommunityEnhancementProgramme/>

**Deadline:** 30 May 2019

## Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme has been launched by Minister Ring on 16th April 2019. As in previous years, towns and villages of less than 10,000 population (as per the 2016 census) qualify for the scheme. The main focus for the 2019 Town and Village Renewal Scheme will be on public realm type activities and the enhancement of town centre amenities.

Meath County Council is now seeking Expressions of Interest from groups for projects in their areas which could qualify for funding. The minimum grant that can be applied for is €20,000 and the maximum is €100,000. The scheme outline and the expressions of interest form are below.

An assessment of the Expression of Interests submitted will then take place and a maximum of 12 will be developed into applications and submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development.

### How to Apply

Full details available here:

<http://www.meath.ie/Community/CommunityInformation/CommunityGrants/TownandVillageRenewalScheme/>

**Deadline:** 30 May 2019

## Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

On 16 April 2019 Mr. David Stanton, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality with special responsibility for Equality, Immigration and Integration launched a Call for Proposals under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

€4.5 million has been allocated for this round of AMIF funding.

The overall objective of the EU Asylum Migration and Integration Fund 2014-20204 is to promote the efficient management of migration flows and the implementation, strengthening and development of a common EU approach to asylum and immigration.

The Fund has four Specific Objectives:

1. to strengthen and develop all aspects of the Common European Asylum System, including its external dimension;
2. to support legal migration to the Member States in accordance with their economic and social needs, such as labour market needs, while safeguarding the integrity of the immigration systems of Member States, and to promote the effective integration of third country nationals;
3. to enhance fair and effective return strategies in the Member States which contribute to combating illegal immigration, with an emphasis on sustainability of return and effective re-admission in the countries of origin and transit; and
4. to enhance solidarity and responsibility sharing between the Member States, in particular towards those most affected by migration and asylum flows, including through practical co-operation.

This Call concerns Specific Objectives (a) and (b) only.

### Indicative Fund Allocation

The Responsible Authority (EU Funds Unit) may commit up to €4.5 million in this Call.

€150,000 is the minimum AMIF grant that may be applied for (that is, a project with a minimum total budget of €200,000). EU Funds Unit reserves the right to make a grant offer that differs from the grant requested.

### Co-Funding

Under this Call, selected projects will be co-funded on the basis of: 75% by the European Union under the AMIF (via the Department of Justice and Equality), and 25% by a funding arrangement (“co-funding”) to be put in place by the applicant prior to the application being made. All applicants are required to provide evidence of co-funding as part of their application. Co-funding cannot be sourced from any other EU Fund.

## **Duration of Projects**

Projects funded under this call should be for a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 3 years and should end no later than 30th September 2022. The Responsible Authority (EU Funds Unit) reserves the right to vary the maximum duration in exceptional circumstances.

## **Geographical Scope**

All interventions should be focussed on activity in the State. The selection of projects to receive funding under this Call will have regard to the desirability of achieving a geographical spread of activities.

## **Eligibility**

Proposals must only contain actions that are eligible for funding under Ireland’s National Programme AMIF. All actions should address one or more of the National Objectives set out at Section 1.5 of this document. The National Programme includes examples of the types of actions that may be funded. Actions not specified in the National Programme may still be eligible for funding provided they address one or more National Objective(s). Actions should be specific and, where relevant, should be complementary to actions financed under other European Union Funds. All activities must be non-profit in nature.

## **Who may apply?**

Public, Private and Voluntary Bodies are eligible to apply. Applicants must be legally constituted at the point of signing a Grant Agreement and must be able to enter into a legally binding Grant Agreement, should their application be approved. If more than one organisation is applying for funds, one organisation must be nominated as the Lead Applicant. If successful, the Lead Applicant will sign the Grant Agreement and will carry the liability for ensuring its terms and conditions are met both by them and by all delivery partners. It is acceptable for an organisation to make more than one application under this Call. However, in these circumstances, the projects proposed must be clearly separate and distinct.

## **How to Apply**

Full guidelines and application details are available here:

<http://eufunding.justice.ie/en/EUFunding/Pages/2019-AMIF-Open-Call-AMIF>

**Deadline:** 31 May 2019

## Culture Ireland Grants

Culture Ireland promotes Irish arts worldwide. We create and support opportunities for Irish artists and companies to present and promote their work at strategic international festivals and venues.

### Purpose of Awards

Culture Ireland offers support to Irish professional artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals.

In supporting an event, Culture Ireland offers grant funding towards costs which relate directly to the international presentation of the event, i.e. travel and travel related costs such as transport, accommodation and subsistence.

Culture Ireland considers applications for all forms of the arts as defined in the Arts Act 2003: “arts means any creative or interpretative expression (whether traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes, in particular, visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus and architecture, and includes any medium when used for those purposes”.

### Eligibility

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- Application must be in respect of a Irish professional artist/s or arts organisation
- Application must be in respect of an art form defined under the Arts Act 2003
- Only international events are supported (i.e., outside the island of Ireland)
- The event must be accessible to an open public audience and fees must be payable to the artist/s or arts organisation
- Funding support is limited to travel and travel related costs
- Grants are only payable to the person/organisation named on the initial application

Applications deemed eligible are assessed in line with the following criteria:

- Artistic quality of work and track record of artist/s or arts organisation
- Financial and operational viability of the event (including fees and level of support from presenter/venue/other partners)

- Profile of international venue/festival
- Proven capacity of applicant, artist/s or arts organisation to present work internationally
- Wider promotional and media impact

**What does Culture Ireland mean by artistic quality?**

Artistic quality can be defined as work that is ambitious, excellent and original, connects to audiences and has been presented nationally to critical acclaim. It should be noted that the assessment of the artistic quality of the proposed work is made using knowledge, experience and specialist advice.

Examples of eligible applications include:

- Theatre, circus and dance performances by professional companies
- Film-makers presenting films at key international film festivals
- Performances by professional or professionally-led musicians and ensembles
- Visual artists/galleries exhibiting at internationally recognised art fairs/galleries
- Readings by writers/poets in English or Irish or otherwise at international literary festivals

Please note that because of the competitive nature and context of each grant round, limited funding and a large number of applicants, eligibility and compliance with criteria for assessment alone does not guarantee that you will receive grant funding.

Examples of ineligible applications include:

- Events which have already taken place
- Research, opportunities, study or professional training
- Production Costs
- Residencies
- Bursaries
- Workshops/Conferences
- Amateur events

- Work by non-professional artists
- Events of a competitive nature.

## How to Apply

Application forms and further information can be accessed on the Culture Ireland website:

<http://www.cultureireland.ie/funding/schemes/regular>

**Deadline:** 13 Jun 2019

## Energy for Generations Fund

Our aim with the Energy for Generations Fund is to maximise the impact of our investment by taking a more strategic approach to effect change. Funding is only part of the jigsaw – we also want to leverage the skills and knowledge we have within the company to bring about more sustainable and positive outcomes.

### Criteria

ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees over €2m per year disbursed across a range of community and issues-based initiatives.

Each year the Fund awards €1m in direct funding through a quarterly fund to charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support.

ESB has been supporting initiatives in the areas of suicide prevention and homelessness since 2005. The Energy for Generations Fund introduced a new focus on education in 2014, which recognises the need for educational supports at all levels to ensure that Ireland has the skills it needs to compete effectively in the future.

The remainder is allocated across a range of initiatives including support for ElectricAid, wind farm community funds, fuel poverty programmes and support for staff volunteering.

### Eligibility

Charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support can apply to the Fund for project specific funding.

Every quarter ESB allocates an amount from the Fund for disbursement. The amount may vary because of the volume of applications received or seasonal considerations - wintertime and Christmas may require more funding than summer.

Applications submitted during each quarter are appraised at the end of the quarter and funding allocated accordingly.

The guideline application amount is c. €10,000. This is neither a minimum nor a maximum, rather an indication of the scale of the resources available. Average funding awards in recent years have been c. €6-7,000.

### How to Apply

Visit the ESB website for full application details:

<https://www.esb.ie/acting-responsibly/community-stem-and-the-arts/esb-corporate-responsibility>

**Deadline:** 14 Jun 2019

## The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity

The Hospital Saturday Fund was founded in 1873, at a time when poverty, overcrowding and ill-health were prevalent and little help was available for those needing costly hospital care.

### Eligibility

Which organisations may apply?

- Charities (registered medically related charities)

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical projects, capital projects, medical care or research, hospice/respite care and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs. For UK NHS hospitals only, applications will normally be accepted for projects only, the application to detail the scope of the project with supporting documentation, the amount requested and a copy of the hospital's Annual Report (or the hospital's related charity raising funds for the project).

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories: -

1. Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000 OR –
2. Large grants to up to £10,000 or €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant). Large grant applications should be towards specific projects, research or equipment rather than running costs.

Organisations may make one application for a meeting and can apply for a standard or a large grant. The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly.

### How to Apply

Applications for grants should be made online at [www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org](http://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org)

**Deadline:** 17 Jun 2019 (large grants)

## EC Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs - Reducing Youth Unemployment

This call aims to improve the development of cooperatives and promote their image among young people. It seeks to embed cooperative entrepreneurial education in secondary and higher education as well as outside the educational environment.

The Commission wants to support project that are innovative, transnational and implemented with a clear intention of replication. Projects should make results public and available for any actor interested in the cooperative business model and entrepreneurial training.

Particularly, the objectives intend to stimulate the transfer and development of competences of the cooperative entrepreneurship in countries:

- where the cooperative tradition is weak and where benefits offered by the cooperative model are not sufficiently well known
- struggling with high youth unemployment

To achieve the expected results, the action will be built around 3 different topics:

Topic 1: Delivering pilot training courses for students in secondary/higher education level

Topic 2: Cross-European workshops to share knowledge and learn from practitioners ('train the trainers').

Topic 3: Fostering the entrepreneurial mind-sets of young people to create cooperatives outside the educational environment.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be established in one of the current 28 EU countries.

Several applicants, submitting a joint proposal should choose within their midst a lead organisation, referred to as the coordinator. The coordinator and its partners must satisfy the same eligibility criteria. The participation of an entity as coordinator or partner in more than one proposal or in more than one topic is not permitted; applications with an entity that participates in more than one consortium submitting a proposal are not eligible and will be excluded from the call for proposals.

Applicants are therefore encouraged to take the necessary measures to ensure that their partners will not participate in more than one proposal or in more than one topic.

## How to Apply

Full guidelines and application details available here:

[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/reducing-youth-unemployment-setting-co-operatives-enhance-working-opportunities-eu\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/reducing-youth-unemployment-setting-co-operatives-enhance-working-opportunities-eu_en)

**Deadline:** 25 Jun 2019

## EPA - Event Support Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency provides funding to support science, technology, research and innovation projects through grant-aid to third level institutions, state agencies, government departments, local and regional authorities, the private sector and individuals.

The EPA research programme has allocated budget to provide funding to support workshops, seminars and other events.

Normally the amount of funding per event will not exceed €3,000.

Funding is provided only for events with a clear relevance to Irish environmental research priorities and on the condition that the events are run on a not-for-profit basis.

The event should showcase current national research by the organisers and EPA funded-groups, and also could include an international keynote speaker.

In terms of audience/participants, the event should target other researchers working in the area and the expected end-users of the research (e.g. Local Authorities, EPA, DECLG, Industry).

### How to Apply

Full details are available on the EPA website:

<http://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/epafunding/eventssupport/#.VWzK089Viko>

**Deadline:** 30 Jun 2019

## Patagonia Environmental Grants

Patagonia funds only environmental work. We are most interested in making grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Because we believe that the most direct path to real change is through building grassroots momentum, our funding focuses on organizations that create a strong base of citizen support.

We support small, grassroots, activist organizations with provocative direct-action agendas, working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect our environment. We help local groups working to protect local habitat, and think the individual battles to protect a specific stand of forest, stretch of river or indigenous wild species are the most effective in raising more complicated issues—particularly those of biodiversity and ecosystem protection—in the public mind. We look for innovative groups that produce measurable results, and we like to support efforts that force the government to abide by its own—our own—laws. Your efforts should be quantifiable, with specific goals, objectives and action plans, and should include measures for evaluating success.

Because we're a privately held company, we have the freedom to fund groups off the beaten track, and that's where we believe our small grants are most effective. We support the use of creative methods to engage communities to take action, including film, photography and books. However, media projects will only be successful in our proposal process if they are tightly linked to a direct-action campaign on the issue, with specific goals that go beyond education and awareness.

### WE FUND WORK THAT:

- is action-oriented
- builds public involvement and support
- is strategic
- focuses on root causes
- accomplishes specific goals and objectives
- is happening in these countries only: United States, Canada, Japan, Chile, Argentina, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Luxembourg, Italy, **Ireland**, Germany, France, Denmark, Belgium, Austria, Australia and the Czech Republic.

## How to Apply

The first step towards applying for a grant is to take the eligibility test - visit the Patagonia website to get started:

<http://eu.patagonia.com/gb/en/grant-guidelines.html>

**Deadline:** 30 Jun 2019

## Additional Resources

Nonprofits seeking fundraising advice and guidance can avail of two additional resources:

### 1. Fundraising Guidance Library

- [Fundraising Essentials](#)
- [Applying to Grant Makers](#)
- [Fundraising From The Public](#)
- [European Funding](#)

### 2. Fundraising Helpdesk

Can't find an answer to your fundraising question in the above articles? Then get in touch with The Wheel's Fundraising Helpdesk now. Email as much detail as possible to: [paul@wheel.ie](mailto:paul@wheel.ie) and we'll get back to you shortly. [www.wheel.ie](http://www.wheel.ie).