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Assistance for the arts - a Guide for Constituents

This guide aims to outline and signpost information and sources of financial assistance relating to the arts in Wales.
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Arts Council of Wales Support

The Arts Council of Wales distributes funding from the Welsh Government and the National Lottery. It is responsible for funding and developing the arts in Wales.

Set out below are the categories of grant provided by the Arts Council of Wales.

**Arts Grants for Creative Professionals**

Only creative professionals can apply to this scheme: this means individuals working at a professional level in the arts in Wales. It includes curators and producers and individuals who define themselves as artists across all art forms.

The activities supported under this scheme fall into four main strands:

- Music Industry Development
- Production
- Professional Development
- Research and Development

If a project falls under one of these strands then there are two levels of funding available: small grants and large grants.

**Small Grants**

Small grants provide funding of £250 to £5,000 (or £3,000 for research and development projects). They support small scale or pilot arts projects or they can contribute towards the costs of a larger project supported by several funding partners. If someone is making their first application to the Arts Council, they must apply at this level.

**Large Grants**

Large grants are available to creative professionals applying to the Production strand. These grants provide funding of £5,001 to £25,000 (or in exceptional circumstances £30,000 if the project is for an international production project). This grant supports large scale production projects across any art form. Or it can contribute towards the costs of a very large project supported by several funding partners.

Further information on arts grants for creative professionals can be found in *The Arts Grants for Creative Professionals: Getting Started* document.

**Arts Grants for Organisations**

This scheme is only open to organisations. To be able to apply the organisation must be based in Wales, another part of the UK or another European Union country. Other eligibility criteria include having an Equal Opportunities Policy and a Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy.

The activities supported under this scheme fall into nine main strands:

- Audience Development
- Business and Organisational Development
- Festivals
- Music Industry Development
If a project falls under one of these strands then there are two levels of funding available: small grants and large grants.

**Small Grants**

Small grants provide funding of £250 to £5,000 and support small scale or pilot arts projects. Or they can contribute towards the costs of a larger project supported by several funding partners. If someone is making their first application to the Arts Council, they must apply at this level.

**Large Grants**

Those making an application for the first time must apply at a small grant level.

Large grants provide funding of £5,001 to £30,000 and support larger scale arts projects. Or they can contribute towards the costs of a very large project supported by several funding partners.

Further information on arts grants for organisations can be found in *The Arts Grants for Organisations: Getting Started* document.

**Wales Arts International**

Wales Arts International is a partnership between the Arts Council of Wales and the British Council, which provides advice and support to artists and arts organisations from Wales who work on an international level. They are also a contact point for international artists and arts organisations working in Wales.

Artists and arts organisations can apply to the **International Opportunities Fund** for up to £5,000 towards the costs of international activity, ranging from performing at a music festival overseas or exhibiting new work at a gallery, to developing new work with a theatre company or undertaking an artist’s residency.

Guidance for applicants can be found in the Funding section of the Wales Arts International Website.

**For more information:**

**International Opportunities Fund Guidelines.**

**E-mail:** info@wai.org.uk

**Website:** www.wai.org.uk/funding
02. Literature Wales

Literature Wales is the National Company for the development of literature in Wales. Literature Wales includes Yr Academi Gymreig / The Welsh Academy - the society for writers in Wales, and Tŷ Newydd Writers’ Centre.

Literature Wales can offer financial support to organisations towards the cost of literature events under the support scheme, Writers on Tour. Eligible events include workshops, lectures, readings, conferences and events concerned with creative writing.

For more information:
www.literaturewales.org

03. PRS for Music Foundation

The PRS for Music Foundation is the biggest funder of new music across all genres in the UK, with the aim of stimulating and supporting the creation of new music in the UK.

Support from the PRS’s Open Fund is available to support the development of outstanding songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds and at different stages of their career. It is split into two strands: funding for organisations and groups, and funding for music creators.

Organisations and Groups

Funding for Organisations & Groups offers grants of up to £10,000. Funding is available to support work including the following:

- Touring
- Recording
- PR and marketing
- commissions of new music by UK-based creators
- exciting community projects
- music creator residencies
- live programmes featuring new UK music

For further information and to check if a project is eligible read the Open Funding Criteria.

Music Creators

Funding for Music creators offers grants of up to £5,000. Funding is available to solo performers, solo songwriters / composers and individual promoters or event producers who are working in any genre, with at least 18 months professional experience.

Funding is available to support the following people:

- Songwriters
- Composers
- Solo artists
– Bands
– Performers

The sort of work that can be funded as the same as that for organisations and groups.

For further information and to check if a project is eligible read the Open Funding Criteria.

The PRS for Music Foundation also has a number of other funding streams, information about which is available on its website.

04. The Charity Commission

Many funding streams, including some of those listed below, are only available to groups with charitable status. The Charity Commission website provides comprehensive information and an application pack for people who wish to register a charity.

The Charity Commission offer advice and guidance on the application process, including the provision of model documents and help in setting the objectives of the charity.

For more information:
www.charity-commission.gov.uk

05. Community Groups and Clubs

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust provides grants for voluntary organisations in Wales in support of sport, art, the community and the environment.

Funding is issued according to the geographical area that an organisation has a remit to cover. The Trust has classified the funding levels as follows:

– Local Organisations - Awards of up to £2,500 are available for organisations with a remit to serve their local community or town.
– Regional Organisations - Awards of up to £7,500 are available for organisations with a remit to cover a region or local authority-wide area of Wales.

Information on the funding rounds including submission dates can be found via the link above or from the The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust website.

For more information:
E-mail: info@millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk
Telephone: 029 20 022 143
Website: www.millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk

Clore Duffield Foundation

Grants between £5,000 and £1 million are available to registered charities in support of the cultural sector, including performing arts.

For more information:
E-mail: info@cloreduffield.org.uk
Website: www.cloreduffield.org.uk
Clore Poetry and Literature Awards
The Clore Poetry and Literature Awards provides grant funding of between £1,000 and £10,000 for poetry and literature initiatives aimed at children and young people under the age of nineteen across the UK.

This scheme is open to registered charities, schools, professional or amateur arts companies, not for profit organisations and community groups. Total project costs must not exceed £20,000.

For more information:
E-mail: info@cloreduffield.org.uk
Website: www.cloreduffield.org.uk

Woodward Charitable Trust
The Woodward Charitable Trust awards grant funding to small-scale, locally-based charitable initiatives in the UK in the following areas: social and ethnic minority groups; prisoners and ex-offenders; homelessness; people experiencing violence or abuse; arts outreach; disability projects; environmental projects; and addiction.

The Trust offers one-off small grants of between £100 and £5,000 and large grants of over £5,000 over a maximum of three years are available. The Trust also offers annual one-off summer play scheme grants of between £500 and £1,000.

Applications are welcome from registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £300,000.

For more information:
E-mail: contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk
Website: www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust
The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust award grants between £1,000 and £3,000 to charitable organisations in the UK, through various projects: children, youth, elderly, medical, music and arts, community and disability.

The Trust operates a three-year rotation of categories for applications.

For more information:
E-mail: admin@austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk
Website: www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk

Fidelio Charitable Trust
The Fidelio Charitable Trust provides grant funding of up to £5,000 to help individuals and organisations of exceptional ability in the UK who would not otherwise be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support.

For more information:
E-mail: fidelio@act.eu.com
Website: www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk
Elephant Trust
The Elephant Trust awards grants of up to £2,000 to artists, small organisations and galleries within the United Kingdom to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds.

The Trust is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

For more information:
E-mail: ruth@elephanttrust.org.uk
Website: www.elephanttrust.org.uk

Anchor Foundation
The Anchor Foundation offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 a year for three years to UK-registered Christian charities for projects that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts.

Applications are considered at twice yearly trustee meetings in April and November and need to be received by 31 January and 31 July each year.

For more information:
E-mail: secretary@theanchorfoundation.org.uk
Website: www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk

Leverhulme Trust
The Leverhulme Trusts awards funding across academic disciplines, supporting talented individuals in the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences to realise their personal vision in research and professional training. As well as substantial grants for research, they offer fellowships for researchers at every stage of their career, grants for international collaboration and travel, and support for the fine and performing arts.

For more information:
E-mail: grants@leverhulme.ac.uk
Website: www.leverhulme.ac.uk

The Idlewild Trust
The Idlewild Trust provides financial assistance for projects concerned with the encouragement of the performing/fine arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of buildings/objects of beauty and items of historic interest or national importance.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities or publicly exempt charities.

For more information:
E-mail: info@idlewildtrust.org.uk
Website: www.idlewildtrust.org.uk
**Colwinston Charitable Trust**

The Colwinston Charitable Trust aims to support charitable organisations in the UK (especially Wales) working in areas such as opera; classical music; visual arts and libraries and archives. The majority of grants available range between £5,000 and £20,000.

**For more information:**

E-mail: colwinston.trust@ntlworld.com  
Website: www.colwinston.org.uk

**Concertina Charitable Trust**

The Concertina Charitable Trust provides grants to charitable organisations in England and Wales to improve the quality of life of elderly members of society, through musical entertainment and related activities. Grants are a maximum of £250 and the deadlines for applications are April 30 and October 31. The Trust can no longer be contacted by email or telephone. Only hard copy postal applications will be accepted.

**For more information:**

www.concertinamusic.org.uk

**CHK Charities**

The charity annually awards grant funding totalling £2 million to charitable organisations in the UK involved in a wide range of activities.

There are three categories of grant: One off Grants; Conditionally Renewable Grants; and Large Grants of over £25,000.

**For more information:**

Telephone: (020) 3207 7338  
Website: www.chkcharities.co.uk

**Ernest Cook Trust Educational Grant**

The Ernest Cook Trust Educational Grant provides grants to UK based educational projects in the fields of the countryside and environment, environmental research and the arts, crafts and architecture. All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications.

Grants are available to registered charities, state schools and not-for-profit organisations. There are two categories of grant available: a large grants programme for awards of over £4,000 and a small grants programme for awards of under £4,000.

**For more information:**

E-mail: grants@ernestcooktrust.org.uk  
Website: www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk

**Esmee Fairbairn Foundation**

The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve the quality of life for people throughout the UK by supporting work that focuses on the arts, education and learning, the environment, and enabling disadvantaged people to participate fully in society.
Grants generally range from £5,000 to £500,000 although there is no set limit on the amount that can be awarded. Grants can be used to support an organisation’s core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. However, they do not fund building or equipment costs, or individuals.

**For more information:**

E-mail: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Website: www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

**Fenton Arts Trust Grant**

The Fenton Arts Trust Grant aims to support individuals and organisations that contribute to the artistic culture of the country in the fields of drama, painting, sculpture, ballet, music and poetry. The Trust focuses its efforts specifically on the support of artists at the beginning of their careers.

There is no stated minimum or maximum amount. Applications should be made in writing only.

**For more information:**

www.fentonartstrust.org.uk

**Foyle Foundation**

The Foyle Foundation provides grants to registered charities and state funded schools which have a core remit of arts or learning. Typical areas of funding include:

- helping to make the arts more accessible by developing new audiences, supporting tours, festivals and arts educational projects;
- encouraging new work and supporting young and emerging artists;
- building projects that improve or re-equip existing arts venues (rather than construction of new facilities, although this will not be excluded);
- Projects that reduce overheads or which help generate additional revenue.

Applicant organisations for the Small Grants Scheme must have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 and not be able to consistently generate operational surpluses or be able to build up unrestricted reserves to a level equivalent to three months’ turnover. Average grants range from £10,000 to £50,000.

**For more information:**

E-mail: info@foylefoundation.org.uk

Website: www.foylefoundation.org.uk

**Garfield Weston Foundation**

The Foundation supports a broad range of organisations and activities that share a commitment to making a positive impact to the lives of the communities in which they work, and that are driven by a desire to achieve excellence. Some of the categories they support include: The Arts, Community and Education. The Foundation makes grants from £1,000 upwards.

**For more information:**

Telephone: (020) 7399 6565

Website: www.garfieldweston.org
Goldsmiths' Charity
Goldsmiths supports charities delivering charitable projects. Applications are considered under the following categories: General Welfare, Medical Welfare, Youth, Culture and Church. The average grant awarded is £3,000.

For more information:
E-mail: charity@thegoldsmiths.co.uk
Website: www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk

The Grocers' Charity
The Grocers' Charity provides one off grants of up to £3,500 for charities working in the following areas:
– the relief of poverty
– disability
– medicine
– the arts
– heritage
– the Church

For more information:
E-mail: enquiries@grocershall.co.uk
Website: www.grocershall.co.uk

Jerwood Charitable Foundation
The Jerwood Charitable Foundation provides grants of £50,000 to organisations for the funding of visual and performing arts and the support of talented artists in the early stages of their careers. Large grants of more than £10,000 are awarded to recurring relationships over a period of years. Small grants of up to £10,000 are available for one-off projects.

For more information:
E-mail: info@jerwood.org
Website: www.jerwoodcharitablefoundation.org

John Ellerman Foundation
The John Ellerman Foundation distributes around £5 million a year to projects in the UK in the following priority areas:
– Arts
– Environment
– Welfare

Applicants must be registered charities with an office in the UK. The minimum grant given is £10,000 and grants are available for up to 3 years.
Ashley Family Foundation
The Ashley Family Foundation provides grants to UK charities, unincorporated organisations and community groups that encourage participation in the arts (particularly textiles). There is no set limit on the amount that can be awarded; however, preference is given to requests that are below £10,000.

For more information:
E-mail: info@ashleyfamilyfoundation.org.uk
Website: www.ashleyfamilyfoundation.org.uk

Paul Hamlyn Foundation Arts Programme
The programme supports the development and dissemination of new ideas to increase people's experience, enjoyment and involvement in the arts in the UK. There is no set limit on the amount that can be awarded.

For more information:
E-mail: information@phf.org.uk
Website: www.phf.org.uk

Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts
The trusts support a variety of different interests, and funding is available to charitable organisations, schools, universities, national institutions, and other trusts and foundations.

Applications can be made at any time, but may be considered at various times depending on the Trust. No upper or lower limit is specified for the amount that can be awarded.

For more information:
Telephone: (020) 7410 0330
Website: www.sfct.org.uk

The Art Fund
The Art Fund provides assistance for the purchase of works of art of all kinds. The Fund also promotes greater awareness of the importance of art in the life of the nation, and seeks to safeguard the interests of the UK's public collections.

Grants are available to support the development of museum and gallery collections by funding acquisitions, the training and development of curators, and enabling collections to be shared with the widest possible audience.

For more information:
E-mail: info@artfund.org
Website: www.artfund.org
Wakeham Trust
The Wakeham Trust like to help projects that are small scale and would find it hard to get funding from big trusts; or are currently unfashionable or unpopular amongst mainstream funders, but are making a real contribution. The Trust normally gives grants to projects where an initial £125 to £2,500 can make a real difference.

For more information:
E-mail: TheWakehamTrust@icloud.com
Telephone: (01730) 821748
Website: www.wakehamtrust.org

Wolfson Foundation
The Wolfson Foundation provides grants of between £1,000 and £3 million, usually for capital infrastructure in the fields of science and medicine, health, education and the arts and humanities.

For more information:
Telephone: (020) 7323 5730
Website: www.wolfson.org.uk

Awards for Young Musicians
The charity supports the UK’s most talented young instrumentalists aged five to 17 years of age who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential. The charity assists musically-gifted children in families, where income is limited, to help develop potential.

Eligible costs include private music lessons, fees for music schools, instrument purchase or hire, travel costs and accessories. Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available.

For more information:
E-mail: enquiries@a-y-m.org.uk
Website: www.a-y-m.org.uk

Skinners’ Company: Lady Neville Charity
The Lady Neville Charity provides one-off grants of between £500 and £1,000 to registered charities in the United Kingdom, within five areas of priority:

- Disability
- Local Heritage
- Local Community
- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts

For more information:
Telephone: (020) 7213 0562
E-mail: charitiesadmin@skinners.org.uk
Website: www.skinnershall.co.uk
06. Lottery Funding

The Welsh branch of the Big Lottery Fund delivers funding to a range of different projects which meet the priorities set out in policies laid down by the Welsh Government.

The Big Lottery Fund website has a Funding Finder which has been set up to enable individuals and community groups to locate funding for a variety of different projects.

Their website also has a Big Lottery Fund in your constituency which aims to help elected public representatives provide their constituents with information on funding schemes available in their locality.

The Big Lottery Fund Advice Line can be contacted on 0845 4 10 20 30.

07. GRANTnet

GRANTnet is a free service from GRANTfinder, which has been set up to help small businesses, charitable and community groups locate sources of funding appropriate to their needs.

For more information:
Website: www.grantnet.com

08. Local Authority Support

Support may vary between each local authority so individuals should contact their relevant local authorities to find out what funding is available in their locality.

Set out below are the contact details for the 22 local authorities in Wales. Support may vary between each local authority so individuals should contact their relevant local authorities to find out what funding is available in their locality.

- Blaenau Gwent Council
  Telephone: 01495 311556
  Email: info@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

- Bridgend Council
  Telephone: 01656 643643
  Email: talktous@bridgend.gov.uk

- Caerphilly County Borough Council
  Telephone: 01443 815588
  Email: info@caerphilly.gov.uk

- Cardiff Council
  Telephone: 02920 872088 (Welsh)
  02920872087 (English)
  Email: c2c@cardiff.gov.uk

- Carmarthenshire County Council
  Telephone: 01267 234567
  Email: direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
- Ceredigion County Council  
  Telephone: 01545 570881  
  Email: reception@ceredigion.gov.uk

- Conwy Borough Council  
  Telephone: 01492 574000  
  Email: Information@conwy.gov.uk

- Denbighshire County Council  
  Telephone: 01824 706101  
  Email: customerservice@denbighshire.gov.uk

- Flintshire County Council  
  Telephone: 01352 752121  
  Email: customerservices@flintshire.gov.uk

- Gwynedd Council  
  Telephone: 01766 771000  
  Enquiry Form

- Isle of Anglesey County Council  
  Telephone: 01248 750057  
  Email: Contacts Page

- Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council  
  Telephone: 01685 725000  
  Email: customer.care@merthyr.gov.uk

- Monmouthshire county Council  
  Telephone: 01633 644644  
  Email: contact@monmouthshire.gov.uk

- Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council  
  Telephone: 01639 686868  
  Email: contactus@npt.gov.uk

- Newport City Council  
  Telephone: 01633 656656  
  Email: info@newport.gov.uk  
  Enquiry Form

- Pembrokeshire County Council  
  Telephone: 01437 764551  
  Email: enquiries@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

- Powys County Council  
  Telephone: 0845 6027030  
  Email: customer@powys.gov.uk

- Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council  
  Telephone: 01443 425005  
  Email: customerservices@rctcbc.gov.uk
09. County Voluntary Council

The relevant County Voluntary Council will be able to advise Individuals sources of financial assistance for that particular locality.

Most County Voluntary Council websites provide funding factsheets; these will be accessible from their website.

- Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
  Telephone: 01633 241 550
  Email: Sandra.davies@gavowales.org.uk
  Website: www.gavowales.org.uk

- Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations
  Telephone: 01656 810 400
  Email: bavo@bavo.org.uk
  Website: www.bavo.org.uk

- Cardiff Third Sector Council
  Telephone: 029 2048 5722
  Email: enquiries@c3sc.org.uk
  Website: www.c3sc.org.uk

- Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services
  Telephone: 01267 245 555
  Email: info@cavs.org.uk
  Website: www.cavs.org.uk

- Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations
  Telephone: 01570 423 232
  Email: gen@cavo.org.uk
  Website: www.cavo.org.uk

- Conwy Voluntary Services Council
  Telephone: 01492 534 091
  Email: mail@cvsc.org.uk
  Website: www.cvsc.org.uk
- Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council
  Telephone: 01824 702441
  Email: office@dvsc.co.uk
  Website: www.dvsc.co.uk

- Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
  Telephone: 01352 744000
  Email: info@flvc.org.uk
  Website: www.flvc.org.uk

- Gwynedd
  Telephone: 01286 672626
  Email: enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com
  Website: www.mantellgwynedd.com

- Isle of Anglesey - Medrwn Môn
  Telephone: 01248 724944
  Email: post@medrwnmon.org
  Website: www.medrwnmon.org

- Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil
  Telephone: 01685 353900
  Email: enquiries@vamt.net
  Website: www.vamt.net

- Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service
  Telephone: 01639 631246
  Email: info@nptcvs.org.uk
  Website: www.nptcvs.co.uk

- Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services
  Telephone: 01437 769422
  Email: enquiries@pavs.org.uk
  Website: www.pavs.org.uk

- Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations
  Telephone: 01597 828675
  Email: Enquiry form
  Website www.pavo.org.uk

- Rhondda Cynon Taff - Interlink
  Telephone: 01443 846200
  Email: sjames@interlinkrct.org.uk
  Website www.interlinkrct.org.uk

- Swansea Council for Voluntary Service
  Telephone: 01792 544000
  Email: scvs@scvs.org.uk
  Website: www.scvs.org.uk

- Torfaen Voluntary Alliance
  Telephone: 01495 745156
  Email: Kyle@tvawales.org.uk
  Website www.tvawales.org.uk
- Vale Centre for Voluntary Services
  **Telephone:** 01446 741706
  **Email:** v cvs@ va lecvs.org.uk
  **Website** www.valecvs.org.uk

- Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham
  **Telephone:** 01978 312556
  **Email:** info@avow.org
  **Website** www.avow.org