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**PEACE PLUS 2021 – 2027**

This cross-border funding Programme is designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. Currently accepting applications to the following PEACEPLUS Investment Areas:

* [**Investment Area 1.1 - Co-Designed Local Authority PEACEPLUS Action Plans**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/IVCUCXoLWCXPl1JCDN9MqK?domain=nicva.us2.list-manage.com) Deadline 28/3/24
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For support, helpful resources, further information, and details of pre-application workshops, click on the links above for each Investment Area and visit the website:

[Current funding opportunities | SEUPB](https://www.seupb.eu/peaceplus/current-funding-opportunities)

**National Lottery Climate Action Funds: Energy & Climate (will close soon!)**

This Fund focuses on community energy projects across the UK. There is a total funding pot of £10 million, which includes **£1.5 million for a Learning Network**. **More information on this is expected in due course.** The Fund offers **grants of £500,000 to £1.5 million over two to five years for place-based partnerships, UK-wide partnerships or single voluntary and community organisations**.

Projects are required to do at least one of the following:

* Encourage people and communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way.
* Bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency.
* Enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels.

**Grants can be used on project costs, revenue costs and limited capital costs. It is expected that most funding will be for revenue.** There is a two-stage application process:

* **Stage 1 applications are accepted on a rolling basis**. Notifications are expected within six weeks.
* **Stage 2 will require applicants to submit a full proposal**. Final decisions are expected within four months.

**The fund is expected to stay open until early 2024**, depending on volume of interest.

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

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

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

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

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

**PRS FOUNDATION: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Any queries: [email us](mailto:info@prsfoundation.com).

**BBC Charity Appeals**

If you would like a chance to reach BBC audiences with the story of your charity and toapply for a BBC Radio 4 or BBC One Lifeline Appeal, please email the [BBC Charity Appeals Unit](mailto:charityappeals@bbc.co.uk) telling us:

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

| **APPLICATION DEADLINE** | **TRANSMISSION DATE** |
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| **4 March 2024** by 23.59 | 2 Feb 2025 - 27 Apr 2025 |
| **13 May 2024** by 23.59 | 4 May 2025 - 27 Jul 2025 |
| **2 September 2024** by 23.59 | 3 Aug 2025 - 26 Oct 2025 |

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

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

**Family Fund NI Programme**

[Family Fund](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/vcolCVPARfxDPZotzT8zt?domain=familyfund.org.uk/) provides **grants and services for families on low incomes raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person, up to the age of 24**.  Grants are available for essential items to help meet a child or young person’s support needs, including kitchen appliances, furniture, computers and tablets, play and sensory equipment, clothing, bedding and family breaks. We also provide services such as digital skills workshops, online money management tools and information events.

To decide if your family is eligible for a grant, Family Fund look at your income and the impact of disability on your child. Children and young people do not need a diagnosis to meet our criteria.

You can [read more about our eligibility criteria here.](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/ecw-CXoLWCXxM9oskasHo?domain=familyfund.org.uk/) The easiest way to apply is to [register for an online account](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/JeD1CYvW8iLz692FM8QKR?domain=app.familyfund.org.uk) with Family Fund. You can then use this to make an application, update your contact details, or track your application. If you are not able to apply online, you can [download an application pack from our website.](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/TuK9CZVY1S53oj9tP7xai?domain=familyfund.org.uk/)  You can find out more at [www.familyfund.org.uk](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/Sa_pC2vxMipNEmzt0wTDF?domain=familyfund.org.uk/), call us on 01904 550055, email us at [info@familyfund.org.uk](mailto:info@familyfund.org.uk) or join the conversation on [Facebook](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/m09vC32QNfp5R4ztOGG2q?domain=facebook.com/), [Twitter](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/a1LnC4RQOfBp78KhXfVrU?domain=twitter.com) and [Instagram](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/zRdZC59QPhZVWlLFjbMTi?domain=instagram.com/).

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/schemes/northern-ireland-core-programme/>

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

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

As part of this initiative, Terex Campsie (Derry/Londonderry) manufacturing sites are offering **free benches to local community groups**, including clubs, societies, schools, nursing homes, and other organisations.

Interested groups are invited to explain in 50 words why they believe they need a bench for their organisation. **Beginning January 2024 and for each month throughout the year**, Terex will carefully select 2-3 of the most compelling reasons and deliver a specially crafted bench to the chosen organisations. Fill in the form [here](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/iA5WCMQwGCqyowQSwGH_GQ?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com)

**FUNDING WITH DEADLINES**

**D/Deaf and Disabled Artists Support Fund 2023/24**

**The University of Atypical has opened a grants scheme to support D/deaf, disabled and neurodiverse artists (DDASF). Awards are available to support D/deaf, disabled and neurodiverse artists:**

* **20 x £1,000 awards for artists to buy Creative Time funded by the Arts Council NI**
* **1 x £3,000 award for Digital Innovation funded by the Santander Foundation**

**Full details are in the downloadable application pack. Advice sessions can be booked here:**

[Book University of Atypical Funding Info Session](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOq8sVpbs72ZKhqG-El-PG7l-ncZye8eujaJFWWhBBxi5wng/viewform)

**or by contacting** [administration@universityofatypical.org](mailto:administration@universityofatypical.org) **or calling 028 9023 9450.**

**Deadline: 16 February 2024**

<https://universityofatypical.org/ddasf/>

**The Acorn Giving Circle (Derry/Londonderry and Strabane area)**

The Acorn Giving Circle is made up of a group of women who aim to make a positive contribution to improving the lives of people living in Derry ~ Londonderry and Strabane, in a small but meaningful way through pooled personal donations. The fund provides grants of up to £1,000 to support projects that will **improve the lives of children, young people and older people through social, cultural, sporting or educational activities** who live in Derry~Londonderry city and its environs, including Strabane Town.

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| **Deadline: 16 February 2024 (13:00)**  [The Acorn Giving Circle](https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-acorn-giving-circle/?dm_i=24PQ,8IMBO,79CSHP,Z87LT,1) |

**Apex Housing Association - Community Spirit Grants**

**Applications for Apex’s Community Spirit Grants are now being accepted from individual tenants, community groups and non-profit organisations.**

* **Individual Apex tenants can apply for up to £250 to deliver a programme that will bring their community together or address an issue that has been highlighted by tenants**
* **Community groups and non-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £500** towards providing assistance and support to communities in which Apex tenants live.

If you’re interested in applying, please contact our Tenant Engagement Officers Mieke Hegarty (for the North West) on **028 7130 4800** or email [Engage@apex.org.uk](mailto:Engage@apex.org.uk) to request a form. All applicants will be provided with guidance notes for making an application and the criteria that will be used to assess applications.

Deadline: **17 February 2024**

**Better Community Business Network (BCBN) Grant Initiative**

BCBN’s Grant Initiative aims to provide small third-sector grant awards to empower charities and local community projects. This initiative will distribute **a one-off grant award of up to £3,000 per charity or to small but credible community projects**, which are able to demonstrate their positive impact on the communities they aim to serve.

**Deadline: 18 February 2024**

[GRANT INITIATIVE | BCBN](https://bcbn.org.uk/grant-initiative/)

**Boots Charitable Trust**  
  
The Trust funds charities and voluntary organisations working in the areas of **health, lifelong learning, community development and social care**, and encourages applications from organisations where our grants of **up to £10,000** can make the biggest impact.

**Our main focus is on the following areas:**

* **Health: Community healthcare, such as homecare or support for sufferers of medical conditions, and health education and prevention**
* **Lifelong learning: Local literacy and numeracy projects**
* **Community development: For example, supporting councils in providing voluntary services**
* **Social care: Personal, social or community activities or schemes.**

**Deadline: 28 February 2024. The trustee board meeting will take place in April 2024.**  
<https://www.boots-uk.com/environmental-social-governance/what-we-do/caring-for-healthier-communities/boots-charitable-trust/#ui-id-1>

**British Heart Foundation – Free Community Defibrillators**

Find out if your community group is eligible for a free, BHF-funded defibrillator. Having a defibrillator and knowing how to do CPR will give members of your community a better chance at surviving a cardiac arrest.  
  
A limited number of funded defibrillators are available in each annual funding cycle. Applications will be reviewed monthly against a set of criteria so awards can be made to communities that need them most. **Areas prioritised include those with fewer registered defibrillators and communities where local health needs indicate a higher risk of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest**.   
  
**Deadline: 28 February 2024**

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/apply-for-a-free-defibrillator-for-your-community#conditions>

**Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership**

The programme aims to promote and support local communities to work in partnership with community pharmacists to address local health and social wellbeing needs using a community development approach.

**Deadline 29 February 2024** for **Level 1 funding is for a grant up to £2,500 for a project** that can last **up to six months**

**Deadline 21 March 2024** for **Level 2 funding is for a grant of up to £12,000** for a project that can last **up to one year**

[Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership Programme | Community Development and Health Network (cdhn.org)](https://www.cdhn.org/bcpp)

**Linking Generations NI - All Ages April Small Grants 2024**

This funding aims to**create connections across generations** **and links between groups, settings and organisations that wouldn’t normally work together**. LGNI’s vision is that these connections and relationships will continue on into the future. This year’s All Ages April grants scheme will form part of LGNI's Global Intergenerational Week 2024 celebrations and we hope all our grantees will share their inspiring activities on social media to highlight the benefits of intergenerational work!

Activities can be a **one-off event** or a **project** delivered over a number of sessions promoting the value of incorporating Intergenerational and Age-friendly values into everyday practice.

**40 small grants of £125** are available and open to a range of groups across NI including: older people's groups, care homes, schools, community groups, youth groups etc.

Download the application form [HERE](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/QJrZCrR81f8yAqBC73AxJD?domain=nwcn.us3.list-manage.com) complete and return to [joyce.savage@bjf.org.uk](mailto:joyce.savage@bjf.org.uk)

**Deadline: 29 February 2024 (12 noon)**

[Linking Generations NI All Ages April Small Grants](https://www.linkinggenerationsni.com/news/all-ages-april-small-grants-2024-apply-now/?fbclid=IwAR3H7NOdiXeT1tQSQjz7m4alGc0a9HgSw4zhVKOlrf0hLzwS-x0hdftlxoI)

**Community Relations Council: Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Small Grants Scheme**

This funding is intended to help community and voluntary groups throughout NI develop their capacity to engage in community relations work and to enhance the community relations potential of projects they undertake. **Grants of up to £10,000 are available. The average grant size is between £2,000 and £5,000.** The following organisations can apply: **Community development groups, Cultural organisations, Women's and Men's groups, Faith based groups, Tenants associations, Youth groups, Rural groups.** Project activities should match at least one of the following objectives:

* Developing opportunities for groups to explore their own cultures, beliefs and traditions, thus increasing their capacity to develop relationships of trust with those of different traditions and values.
* Developing opportunities for groups to extend their knowledge and understanding of others' cultures, beliefs, and traditions - increasing their acceptance of and respect for diversity.
* Enabling groups to challenge stereotypes of their own and other communities in order to acknowledge and address difference.
* Increasing the ability and confidence of groups and organisations to identify and address those issues that divide them.
* Developing networks of communication, trust and co-operation between divided communities.
* Promoting models of good practice for community relations work in Northern Ireland.

Projects must also contribute to one or more of the 4 Key Priorities in the NI Government’s *Together: Building a United Community (TBUC)* strategy.

Grants can be used to cover the costs of the following: Freelance external trainers, artists or facilitators, Key note speakers, Basic travel costs within Northern Ireland and Ireland, External room hire, Hospitality and catering, Resource materials to support CR activities, Accommodation and overnight residential, Bursaries for community relations practitioners to attend conferences.

**These are limited to one bursary per year for an individual from an applicant group. Grants are for project costs only and all projects must be completed by 31 March 2024.** Groups are encouraged to contact the Community Relations Council to discuss their project especially during the early development stages of the project.

**Deadline: 1 March 2024** **at 4pm** (extended deadline)

[Community Relations Cultural **Diversity** Small Grants Scheme 2023](https://www.community-relations.org.uk/funding-scheme/community-relations-cultural-diversity#:~:text=Aims%20of%20the%20CR%2FCD%20Scheme&text=This%20funding%20is%20intended%20to,potential%20of%20projects%20they%20undertake.)

**WOMEX 24: Showcase, conference and film proposals open**

International music convention WOMEX will take place in Manchester from 23-27 October 2024. Manchester Music City, the host city partner for WOMEX 24, have announced that **musicians, filmmakers and music professionals** can now submit proposals to take part in the 30th edition of the worldwide music conference.

**Deadline: 1 March 2024**

[WOMEX 24 showcase, conference and film proposals… | Arts Council NI (artscouncil-ni.org)](https://artscouncil-ni.org/news/womex-24-proposals-now-open)

**Jerwood Foundation (Arts)**

Grants are available to support organisations throughout the UK that focus on **making visual and performance art available for public benefit and promoting emerging talent in the arts**. Up to £2 million is available per year to support a variety of projects and activities that promote the arts for public benefit. There is no maximum or minimum award amount specified. Grants of up to £180,000 have been awarded, although **most grants range between £1,000 and £25,000.**

Previously funded organisations have included:

* Brixton Chamber Orchestra to enable their Christmas 2023 and Summer 2024 tours of housing estates in Lambeth.
* The Courtauld to support a major new exhibition of work by British artist Claudette Johnson.
* Paintings in Hospitals to conserve, restore, and digitise a portion of their art collection.
* Persona Arts to help fund the production of the Flying Dutchman performances in July 2024.
* Arnolfini to collaborate on a three-year project that will draw upon Jerwood’s collection of modern and contemporary British art to help bring Arnolfini’s exhibition archive to life.

Funding is for projects **starting more than three months, but less than 12 months, from the funding round closing date**.

**Next deadline:1 March 2024**

<https://jerwood.org/funding/>

**Innovate UK Creative Catalyst 2024 Competition**

Creative Catalyst supports the growth of untapped innovative businesses, increasing investment in creative talent across the UK. IUK does this by providing a package of targeted and continuous support to develop projects that will propel business growth plans. Proposals must:

* Have an innovation that clearly demonstrates benefit to **the creative industries sector** and the wider UK economy.
* Focus on a clear opportunity and the proposed innovation which addresses it.
* Demonstrate the impact funding and support can have to the growth plan of the business within the next 12 months.

Up to £10 million has been allocated to fund innovation projects in this competition. **Each project’s total costs and grant funding request must be up to a maximum of £50,000.**

This competition is open to single applicants only. UK registered micro or small businesses, from or supporting the creative industries sector, may apply. Applicants must have a demonstrable ambition for growth.

**Deadline: 6 March 2024 (11:00)**

<https://iuk.ktn-uk.org/opportunities/creative-catalyst-2024/>

**Prudence Trust**

Prudent Trust has launched a new funding round and is offering around **five to eight grants of between £10,000 and £200,000 for youth mental health organisations with an annual income of more than £250,000 across the UK to deliver evaluation projects**.

A total of around £1 million is available to support charities working to support young people’s mental health to better understand how their service works and how it can be improved.

Examples of what funding can cover include:

* Consultancy support for work such as strategy review, theory of change, creation of an evaluation and change plan.
* Upskilling of staff responsible for monitoring and evaluation
* Costs to work with an external evaluator or academic on specific programmes.
* Staff or consultant time to review evidence of similar services.

Where a proposal is linked to a particular service, the service must have been running for at least two years and applicants must have secured sufficient funding to ensure the programme runs for the duration of the proposed evaluation. Priority will be given to proposals that clearly demonstrate strategic value, eg designing more effective programmes, demonstrating impact for commissioning, stopping programmes, or aligning services with young people's needs.

There is a two-stage application process. **Deadline: 8 March 2024 (16:00)**

<https://theprudencetrust.org/what-we-fund/whats-working-2024/>

**Bloomberg Philanthropies Digital Accelerator (arts & culture)**

Bloomberg Philanthropies is offering grants of up to £150,000 over two-years for cultural organisations to strengthen their digital infrastructure and help grow revenue, increase fundraising, engage audiences, and improve operations.

Through the Digital Accelerator Programme, not-for-profit cultural organisations that have been in operation for at least three years and had a turnover of at least £500,000 in the 2023 financial year can apply for digital infrastructure projects across the following categories:

* Content creation and distribution (focussing on production infrastructure rather than fees for one-time digital projects).
* Customer relationship management and ticketing (including fundraising systems).
* Digital archives and digital asset management.
* Website upgrades and redevelopment.

Eligible costs include hardware, software, vendors and suppliers, staff time, and training.

**Deadline: 13 March 2024 (16:59)**

[**https://digitalaccelerator.bloomberg.org/apply/**](https://digitalaccelerator.bloomberg.org/apply/)

**SEUPB - Smart Towns and Villages (EU funding)**  
  
The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) are now accepting applications to the PEACEPLUS Programme, Investment Area 2.4 - Smart Town and Villages.    
  
The Smart Towns and Villages Programme will provide greater access to and awareness of telecommunications. An area-based approach will be adopted to the creation of Smart Towns and Villages. This proven model utilises **a social innovation-led approach to maximise the potential of ICT to deliver improved social and economic outcomes in target areas; particularly those of a rural nature.**

**Deadline: 14 March 2024**

<https://www.seupb.eu/peaceplus/overview/themes-and-investment-areas/theme-2/24-smart-towns-and-villages/investment-area>

**Esmee Fairbairn Foundation Youth-Led Creativity Funding (14-30 years)**

This funding focuses on work led by and for young people who have **less access to creative programmes or who are underrepresented in arts and culture.** This includes young people who:

* Are D/deaf, disabled or neurodivergent.
* Are from communities experiencing racial inequity.
* Are economically or educationally disadvantaged.
* Identify as LGBT+.
* Have migration or care experience.

The funding can be used for single or multi-year grants. The **maximum limit** that can be applied for is **£120,000 for up to three years**. **The funding can be used for project and/or core costs.**

**It is expected that between 8 to 12 grants will be awarded**. A Learning Programme will run alongside the funding. This will be co-designed by funded organisations and facilitated by a Learning Partner. The Learning Programme will enable peer support and learning. Organisations will be compensated to support participation.

Applications will be considered from organisations and work that:

* Are driven and shaped by young people so they can build their confidence and skills. **Most of the young people supported need to be aged 14 to 30.**
* Understand and can demonstrate a track record of centring the voices of young people from communities underrepresented in arts and culture. This includes: young people who are D/deaf, disabled or neurodivergent, are from communities experiencing racial inequity, are economically disadvantaged, identify as LGBT+, have migration and/or care experience.
* Prioritise the joy and care of young people.
* Use art and creativity as a tool for young people to use their voice and influence change in their own lives and the world around them.
* Are driving change for the future either by doing something new, or by using tried and tested models to push things forward.

Applications will be accepted from two or more organisations working in partnership.

There is a two-stage application process:

* The first stage is to submit an**online Expression of Interest which can be done between 14 February 2024 and 15 March 2024 (17:00).** Decisions are expected in early May 2024
* Applicants who have a successful Expression of Interest will be invited to submit a full proposal and have a conversation with the Foundation. Decisions are expected by the end of September 2024.
* The guidelines can be found on the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation website.
* **The online Expression of Interest form will be available from 14 February 2024**
* You can find a recording and answers from a Q&A webinar held on 7 February here:

<https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/latest-news/youth-led-creativity-fund-qa-7-february/>

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 15 March 2024 (1700)**

[Youth-Led Creativity funding | Esmée Fairbairn Foundation (esmeefairbairn.org.uk)](https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/latest-news/youth-led-creativity-funding/)

**Reconciliation Fund** **– 12 Month Grants funding stream**

The Reconciliation Fund awards grants **to organisations working to build better relations within and between traditions in Northern Ireland, between North and South, and between Ireland and Britain**. There are two funding streams:

* the annual funding stream for 12-month grants
* Strategic Partnerships stream for 3-year funding.

The 2024 Annual Funding Round will open for applications at **11am on Monday 12 February 2024 and the link to the application portal will be posted on the webpage below then.**

Registration is currently open on Eventbrite for [our next round of workshops.](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/reconciliation-fund-outreach-workshops-2024-2970599?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb)

The Reconciliation Fund continues to focus its support on two pillars **reconciliation and peacebuilding work that seeks to:**

* **Repair those issues which lead to division, conflict, and barriers to a deeply reconciled and peaceful society; and/or**
* **Build a strong civil society that encompasses all communities, through the continued implementation of the Agreements and promoting a rights-based society, political stability and respect for all.**

Applications should be in line with one or both of these overarching pillars, while also focusing on one or more of the Reconciliation Fund’s **priority themes/activities** – see website for details of these.

Prospective applicants are advised to study the [Reconciliation Fund Strategy 2021-2024](https://www.gov.ie/pdf/271609/?page=null) and the previous 'Am I Eligible' section on this webpage to ensure that their funding proposals are aligned with the criteria and key priorities of the Fund.

**Deadline: 20 March 2024 (12pm)**

[https://www.gov.ie/en/service/acf50-reconciliation-fund/#](https://www.gov.ie/en/service/acf50-reconciliation-fund/)

**Shared Island Community Action Climate Fund Strand 1A (for Cross Border Projects)**

**2024 sees the commencement of a new Shared Island Fund, provided by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications in the Republic of Ireland to support cross-border and all-island community climate action initiatives.**

**Strand 1A must have a clear North/South basis with a cross border partnership approach and impact. This strand enables communities and Local Authorities to propose a cross-border project. Successful groups awarded funding under this programme will deliver community level climate action projects over the next 3 years. These projects will deliver a real climate benefit by reducing carbon emissions.**

There is **up to 50,000 euro (100% funding) available for community projects in Derry & Strabane to deliver climate action under the themes of energy, travel, food and waste, shopping and recycling and local climate and environmental action.**

Derry City and Strabane District Council are in the process of identifying their partners. **Any community organisations in the Derry City and Strabane District Council areas interested in applying, please contact Cathy Burns, Climate Programme Manager** e-mail: [cathy.burns@derrystrabane.com](mailto:cathy.burns@derrystrabane.com) who will monitor any duplication of projects and advise on the identification of partners and provide a letter of support, as appropriate.

**Deadline: 22 March 2024**

More information, including links to a Powerpoint Overview and to Detailed Guidance is available via the Donegal County Council webpage below:

<https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/climateaction/communityclimateactionfund/>

**Creative Youth on a Shared Island Funding Scheme (ROI & NI)**

The scheme seeks to reach children and young people across the island of Ireland.  Our aim is to harness the experience and expertise of **organisations working in the creative, cultural, arts, community and youth sectors to engage young people. Together we can bring children and young people together and nurture a sense of collaboration, understanding and hope for the future, through a creative medium.**  
  
We are seeking projects from partnerships that are of **significant scale and ambition. Applications should have at least one partner based in each jurisdiction. Grant funding of up to €180,000 will be awarded to at least 3 projects.** It is envisaged that at least one grant will be awarded to a partnership that targets seldom heard children and young people. **The projects should run between June 2024 to December 2025.**  
[**Briefing Document in English**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/5XW7CJqyBTq9EoqSo6HZL?domain=newslettertogo.com)  
[**FAQ**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/S6_lCKZ1Dt275k2HZ0KHX?domain=newslettertogo.com)  
Applications must be completed online and submitted via [Submit.com](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/oCiBCgLZ0SAEZJAH2qUhq?domain=submit.com)

**Deadline: 25 March 2024**

<https://creativeireland.submit.com/show/22>

**UK Games Fund – Prototype Fund**

Funding is available to support UK video games development, aimed at helping smaller companies get concepts off the drawing board and into production, thereby helping to maximise the contribution to the country's economic growth which this sector delivers. Applications are invited from established UK-based companies and solo developers with a game development project at an early stage in the pipeline. Grants of up to £30,000 are available. To be eligible, applicants must:

* Have fewer than 50 employees.
* Demonstrate that the scale of development will be such that UK Games Fund support and grant will represent no more than 50% of the total costs of the project once it has been released.

A full application consists of submitting both a written form and pitch video upload. Successful applicants will begin funded work in April 2024 and must complete by 31 March 2025.

<https://ukgamesfund.com/prototype-fund/>

**Deutsche Bank Awards for Creative Entrepreneurs (Competition for 18 - 30 year olds)**

These awards help creative entrepreneurs turn their ideas into reality. **Aspiring individuals who want to go into business in the creative industries and require practical and financial support are being targeted.** Applicants will be able to explore, develop and establish their creative ideas into sustainable ventures - through business planning training, mentoring and capital funding for starting-up in business.

The bank is working with MeWe360 to find the best talent wanting to **drive positive social impact through their creative enterprise. The programme aims to enable and celebrate creative entrepreneurship for social good led by 18-30-year olds in the UK today**.

The Competition offers entrants the chance **to win up to £20,000 to fund their creative enterprise and a year of business support**. It is an awards programme designed to provide financial and business support to help launch and/or grow creative enterprises with a positive social impact.

[DBACE – Deutsche Bank Awards for Creative Entrepreneurs](https://dbace.org/)

**Barclay’s Community Football Fund**

Barclays Bank in partnership with the Sported Foundation is offering **grants of up to £1,000 (an increase of £500 from last year) to not-for-profit organisations operating in an area of high deprivation to support delivery of their football activities to engage with young people (under the age of 25 years) from under-represented groups.**

This is an access grant which aims to help improve access to football for all. The funding is for groups that are running football activities for one or more of the following underrepresented groups: **women and girls, young people with disabilities, young people from racially diverse communities, young people from the LGBTQ+ community and young people from lower socio-economic groups**.

**Community sports groups** can apply to receive:

* **£1,000 Access Grants** to spend on increasing underrepresented young people’s access to play.
* **Up to £5,000 Deep Impact grants** for existing fund recipients who have already received a £500 grant in 2022 or 2023.
* **Coaching grants to get more women qualified to coach girls’ football at a grassroots level.**
* **Access to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training and resources.**
* Exclusive opportunities to apply for Premier League and Barclays FA Women’s Super League tickets, mascot opportunities and exclusive promotional experiences.

The funding can be used for anything that will support delivery of football activities to underrepresented groups. The funding cannot be used for schools and other educational establishments, trips abroad, school based football activities, costs associated with elite football or talent development or multiple teams/projects within the same organisation.

There will be two funding rounds in 2024, each of which be open for applications for about two months. Please note it is anticipated that the fund will be 'extremely popular' and thus **applications may close earlier than the deadline**. **Groups should apply early to avoid disappointment.**

Applications for the first round open on 12 February and close on **12 April 2024**

<https://thehub.sported.org.uk/barclays-community-football-fund.html>

**Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund (Adverse Childhood Experiences)**

This Main Grants programme supports organisations **to tackle Adverse Childhood Experiences**. They use this term to recognise traumatic events that occur during childhood that can have a significant impact on a person’s physical, emotional, and mental health throughout their life.

Apply for **up to four years funding of £20,000-£25,000 per annum to charities and CIOs** throughout the UK with an annual income of between £200,000 – £2m.

**Funding round opens for Expressions of Interest:** **15th April 2024**

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/main-grants/>

**Social Entrepreneurs Ireland Impact Programme – (applications open 13 March 2024)**

An annual accelerator programme **providing funding, support and mentoring to social enterprises** in Ireland that are progressing **innovative solutions to social and environmental challenges**. This Programme provides **financial investment and direct support to early-stage social entrepreneurs** living in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland, who must be aged 18 years or over at the time of applying. Impact Programme Awardee organisations will receive support in key business areas and **direct funding worth over £16,500 (€20,000).** The nine-month programme will commence in September 2024.

**Deadline: 24 April 2024 (midnight)**

<https://www.socialentrepreneurs.ie/our-programmes/impact-programme/>

**British Council: International Collaboration Grants**

The British Council is offering **grants of between £25,000 and £75,000 for arts and culture organisations across the UK to work in partnership with international organisations from selected countries** to support arts projects that help artists to make and develop creative artwork and encourage new international partnerships and innovative ways of collaborating.

In this second round, a total of £1 million is available for UK groups working in partnership with one or more organisations from eligible participating countries to deliver arts projects that can include:

* Film.
* Creative technology.
* Literature.
* Visual arts.
* Theatre and dance.
* Architecture, design, and fashion.
* Music.
* Cross-art forms.
* Activities with themes relevant to the creative economy.
* Cross-disciplinary projects (eg art and science, art and technology).

The scope of a project could be to collaborate on a piece of art or could include:

* Residencies.
* Exhibitions, festivals, showcases, screening programmes.
* Conferences, salons.
* Creative use of archives.
* Research and development of future project ideas.

Priority will be given to partnerships that show clear benefits to artists and international partners and genuine international collaboration. The Council is particularly keen to work with organisations that they have not previously worked with, especially those based outside Greater London.

A list of eligible participating countries is available from the British Council website.

**Deadline:** **30 April 2024 (23:59)**

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/arts/international-collaboration-grants>

**The Big Give: Christmas Challenge 2024 (opens 13 May 2024)**

The Big Give runs the UK’s biggest match funding campaign, The Christmas Challenge.

For 7 days, it **offers supporters of participating charities the opportunity to have their donation doubled**. It has raised millions of pounds for thousands of charity projects since its launch. In 2022, £28.5m was raised for 1,021 charities. **Applicants must be a UK-registered charity with a Charity Commission number or tax-exempt status and an annual income of at least £25,000** (as per last filed accounts). Charities must also be registered on [**BigGive.org**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/RMctC9Q1WCk10Wni5LzGo?domain=biggive.org) (free to register). [**Watch their video**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/oEKLC9Q1WCk10Wni3Zi7R1?domain=nicva.us2.list-manage.com)that explains how the campaign works.

[Christmas Challenge – Big Give](https://biggive.org/christmas-challenge/)

**European Youth Foundation: Pilot Activity**

The aim of pilot activity grants is to support actions which address young people’s needs or challenges at a local level. The actions have a clear link to the local context and address the [**priorities of the youth sector of the Council of Europe.**](https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/council-of-europe-priorities) The maximum grant for a Pilot Activity is €15 000. The EYF can cover the all real costs of the activity up to this amount. For projects from the deadline of 1 September 2023 onwards, the budget can include up to 7% of the grant awarded for administrative costs, ie heating, water, electricity costs, office rent, and insurance, and up to 10% of the grant awarded for staff costs for project coordination. Open to [**Regional networks of youth NGOs**](https://www.coe.int/web/european-youth-foundation/regional-network-of-youth-ngos), [**National youth NGOs**](https://www.coe.int/web/european-youth-foundation/national-youth-ngos), and [**Local youth NGOs**](https://www.coe.int/web/european-youth-foundation/local-youth-ngos).

See also their Structural and International Activity grants programmes.

**Next Deadline: 15 May 2024**

[What is a pilot activity? - European Youth Foundation (coe.int)](https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/pilot-activity)

**Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants 2024**

The Pink Ribbon Foundation are now accepting applications from any charity working in the field of breast cancer. They provide grants of up to £6000 for practical projects and initiatives, which aim to help registered charities to deliver good physical and mental health to individuals with and recovering from breast cancer.  They expect projects that receive funding to be delivered within 12 to 18 months. **Deadline: 31 May 2024**

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

**International Welsh Poetry Competition**

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

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

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

**Deadline: 30 June 2024**

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

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

This fund will be opening for applications in the **Derry City and Strabane District Council area from Wednesday 11 September until Wednesday 23 October 2024**.

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

This funding is to help your organisation to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Deadline: 31 March 2025**

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

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