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Foras na Gaeilge - Literary Projects

Foras na Gaeilge is the body responsible for the promotion of the Irish language throughout the whole island of Ireland.

This scheme enables the advancement, promotion and preservation of Irish language literature.

Criteria

Grants will be awarded based on comprehensive plans submitted by groups/organisations who wish to develop and promote Irish language literary projects.

How to Apply

Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website to download application forms.

<http://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/category/clar-na-leabhar-gaeilge-schemes/?lang=en>

Deadline: 10 September 2018

Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the EU's research and innovation programme. It focuses on three main priorities:

1. Excellent Science
2. Competitive Industry
3. Better Society/Societal Challenges.

This page will focus on Excellent Science and Better Society as they have the most potential for civil society organisations. However, you can visit the Irish or EU Horizon 2020 for more details on all funding opportunities.

For a full overview of the H2020, we recommend completing the free, online workshop created by Dr. Séan McCarthy of Hyperion Ltd for The Wheel, Horizon 2020: Opportunities for Voluntary Organisations.

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria vary according to the type of project.

Types of Projects

By coupling research and innovation, Horizon 2020 is helping to achieve this with its emphasis on excellent science, industrial leadership and tackling societal challenges. The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation.

Open Calls

TOPIC: Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes

The COFUND scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions.

This will be achieved by co-funding new or existing regional, national, and international programmes to open up to, and provide for, international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as transnational and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers at all stages of their career.

Learn more here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/ms-ca-cofund-2018.html>

Deadline: 27 September 2018

The Arts Council - Partnership Funding 2018

The Arts Council is the national agency for funding, developing and promoting the arts in Ireland. The Council recognises that the arts have a central and distinctive contribution to make to society.

The purpose of Partnership Funding is to invest in and support the essential infrastructure required to sustain and develop the arts in Ireland.

Recipients of Partnership Funding must play a critical part in delivering the policy priorities of Making Great Art Work, the Arts Council's ten-year strategy.

Partnership Funding is open to local authorities and Ealaín na Gaeltachta during this round.

In offering Partnership Funding, the Arts Council wishes to ensure:

- The delivery of excellent art and/or excellent arts activities, events and services
- A supportive environment for the development of the arts
- Excellent professional-development opportunities for practising artists and/or arts professionals
- That more people will enjoy high-quality arts experiences, including more diverse audiences
- Increased engagement by the public with the arts, in particular by new communities, people for whom access to the arts is difficult, and by young people and children
- Standards of excellence in governance and management in the arts.

How to Apply

All applications for funding must be submitted via the Arts Council online services website.

Please visit the Arts Council website for full application details.

<http://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Partnership-Funding/>

Deadline: 13 September 2018

St Stephens Green Trust - Traveller Accommodation Grant Programme

In 2017, SSGT examined the areas of greatest current need in Ireland - one issue identified was the failure to deliver culturally appropriate, secure, quality accommodation for Travellers, resulting in extremely poor living conditions and homelessness. Following a donation from the Presentation Sisters (NE Province) and in response to this urgent need, SSGT developed the Traveller Accommodation grant programme (TAGP) which is described below.

We fund:

Community and voluntary groups across the island of Ireland which are registered charities.

Organisations with the capacity to contribute to the outcomes being sought and have monitoring and evaluation processes which can clearly show what progress is being made.

We have a particular interest in supporting collaborative proposals where organisations work together to achieve their goal. This can be a voluntary organisation collaborating with a statutory organisation or two or more voluntary organisations working together. However, we don't fund State organisation directly.

We expect proposals to have a clear sense of objectives and how these will be achieved. We expect the grant to have a strong chance of making a difference.

In general, we expect only one application per organisation, but there may be some flexibility if there is collaborative work with another applicant.

Multiannual proposals can be submitted, up to three years.

The following are the outcomes we have identified for the Traveller Accommodation Grant Programme (TAGP). Applications should be focused on at least one of these outcomes.

Traveller Accommodation Grant Programme Outcomes:

Outcome 1: strengthened support through organising and campaigning

A greater number of activist groups (particularly young people) have mobilised to hold local and national government to account for the under-provision of accommodation.

A broad-based coalition of national and regional voluntary organisations has mobilised around an agreed campaign to improve accommodation outcomes.

Outcome 2: improved awareness of and attitude towards need for change in how accommodation is being delivered

Duty bearers - local authority management, politicians and others have acknowledged the need for change and are acting accordingly.

Increased awareness of the particular challenges and obstacles to the provision of accommodation among specific target groups.

Media and other analysis on housing and homelessness more likely to include reference to the particular issues facing Travellers.

Outcome 3: Strengthened alliances

Greater number of Traveller and non-Traveller 'champions for change'.

Improved relationships between stakeholders, building solidarity and alliances.

Outcome 4: improved policies, legislation and change to current practice in the delivery of accommodation

There is an increased body of evidence to inform changes in policy and practice.

Local and national structures charged with the delivery of accommodation are operating more effectively.

Legislation, policy and structures have changed to create a framework which better facilitates the delivery of accommodation.

Key principles underpinning the grant programme include:

- Traveller participation – SSGT recognises that policies and programmes targeted at Travellers will not be effective without the meaningful participation of Travellers at the design, implementation and monitoring stages. SSGT is committed to removing barriers to Traveller participation and expects that funded work will proactively support and facilitate Traveller participation in all aspects of the activities.
- Relationship building – SSGT recognises that effecting change in the provision of Traveller accommodation needs partnership and co-operation between a range of individuals and groups. The need to develop trust, build relationships and form alliances should be addressed in the application. Unless relationships are effectively fostered and developed, change is not likely to succeed or be lasting.

Traveller Accommodation Grant Programme elements

Grants will be made for work which: stimulates and strengthens activism at a local level, particularly among young Travellers; supports effective advocacy to improve practice; supports work (effective advocacy, knowledge or research) that leads directly to policy (including legislative) change.

Collaborative proposals will be particularly welcomed.

Projects will focus on one or more of the specified outcomes.

All funded work will be underpinned by the principles of transparency, participation, relationship-building and accountability.

There will be a Learning Network of groups established to encourage collaboration and sharing of learning. Proportionate evaluation and learning will be built into projects individually and collectively.

The programme will have a monitoring and evaluation framework to capture learning and outcomes on a continuous basis.

Grant levels will vary from an average of €5,000 for small pieces of research, learning and activism to €15,000 to €20,000 for work having a greater impact. Multiannual grants are also available. We will prioritise work which cannot be funded from other sources.

Grants can be spent on core costs or programme/project costs but SSGT will need to have a clear understanding of the overall budget and how it fits with other funding contributing to the programme. The SSGT grant will need to add value to the current level of activities.

Given the programme outcomes being sought, SSGT is encouraging collaborative proposals among group and agencies with the capacity to contribute to the outcomes and which are underpinned by the key programme principles of Traveller participation and relationship building.

How to Apply

There is a two-step process to apply for funding.

Step 1: The Expression of Interest form should be filled out and emailed to SSGT by Friday 14th September 2018. Short-listing will be carried out on the basis of the Expressions of Interest within two weeks and you will be notified of the outcome.

Step 2: If your Expression of Interest is shortlisted you will be required to submit a more detailed application which may involve meeting with us. A decision on the final selection of funded applications will be made by Friday 30th Nov 2018. There is a limited grant budget and we expect to fund six or seven organisations in total.

Learn more here:

www.ssgt.ie

Deadline: 14 September 2018

Meet and Code Fund

Meet and Code are excited to announce this opportunity to prepare children and young people in Ireland for the digital world of tomorrow.

Meet and Code are funding digital and coding events of all kinds during the EU Code Week from October 6 to 21, 2018. From IT workshops to robot courses and events with trendsetting subjects like Artificial Intelligence or Work 4.0, charities can receive a grant of €500 for support of their EU Code Week event.

Eligibility

The Meet and Code fund is open to registered charities located in the Republic of Ireland. The planned events must take place during EU Code Week 2018 (6 - 21 October 2018) and must address at least 20 children and/or young people aged between 8 and 24.

How to Apply

Entering is very easy just visit www.meet-and-code.org/ie/ie and follow these four steps.

1. Register your organisation on the Meet and Code website.
2. Enter your planned event.
3. Wait for your application to be approved and receive you grant.
4. Host your event.

Charitable organisations that carry out a funded event through Meet and Code are eligible to participate in the Meet and Code Awards.

Submissions are now open via the Meet and Code website and will close on 15 September 2018.

Learn more here:

www.meet-and-code.org/ie/ie

Deadline: 15 September 2018

Justice Programme 2014 - 2020

This programme shall contribute to the further development of a European area of justice based on mutual recognition and mutual trust. It promotes:

- judicial cooperation in civil matters, including civil and commercial matters, insolvencies, family matters and successions, etc.
- judicial cooperation in criminal matters
- judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture
- effective access to justice in Europe, including rights of victims of crime and procedural rights in criminal proceedings
- initiatives in the field of drugs policy (judicial cooperation and crime prevention aspects).

Eligibility

All Member States except for UK and DK.

To be eligible, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

(a) the applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations

(b) the applications must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries, unless stated otherwise

(c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than €75 000, unless stated otherwise

Justice Work Programme 2018

- Co-funding for Justice projects is 80% unless stated otherwise
- Training activities (staff exchanges, workshops, development of training modules)
- Mutual learning, cooperation activities, exchange of good practices, peer reviews, development of ICT tool

- Awareness-raising activities, dissemination, conferences
- Support for main actors (key European NGOs and networks, Member States' authorities implementing Union law)
- Analytical activities (studies, data collection, development of common methodologies, indicators, surveys, preparation of guide)
- All actions funded by the programme must produce results whose benefits go beyond one single Member State. [Click here to find out more about EU Added Value.](#)

Open Call:

Call for proposals for action grants to support transnational projects to enhance the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime and the rights of victims of crime

The aims of this call are:

- to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU criminal law in the area of the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime (procedural rights priority);
- to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU criminal law in the area of the rights of victims of crime (victims' rights priority).

Eligible activities include:

- data collection, surveys, research activities, etc.;
- mutual learning and exchange of best practices,
- exchange and provision of information and development of information tools;
- capacity building for professionals;
- facilitating cooperation between competent authorities and agencies, legal practitioners and/or service providers
- dissemination and awareness raising activities.

How to Apply

Learn more here.

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/just/topics/just-jacc-ag-2018.html>

Deadline: 19 September 2018

The Community Foundation for Ireland - Traveller Identity Grants

The Community Foundation for Ireland seeks to inspire donors and support charities and community groups. Established in 2000 we have made grants on behalf of donors for millions of euro, mostly in Ireland.

In 2017 a piece of research commissioned by The Community Foundation for Ireland highlighted that 40% of Travellers had been bullied at school due to their identity. A further 54% said they had experienced an obstacle when accessing employment and of this number, 42% had experienced discrimination as an obstacle for reasons including their identity or being known locally as a Traveller and once discovered to be a Traveller lost their job. It is little wonder therefore, that the Community has found itself in the midst of an identity crisis.

With this in mind, we are offering grants of up to €5,000 to not-for-profit, community-based groups to develop new and innovate projects that focus on creative responses to the Traveller identity crisis.

What We Are Looking For:

- Priority will be given to Traveller-led organisations, but applications will also be considered from organisations with a proven track record of working consistently with Traveller groups
- Applications must be from local, community-based organisations and must demonstrate a community engagement element, involving members of the Travelling community in the planning, implementation and/or monitoring/evaluation stages of the project.
- Priority will be given to projects that focus on youth engagement and working with young Travellers
- Applications are welcome from all counties in the Republic of Ireland.

How to Apply

You must read the full criteria and guidelines before applying.

Learn more here:

<http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/types-of-grants/traveller-identity-grants>

Deadline: 20 September 2018

The Community Foundation for Ireland - Traveller Leadership Grants

The Community Foundation for Ireland seeks to inspire donors and support charities and community groups. Established in 2000 we have made grants on behalf of donors for millions of euro, mostly in Ireland.

In 2017 a piece of research commissioned by The Community Foundation for Ireland highlighted the fact that Travellers in Ireland are still faced, on a daily basis with a wide range of social challenges, such as discrimination, bullying and obstacles when accessing accommodation, employment, education and health services. In light of this, The Community Foundation for Ireland met with key stakeholders from leading Traveller organisations who identified a need to build capacity from within the Travelling Community by developing leadership strategies at a local level.

With this in mind, we are offering grants of up to €6,000 to Traveller-led organisations to develop Leadership Strategies within their local communities. These strategies will be developed in 2018-19 for the three-year period 2019-2022 and must focus on three key themes:

- Political leadership among Travellers
- Leadership of Travellers within the Traveller movement
- Engagement of the youth in the movement but also within the wider landscape
- For organisations who produce exemplary strategies in Year One (2018), a second grant may be offered in Year Two (2019) to support those organisations to operationalise their strategies and enact them over the three-year period.

What We Are Looking For:

Local, Traveller-led, community-based organisations to:

- Work with the communities they serve to determine what kinds of leadership strategies are needed by local groups in their areas/ communities
- Develop a three year leadership strategy with that community that incorporates the three key themes listed above

- Develop a strategy that incorporates well-defined deliverables for each of the three years, with clear and practical pathways to achieving these deliverables.

How to Apply

You must read the full criteria and guidelines before applying.

Learn more here:

<http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/types-of-grants/traveller-leadership-grants>

Deadline: 20 September 2018

The Community Foundation for Ireland - Social Change Grants 2018

The Social Change grants that will be open for application will be under the categories of LGBT+ people who are Migrants and Leadership for Ethnic Minorities.

In this year's Social Change Grants Scheme, grants of up to €7,500 are available to organisations working to address Mental Health issues, in particular for Travellers, victims of Domestic Violence and Refugees. Please see below for details of the type of projects we are seeking for each of these three funding strands:

1. Travellers: Projects aimed at suicide prevention, in particular via the reduction of stigma around accessing mental health services
2. Victims of Domestic Violence: Projects that offer a space and network for peer support and recovery from mental health distress and trauma
3. Refugees: Projects that support the recovery of people suffering from mental health distress and promote their integration into the local community OR Projects that run targeted and culturally appropriate mental health promotion campaigns.

The aim of the grants scheme is to address mental health issues through innovative, community-based approaches that strive to bring about social, behavioral, attitudinal and cultural change and ultimately improve the mental health of beneficiaries in the target groups.

Criteria

Grants will support new or pilot projects that address the mental health needs of the target groups of either Travellers, victims of Domestic Violence or Refugees. Applicants must show that service users/beneficiaries are involved or have been consulted in project planning where appropriate. Project activity should ideally be evidence-based. Preference will be given to organisations that consult and collaborate with other organisations working in the mental health field and/ or with the beneficiary group.

The Fund Will Not Cover: Core or ongoing costs (such as rent, salaries), Equipment costs, Promotion of religious causes, Work that has already taken place, Non-charitable activities, General political donations, Sponsorship or fundraising events, Work taking place outside the Republic of Ireland, Projects focusing on the provision of counseling hours.

Eligibility

Applicant Requirements:

- You may only apply once per Funding Strand
- Applications must be from community and voluntary groups that possess charitable aims and are not for profit
- Applicant organisations should have an annual income of not more than €2,000,000
- You must submit either your organisation's Annual Accounts or most recent set of Audited Accounts
- Applicant organisations must have an organisational bank account
- A copy of a recent bank statement must be submitted with your application. This is for account verification only and all financial transactions may be redacted before submission
- Proposals must include clear, detailed, realistic costs and timescales
- Applicants must be prepared to evaluate and learn from their work as well as to share project learning and outcomes through the participation in two Learning Networks Events
- We encourage applicant organisations to consider adopting The Governance Code for charities – see www.governancecode.ie
- A commitment to equal opportunities must be demonstrated
- Organisations working with cohorts under the age of 18 will be required to produce a copy of their Child Protection Policy.

How to Apply

Learn more here:

<http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/types-of-grants/social-change-grants>

Deadline: 27 September 2018

Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

This programme shall contribute to the further development of an area where equality and the rights of persons, as enshrined in the Treaty, the Charter and international human rights conventions, are promoted and protected.

This programme's nine specific objectives are to:

1. Promote non-discrimination
2. Combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance
3. Promote rights of persons with disabilities
4. Promote equality between women and men and gender mainstreaming
5. Prevent violence against children, young people, women and other groups at risk (Daphne)
6. Promote the rights of the child
7. Ensure the highest level of data protection
8. Promote the rights deriving from Union citizenship
9. Enforce consumer rights.

Eligibility

Which countries are eligible?

All Member States together with Iceland and Liechtenstein.

To be eligible, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

(a) The applicants must be public entities or private organisations, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or international organisations. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit organisations.

(b) The project can be either national or transnational, unless stated otherwise.

(c) The application must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner), unless stated otherwise.

(d) The EU grant requested cannot be lower than €75 000.

Co-funding for REC projects is 80% unless stated otherwise.

Types of Projects

- Training activities (staff exchanges, workshops, development of training modules)
- Mutual learning, cooperation activities, exchange of good practices, peer reviews, development of ICT tool
- Awareness-raising activities, dissemination, conferences
- Support for main actors (key European NGOs and networks, Member States' authorities implementing Union law)
- Analytical activities (studies, data collection, development of common methodologies, indicators, surveys, preparation of guide).
- All actions funded by the programme must produce results whose benefits go beyond one single Member State.

Open Calls

TOPIC: Restricted call for proposals for public authorities on preventing and combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, and in particular hate crime and hate speech.

This call is aimed at supporting projects by public authorities of the Member States, be it at national, regional or local level, aimed at preventing and combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, and in particular improving the authorities' responses to hate crime and hate speech, by:

- designing and implementing policy actions, action plans and strategies to effectively prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance;
- developing tools and practices for the public authorities to achieve better implementation on the ground of relevant national legislation, in particular by ensuring effective identification, investigation, prosecution and sanctioning of hate speech and hate crime, and for enforcing the rights and ensuring a fair and adequate treatment of victims;

- improving recording and data collection on hate crime at national, regional or local level.

How to Apply

Learn more here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rrac-hate-ag-2018.html>

Deadline: 27 September 2018

Go for Life - National Grant Scheme for Older People

Since 2001 Sport Ireland have provided funding for the Go for Life programme to help increase the participation of older people in recreational sport and physical activity. This National Grant Scheme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People (hereafter referred to as the National Grant Scheme) is one element of the extensive Go for Life programme which has resulted from this funding.

Overall Aim

The Grant Scheme is a joint initiative between Age & Opportunity's Go for Life programme and Sport Ireland. Grants are available to all eligible local clubs, groups and organisations that promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people as a main element of their activities.

A total of approx €300,000 was available in grants in 2016. Each grant is usually between €100 and €700.

The National Grant Scheme aims to assist in the implementation of locally-developed, well-planned initiatives designed to increase participation in recreational sport and physical activity by older people. In particular, the scheme is aimed at:

- supporting the work of Go for Life including the network of PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) and the development of Go for Life Games and other initiatives;
- assisting local clubs/organisations to enhance existing opportunities for their members in recreational sport and physical activity;
- assisting local clubs/organisations to start new initiatives geared at involving older people in recreational sport and physical activity.

Eligibility

Grants are available to all eligible local clubs, groups and organisations that promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people as a main element of their activities.

Commercial, statutory or umbrella bodies, or their agents, are not eligible for funding under this grant scheme. One exception to this are Local Sports Partnerships who are eligible to apply.

Day centres completely funded and directed by statutory bodies, such as the HSE, are not eligible. Grants are made available for sport or physical activity for older people and the overall membership of applicants must be such that older people will be the beneficiaries of the grant monies. Funding for sports clubs will not be considered unless the application specifically relates to older people.

Only one application per group will be considered.

How to Apply

Visit the Go for Life page for full application details.

<http://ageandopportunity.ie/what-we-do/physical-activity-sport/go-for-life-grant-scheme>

Deadline: 28 September 2018 @ 12 noon

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

Applications should be made online via SmartSimple, the EPA's grant application and project management portal

- Funding is available as a rolling call with four submission deadlines each year (31st December; 31st March; 30th June; 30th September).

- Requests for funding should be made using the appropriate application form using the following headings:

- Background and Work Programme (20 marks)
- Relevance to Environmental Research in Ireland (30 marks)
- Expected outputs and benefits (30 marks)
- Environmental Policy (20 marks)

A response shall be communicated to applicants within one month of the deadline date.

Applications will be judged competitively against others received in the period using these criteria and with regard to the need to balance funding across institutions and thematic areas.

Full details are available on the EPA website.

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

Deadline: 30 September 2018

EYF Grants - Annual Work Plan Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

Within the strategic approach or global action plan of an organisation (what the organisation would like to achieve in the year(s) to come), you are asked to identify a coherent set of activities/elements to be submitted to the EYF. It should be in line with what you do and want to achieve, but it should also be in line with the work, priorities and principles of the youth sector of the Council of Europe.

Each activity/element should contribute to the aim of the work plan and the accomplishments of the work plan as a whole should contribute to the global purpose of the organisation. The work plan does not need to reflect the whole strategy of your NGO; it can be one element of it only. The different activities of a work plan have to contribute to achieve the objective of the work plan as a whole and have to be interconnected. It is useful to look at the "flow" of the various actions chronologically: individual activities are linked to each other, feed off and feed into each other (content-wise, through the participants and/or multipliers, towards one common result). Material production or preparatory meetings should not be included as separate activities. They should be included in the activities they are contributing to. The maximum grant allocated is €50 000. The grant awarded for an annual work plan is paid in three instalments: 60% when the signed contract is sent to the EYF by post and the conditions in the contract (if any) are met, 25% upon receipt of the interim report and the remaining 15% upon receipt of a satisfactory activity and financial report. The following criteria are a requirement for annual work plans:

- Composed by several activities (international/other); at least one international activity;
- Clear flow/link between activities: interconnected;
- Each individual activity contributes to the overall objectives of the work plan;
- Link with priorities, missions and vision of the CoE youth sector;
- At least one third of co-funding for international activities;

- A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.
- Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

What kind of activities can be included?

International activities

A work plan cannot be a set of very small activities or material production only. A work plan needs to have a "European dimension" and this means it should still contain international activities (at least one). Remember the criteria of international activities (see link): 4 nationalities represented in the team, a gender and geographical balance among participants (minimum of 7 nationalities). You should find co-funding for the international activities. The EYF will not be able to cover more than two-thirds of the total cost of the international activities calculated together (i.e. the two-third rule will not apply to each separate international activity).

Other activities

“Other activities” can be included such as campaigns, study visits, series of workshops, “mobile” activities (activities which involve travel). Examples of activities that can be included in a work plan as an “other” activity. Preparatory meetings, research, needs analysis should be linked to an activity in the work plan, not an activity in itself. Material production should be the “result of” or part of the “follow up of” an activity and not an activity standing on its own. Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be included as separate activities in a work plan. These are covered by an EYF structural grant. If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after an international activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

Aim and objectives of an annual work plan

You will be asked to provide the objectives of each activity of the work plan and also the objectives and the aim of the work plan as a whole. The objectives of each individual activity should contribute to achieve the overall objectives of the work plan. You need to show the relevance of the set of activities submitted to the EYF within the medium or long-term development of the organisation, but also show how this contributes to the priorities, mission and vision of the Council of Europe.

Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men. More information on gender mainstreaming www.coe.int/equality and our gender mainstreaming page developed having in mind youth NGOs.

Eligibility

Who can apply?

- International youth NGOs;
- International networks of youth NGOs.

How to Apply

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered before being able to submit an application.

For further criteria and registration, please visit the EYF website.

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/annual-work-plan>

Deadline: 1 October 2018

EYF Grants - International Activity Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

What is International Activity?

International meeting of young people or youth leaders in Europe which contribute to the work of the youth sector of the Council of Europe in topic, methodology and with a clear European dimension.

The following hard criteria are a requirement for an international activity:

- Participants must represent at least 7 Council of Europe member states*;
- It has to be run by an international team (4 nationalities represented in the project team);
- 75 % of participants under 30 years old;
- A gender and geographical balance must be ensured;
- A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.
- Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

Until now, four working days were considered as a minimum duration for an international activity based on the principles of non-formal education/learning. However, in order to adapt to NGOs' needs, the EYF will no longer consider this duration as a hard criterion. Nevertheless, the EYF will continue to assess grant applications on the basis of their merit and the quality of the programme provided. NGOs applying for activities lasting less than four days will have to convince the EYF that the activity is based on a non-formal education approach.

Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be supported as a one-off international activity. These are covered by an EYF structural grant. If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an international activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after the activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

The maximum grant allocated is €20 000. The EYF will cover up to two-thirds of the total real costs of the activity. NGOs need to find additional resources to cover the remaining one-third.

Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men.

More information on gender mainstreaming www.coe.int/equality and our gender mainstreaming page developed having in mind youth NGOs.

What costs are covered by the grant?

Participant's travel, accommodation and food are covered. Also trainer/expert fees, production of material and renting of rooms and equipment. Volunteer time can be included up to a maximum of 10% of the total budget.

The volunteer cannot be paid (travel, accommodation, food can be covered) but the monetary value of the volunteers' contribution can be included in expenditure and income. A more detailed explanation can be seen in the Volunteer time recognition

Eligibility

- International non-governmental youth organisations can apply on their own;
- International networks of youth NGOs can apply on their own;
- Regional networks of youth NGOs can apply on their own;
- National non-governmental youth organisations can apply if the activity is prepared in partnership with at least 3 other national NGOs or networks from different countries or with at least 1 international NGO or network.

How to Apply

For further criteria and registration, please visit the EYF website.

<http://www.coe.int/web/european-youth-foundation/how-to-apply>

Deadline: 1 October 2018

EYF Grants - Structural Grants

Structural grants for 2 consecutive years, which are available every 2 years and one-off structural grants, non-renewable grants.

Structural grant for 2 consecutive years.

These grants are available every 2 years (deadline 2015, 2017 and so on) and are only accessible to international youth NGOs and international networks of youth NGOs that have received support for at least 3 international activities during the 3 previous years (EYF grant or study session in the annual programme of the European Youth Centres). However, the grant needs to be confirmed after 1 year. The grant is based on strategic long-term programme of the organisation. The maximum grant allocated is € 25,000 per year for 2 years (i.e. a maximum of €50,000 for 2 years). The EYF budget available is € 630,000 for each of the two years.

One-off structural grant

The one-off grant is non-renewable. It can be applied for by regional networks of youth NGOs aiming to establish a European co-ordination body. NGOs must have received support for at least 3 international activities during the 3 previous years (EYF grant or study session in the annual programme of the European Youth Centres). If an NGO receives a structural grant, admin costs cannot be included in the budget of an international activity or work plan. The maximum grant allocated is € 10,000. The EYF budget available is € 30,000 per year.

How to Apply

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered before being able to submit an application.

For further criteria and registration, please visit the EYF website.

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/structural-grant>

Deadline: 1 October 2018

Irish Aid - Civil Society Fund

Irish Aid has a long history of supporting Irish civil society organisations working in the developing world. Irish Aid's support to civil society is informed by the Sustainable Development Goals, the Framework for Action associated with Ireland's Policy for International Development, One World, One Future and the Irish Aid Civil Society Policy.

The Civil Society Fund (CSF) is Irish Aid's main competitive project funding scheme. Applications are accepted on an annual basis from Irish and invited international civil society organisations to carry out development projects of relevance to Irish Aid's policy priorities. Projects must be between one and three years duration and priority is given to projects in Sub Saharan Africa.

How we realise policy objectives through the project grant?

A budget for the entire project must be submitted with the application, including a detailed proposed breakdown of the grant sought from Irish Aid.

60% Dependency

Income received from Irish Aid, either directly or indirectly, must not exceed 60% of the overall organisational income of the applicant. This should be calculated based on an average of the last two years accounts and the grant sought should not exceed this.

Maximum Available

Grant Subject to the limit of 60% dependency on Irish Aid, the maximum available grant per year is:

- €400,000 per year for Irish organisations
- €200,000 per year for international organisations

Please note that a very high number of applications are expected to the 2018 Round. As such, it is likely that few organisations (if any) will receive the full grant sought.

Maximum Irish Aid Contribution

In each case, Irish Aid will fund up to a maximum of 70% of total project costs in each year:

In Year One, where 70% of total project costs are requested from Irish Aid, the balance of 30% of the total project budget must already be either available or committed to the organisation and evidence of this must be provided. This 30% funding must not be sourced from Irish Aid, either directly or indirectly.

For Years Two and Three (if applicable), the organisation must guarantee that the 30% matched funding will be available.

Consideration will be given to the organisation's track record in sourcing funds as demonstrated in the two financial years prior to application.

Indirect Costs

Irish Aid will support indirect costs to a maximum of 10% of the overall grant. Indirect costs are costs in support of project objectives but not necessarily incurred for the project and so cannot be readily associated with the project, e.g. administration, financial services and travel and subsistence. It will be considered a serious compliance issue if indirect expenditure is incurred which exceeds 10% of the Irish Aid grant.

How to Apply

Full guidelines will be available here.

<https://www.irishaid.ie/what-we-do/who-we-work-with/civil-society/civil-society-fund/>

Note: above guidelines are from last application round and are subject to change for forthcoming round.

Deadline: applications expected to open in October (exact date to be confirmed).

Conrad N Hilton Fund for Sisters

In 1986 the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation established the Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters specifically to support the apostolic work of Roman Catholic sisters in accordance with his Last Will and Testament.

Despite great need, HFS is not able to fund all requests. Only projects where vowed women religious of the Roman Catholic Church minister are eligible to receive funding. The criteria for a Sister's level of involvement in a project are as follows:

A. The project is staffed full-time by at least one vowed member of a women's religious congregation that is officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church. She must work a minimum of 30 hours per week and be willing to act as the designated Sister-in-Charge.

OR

B. There is significant involvement in the project by two or more vowed members of a women's religious congregation that is officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, contributing a total of a minimum of 30 hours per week.

OR

C. If A or B is not met, and the project is that of a ministry begun by a women's religious congregation that is officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, it may be considered. In her letter of support, the superior will need to attest to the congregation's continued governance and oversight of the project and describe the level of the congregation's current involvement in the organization/project.

The letter of support for the application process requires that the recommending superior furnish the bank account information for receipt of the funds. The funds must be disbursed to the congregation on behalf of the ministry (see Checklist of Required Documents Page).

International Projects (outside the US):

- women and children
- education/communications
- healthcare/HIV
- clean water/food and agriculture
- immigration/refugee services

- anti-trafficking.

How to Apply

Please visit the website for further detail.

<http://www.hiltonfundforsisters.org/grants/>

Deadline: 1 October 2018

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.

Open Calls

Mobility of individuals in the field of youth

Youth Exchanges:

- allow groups of young people from two or more countries to live and learn together for between five and 21 days
- occur within projects that can last from three to 24 months
- are for young people (aged 13-30), plus their youth workers/leaders
- must have minimum 16 and maximum 60 participants (not counting the leaders)
- must have minimum four young people per group
- must have leaders who are at least 18 years old

Learn more here:

<https://www.leargas.ie/programmes/erasmusplus/youth/about/>

Deadline: 4 October 2018

Strategic partnerships in the field of youth

Key Action 2 is for Strategic Partnerships between youth organisations. They can cooperate with other youth organisations, or with external organisations, to run innovative projects. The projects must support sharing, development and implementation of high quality youth work, training or learning practice. Projects can focus on developments in the youth field, and can also be cross-sectoral across the education, training and youth fields. The project results must be shared with the wider community, to encourage use of the methods developed and to ensure an impact beyond the organisations directly involved.

A minimum of three organisations from three different programme countries must take part in a Strategic Partnership. There is no maximum number of partners, but funding for managing the project is capped at a level equivalent to ten organisations. Projects can last from six months to three years.

Learn more here:

<https://www.leargas.ie/programmes/erasmusplus/youth/about/#action2>

Deadline: 4 October 2018

Meeting between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth

Key Action 3, Support for Policy Reform, promotes the active participation of young people in democratic life in Europe. It stimulates and provides a framework for debate about issues affecting young people. Structured Dialogue is the name used for discussions between young people and decision makers that should ultimately inform policy-making.

Nonprofit organisations, NGOs, and public bodies can all apply for funding. At least 30 young people (aged between 13 and 30) must take part in each project. The maximum funding available is €50,000.

Learn more here:

<https://www.leargas.ie/programmes/erasmusplus/youth/about/#action3>

Deadline: 4 October 2018

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).

How to Apply

Learn more here:

<https://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org/>

Deadline: 8 October 2018

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People Grants

Previously known as the Hilton in the Community Foundation, the DM Thomas Foundation for Young People (DMTFYP) is able to reach directly into communities and offer help where it is needed, as a funder to smaller charities and organisations that may be otherwise overlooked. We run a number of campaigns which seek to support young people.

Central Grants – structure and approval process

The Foundation has a rigorous grant process which aims to identify the most effective projects helping disadvantaged young people in the UK and Ireland.

Applications are received for quarterly deadlines from registered charities are first assessed by the Foundation office, with a shortlist of approximately 20 of the strongest and regionally representative applications put forward for consideration by our Grants Committee. The Grants Committee comprises independent members and members nominated by the Foundation's business partners and meets quarterly to discuss the applications. There is approximately £200,000 available to distribute each quarter.

Eligibility

Applications working in the areas of education or health with one of our three chosen focus groups are selected or considered:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care)

If favoured, grant applications for up to £5,000 can be approved by the Director, up to £10,000 can be approved by the Grants Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. The Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.

Reapplications are welcome, however unsuccessful applicants are asked not to reapply for at least 12 months from the date of their rejection letter. Successful applicants are asked to wait three years before reapplying.

The Foundation receives thousands of telephone and email enquiries and hundreds of completed applications each year, making the grant award process highly competitive. To help us to help you, please read our application guidelines and restrictions carefully. Unfortunately, with a limited grant fund we are unable to respond favourably to all requests, however worthy. We provide specific feedback on grant rejections where guidance and improvements can be made however due to the volume we are unable to provide specific feedback to first round rejections given the competitive nature of the process.

Sample Grants Made to Irish Organisations

- Irish Autism Action - multiple grants
- Barretstown - £40,000.
- Debra Ireland - £10,000.

How to Apply

Learn more here:

<https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

Deadline: 9 October 2018

The Colmcille Grants Scheme 2018

Colmcille is a partnership between Foras na Gaeilge in Ireland and Bòrd na Gàidhlig in Scotland. Colmcille aims to foster interaction and cooperation between speakers of Irish and speakers of Scottish Gaelic, and to strengthen the two language communities.

This scheme aims to promote interaction between the language communities of Irish and Scottish Gaelic and to strengthen Irish and Scottish Gaelic through this interaction.

There will be two rounds of the grants scheme in 2018:

Round 1:

Past.

Round 2:

Deadline 12 October 2018

Applications for projects starting in 2019

Upper limit €11,110/£10,000

An application can be made for up to 80% of the total costs of the project.

The scheme is open to any organisation in a position to promote the interaction and who have the appropriate documentation. Background Colmcille is a partnership between Foras na Gaeilge and Bòrd na Gàidhlig, and the two organizations collaborate to realise the priorities of the initiative in Scotland and Ireland.

Aims

- To promote interaction between the language communities of Irish and Scottish Gaelic
- To strengthen Irish and Scottish Gaelic through this interaction Colmcille Grants Scheme.

We welcome applications for projects which will further at least one of the following priorities:

- Language skills – Scottish Gaelic in Ireland, or Irish Gaelic in Scotland.
- Bringing together speakers of Irish and Scottish Gaelic.
- Building interaction between speakers of Irish and Scottish Gaelic.

- Facilitating language use and mutual understanding when Scottish and Irish Gaelic are spoken at the same occasion
- Sharing good practice in language development or in developing language communities.
- Promoting awareness of Irish Gaelic language and culture in Scotland and Scottish Gaelic language and culture in Ireland.
- Strengthening Irish or Scottish Gaelic or their language communities through promoting the link between the two languages and their speakers.
- As well as these priorities, a clear link between Irish and Scottish Gaelic must be evident in all applications.

How to Apply

Learn more here:

<https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/sceim-deontas-cholmcille-2018/?lang=en>

Deadline: 12 October 2018

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

- 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

Learn more here:

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

Deadline: 15 October 2018

AJ Muste - Social Justice Fund

The A.J. Muste Memorial Institute makes direct grants for projects which promote the principles and practice of nonviolent social change, and which speak to the issues to which A.J. Muste dedicated his life: peace and disarmament; social and economic justice; racial and sexual equality; and the labour movement.

Our Social Justice Fund makes grants for grassroots activist projects in the US and around the world, giving priority to those with small budgets and little access to more mainstream funding sources. We are especially interested in funding efforts to:

- stop war and militarism
- abolish the death penalty
- support labor organizing
- defend immigrant rights
- oppose prison injustice
- expose the dangers of nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

How to Apply

Learn more here:

<https://www.ajmuste.org/programs>

Deadline: 15 October 2018

Mohamed bin Zayed - Species Conservation Fund

The Fund will consider grants for the conservation of any threatened or poorly known animal, plant or fungus species.

Its focus is global and eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species.

The Fund intends to be as flexible and accommodating as possible when reviewing applications, and to take into account as many different factors as is reasonable when assessing the merit of a suggested project. To support this and to try to streamline the application process, the review process is kept comparatively simple.

Grants will be awarded based on their ability to meet criteria pre-determined by the Species Fund, and are for maximum of \$25,000 for each project.

Criteria

Conservation status: The Fund was established to support species conservation work, and so if your project is not about an endangered species it is probably not worth your while submitting an application.

The Fund will use the IUCN Redlist (www.iucnredlist.org) as the primary guide to the conservation status of a given species, although documented variations for sub-species, distinct populations and sub-populations will be taken into account. For those species not assessed through the IUCN Redlist we welcome other methods of assessment and the submission of quantitative data to confirm a species status. Generally the Fund gives priority to those species facing a high threat of extinction (with an emphasis on Endangered and Critically Endangered species), as well as those which are listed as Data Deficient or unlisted but are suspected as highly threatened. Please ensure that the conservation status mentioned in the application is correct and cross-referenced to a website or publication. It might be of use to consult with the relevant IUCN/SSC Specialist Group if you are in doubt or would like some guidance.

Please note that applications with clearly incorrect conservation status and no justification will NOT be considered for funding.

Content: Text provided in an application should be kept concise and clear, with clearly stated quantitative goals, aims and methods. When writing an application, please bear in mind that there is only so much text which the Advisory Board and the Fund's board of directors are

capable of reading. Priority will be given to those projects that support the professional development of young conservationists.

In situ conservation: generally the Fund is primarily interested in providing support to in situ conservation work in the field (such as survey work and data gathering, direct action, recovery management, training and the like), focusing on the species in its natural habitat. However, the importance of ex situ work (genetic analysis, workshops, ex situ populations etc) is also recognised, and so a few grants may be given to projects which focus on ex situ conservation work in certain circumstances.

- **Core costs:** The Fund will not contribute to the core running costs of an organisation or administrative overheads, and yet does recognise that sometimes support salaries, stipends, per diems and project related living costs can be a vital part of in situ conservation work.
- **Species:** Generally the Fund would prefer to support projects which focus on a single species, but it also recognises that in some geographic and taxonomic circumstances it makes more sense to group a number of species.
- **Grants for continuation:** The Fund is happy to provide continuation support for a project which had previously been supported, which is now completed and for which the Fund has received all required reporting by the time of the respective submission deadline.
- **External review:** In some cases the Advisory Board and/or the Fund's board of directors may ask for an application to be passed on for additional review, which may add to the response time.

How to Apply

Learn more here:

<https://www.speciesconservation.org/grants/criteria>

Deadline: 31 October 2018

Church of Ireland Priorities Fund

The objective of the Priorities Fund is to raise and distribute money, on behalf of the Church of Ireland, to various worthy projects within the island of Ireland.

AREAS CURRENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE FUND:

- Training – Lay and Ordained Training in the following areas:- post-ordination, clergy in-service, lay ministry, youth ministry, children’s ministry, student chaplaincy.
- Christian Education Development of RE in schools, children’s ministry, youth work, adult education.
- Outreach Initiatives To encourage creative and innovative projects, which reach out to the communities our parishes serve, including church plants and missional areas.
- Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context To encourage creative and innovative ministry projects in the sparsely populated areas of the country, in rural or village settings.

We encourage:

- Applications for grants for ‘seed capital’.
- Applications for grants which will have a significant influence in attracting other funding.

We try to avoid:

- Funding for projects which are still at the planning stage, including feasibility studies.
- Recurrent grant aiding.
- Funding for salaries.
- Financing debts.
- Restoration projects for cathedrals and church buildings.
- Routine renovations and repairs.

Example Grants:

- Eco Congregation Ireland - €1,000
- 3Rock Youth (Dublin and Glendalough) - €2,000

- Church of Ireland Youth Department - €17,958
- Derry and Raphoe Youth - €2,155
- Solas Project - €10,000
- The Basement Youth Centre - €11,972

The Priorities Fund Committee is committed to the encouragement of growth and makes the following choices in the assessment of applications:

- people not buildings
- new projects rather than recurrent expenditure
- mission and outreach rather than maintenance
- projects and programmes rather than structures

At the present time the following categories under which applications are considered are being used but it is possible that these will change in the future. This year, there is a new category, 'Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context', to encourage the Church of Ireland in the sparsely populated areas of the country, in rural or village settings.

How to Apply

Learn more here:

<http://priorities.ireland.anglican.org/>

Deadline: 31 October 2018

BAI - Sound & Vision 3

Sound & Vision 3 is a programming support scheme operated by the BAI and funded through the television licence fee. The Scheme was developed to operate for a period of five years, (2015- 2019) and as such includes enhanced flexibility for the BAI to respond dynamically to challenges being faced by broadcasters and content producers who access support through this Scheme.

About the scheme:

- The Scheme is financed from the Broadcast Fund which comprises 7% of the annual net receipts from television license fees.
- The BAI has been assigned the responsibility of administering this fund.
- The BAI Archiving Scheme is also financed from the Broadcast Fund.
- The BAI will generally allocate funding using a funding rounds system.
- For each round, the BAI determines the closing time and date; the types of applications that can be submitted and the amount of funding available.

Objectives of Sound & Vision 3

The objectives of Sound & Vision 3, as outlined in Section 155 of the Act, are as follows:

- Develop high quality programmes based on Irish culture, heritage and experience;
- Develop these programmes in the Irish language;
- Increase the availability of programmes referred to above to audiences in the State;
- Represent the diversity of Irish culture and heritage;
- Record oral Irish heritage and aspects of Irish heritage which are disappearing, under threat, or have not been previously recorded, and;
- Develop local and community broadcasting.

To achieve these objectives, the Scheme offers grant funding to new television and radio programmes which deal with the themes of:

- Irish culture, heritage and experience;
- Improving adult or media literacy;
- Raising public awareness and understanding of global issues impacting on the State and countries other than the State; and/or
- Any of the above in the Irish language.

How to Apply

Learn more here:

<http://www.bai.ie/en/broadcasting/funding-development-3/sound-vision-3/>

Deadline: 8 November 2018

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 and we'll get back to you shortly. www.wheel.ie.

For EU Funding assistance (including help on how to complete a funding application and other free services), please email emma@wheel.ie.