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Arts Council of Wales Strategic Initiative to encourage the Development of Networking Opportunities

Introduction

For a sixth year, the Arts Council of Wales has identified funding to support a strategic initiative aimed at encouraging the creation of new networks, and the strengthening of existing networking opportunities.

Funding is specifically targeted at initiatives which focus on promoting Equality & Diversity including (but not restricted to):

- Engaging hard-to-reach audiences
- Developing diverse audiences for the Arts
- Increasing participation in the Arts by disengaged communities

Networks come in all shapes and sizes. Some are more formal than others; some large, others small. Networks may opt to meet on a regular basis, others as and when the members feel it necessary. Networks do not have to depend on face to face meetings – they can be created and run online.

We see networks as being important to facilitate the following:

- sharing skills, knowledge and expertise;
- providing support;
- encouraging collaborative working;
- sharing resources;
- debating issues and discussing ideas

Supporting new and existing networks

We are keen to encourage the creation of new networks that bring together people and organisations with shared needs and interests. We feel that these are far more likely to develop and prosper if they grow organically from within the sector rather than being created by a third party such as Arts Council of Wales.

To this end we can provide small sums of money on a one-off basis towards:

- Costs of one-off meetings to bring together individuals or organisations sharing a common purpose with a view to creating a network
- Set up costs towards the creation of online forums/communities

We do not want to exclude existing networks from the initiative and are keen to explore with them ways of developing the support they offer their members. This may, for example, result in providing some funding towards a one off event that will enhance the capabilities of the group or offer an opportunity to increase the number of members.

We are open to supporting a range of different types of networks: local/regional groups; artist led groups or networks connected by art form or activity types. In supporting the development of new networks we are particularly concerned that evidence of a clear **common purpose** or **shared need** among potential members can be demonstrated and that subsequent activity will be self-sustaining.

Accessing our Support

We have funds available for small scale one off projects in 2017-18 and we can provide up to £2,500 per project. **Please note that we expect your project to take place within the current financial year (before the end of March 2018).**

To apply for funding, you will need to complete an application form. **This is not for general lottery funding, so you must contact us for a link to the relevant form, or we will be unable to process your request (see contact details at the end of this note).**

You will also be asked to upload supporting information, to include a project budget and also a brief proposal (no longer than two sides of A4) that clearly outline the benefits of the project. Within your proposal we would like you to include:

- Contact details for the individual and organisation leading the proposal
- A description of what you want to do
- The reasons why you want to do it
- Evidence of the need for this project
- The number and types of organisations who will take part and how you will attract members

- The benefits to those taking part
- Details of the costs you would like us to meet

We will fund 100% of your project costs as long as they do not exceed £2,500. The types of costs that we can help with include:

- Room Hire
- Catering
- Speaker/Facilitator fees and expenses
- Translation Fees (if required)
- Access costs
- Hire of equipment
- Purchase of appropriate software or up to 1 year's access to an online platform

Further Information

We can only meet the travel costs and expenses of individuals taking a formal role in the meeting e.g. guest speaker, facilitator etc.

It does not matter if you have not received Arts Council funding in the past. As long as you can demonstrate the need among potential participants, we will consider your proposal.

We will consider proposals from organisations based outside Wales that wish to create a network based in Wales. We will also consider proposals for networks that include organisations from beyond Wales within their membership.

What we will expect from you

We will ask all those who received our support to provide a brief report on the meeting/activity that takes place. This might include details of the number of people who took part, the types of organisations represented, a description of what took place and an outline of any future plans that might have been discussed either on the day or subsequently.

Interested?

Please make sure to contact us to receive a link to an application form for strategic funding. You can contact either:

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Deadlines for proposals

Friday 8 September 2017

Friday 8 December 2017

When planning your submission, please make sure that you have allowed yourself sufficient time to complete your project before the end of March 2018 as we will be unable to fund those with a timeline later than this.