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Nurturing Talent Fund

What is the Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund?

Creative Scotland's Nurturing Talent – Time to Shine Fund aims to support young people aged 14 to 20 to develop their talent in one or more of the following areas:

- Drama
- Dance
- Music
- Film
- Visual Arts
- Literature
- Digital Arts

Funding will be awarded to those who have ambition, enthusiasm or talent in their chosen art form and require some financial support to develop or promote this further.

Who is eligible for funding?

You must be aged 14 to 20 years old and live in Scotland to be eligible for funding.

The fund is open to both groups and individuals who can apply for a minimum of £50 and maximum of £600.

Details of all group members should be included on the application form and the majority of the group should be aged 14 to 20.

Applications from professional arts organisations, schools or other educational institutions will not be accepted.

The project must be youth-led and applications should be written by young people themselves unless there is a specific reason this is not possible (e.g. dyslexia, learning difficulty etc.)

Is this fund right for you?

Please read through the following guidelines and feel free to get in touch if you have any queries about the suitability of your project. It may be worth exploring other funding opportunities to support your project or think about fundraising opportunities or in kind support (eg hall rental) in your area.

Alternative funding is listed at the Youth Link Funding Directory -

<http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=8063>

Here there are links to local funding and funding for specific art forms eg young musician funding

There is also continual funding and opportunity updates through Creative Scotland's Opportunity portal-

<http://opportunities.creativescotland.com/>

Take a look at the Youth Events Calendar to make sure there is not a similar event happening already -

<http://www.youthartsevents.co.uk/>

What can I get funding for?

Financial support will be provided to individuals and groups to help nurture talent through:

- Artistic Development (such as auditioning expenses, work shadowing, mentoring);
- Promotion and showcasing (such as staging an exhibition, recording a demo, marketing a performance, publishing written work); and/or
- Peer-to-peer delivery (such as hosting a workshop, setting up a local group).

You must provide a breakdown of what you are seeking funding for. All costs will be considered **except for:**

- Fees for workshops/courses (except in very special circumstances)
- Activities which have already started
- The purchase of equipment (with the exception of rented equipment for a one-off performance or similar)

While open to all young people who have who have ambition, enthusiasm or talent in their chosen art form, the Fund is particularly targeted at those who might not be able to develop their talent further due to the barriers of:

- Affordability – inability to afford costs associated to arts activity;
- Geography – issues with accessing opportunity due to their location; and
- Disability – issues with taking part due to cost or unsuitable infrastructure or support.

How can I apply?

You can complete an application form online at www.youngscot.org/nurturingtalent

You can also download a printable application form or call 0808 801 0338 to request an application form by post. Guidance on word counts for each answer have been provided, although you will not be penalised for shorter or longer answers which are clear and concise.

You must ask two people who know you to act as referees to support your application. At least one referee must not be related to you. We may contact you or your referees if we have questions about the application.

It is important that you are supported and encouraged in your project, be clear in your application what support you will access eg mentors, in kind support and/or fundraising.

One of your references must be available to offer support and guidance to you throughout your project. The next deadlines for applications are:

- 8th May 2016
- 26th June 2016
- 28th August 2016

Applications are assessed by a Grants Panel comprising of young people from the National Youth Arts Advisory Group and staff from Young Scot and Creative Scotland.

What happens if I am successful?

Applicants will be given feedback within four weeks of the deadline on whether or not they have been successful.

Successful applicants must provide a short report detailing how the money was spent and its benefits. The report can be produced in any media you would like (e.g. a blog post, a video, image gallery) and must be submitted within three months of the money being spent.

Individuals and groups can only be awarded funds once in any year – applicants can apply again one year after the grant was awarded.