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Sharing Together 2022 to 2023

Our plan to help people work together in the Arts

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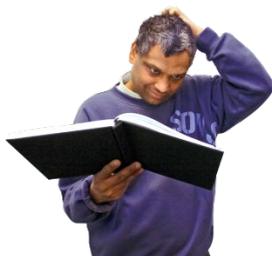
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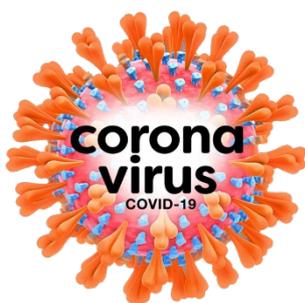
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We want to give funding for ideas that help people in the arts work together.

Working together is also called **networking**. A group of people working together is a **network**.

We think this is really important because of Covid-19.

We really want to help work that supports working with lots of different types of people.

And making sure people can get involved who sometimes may not get the chance.

We also want people to keep talking about **Black Lives Matter** and **We Shall Not be Removed**.

These are movements that stand up for equality for minority groups – like black people and disabled people.

We believe these movements are really important in the arts.

We want to hear about all sorts of ideas.

But we are really interested in supporting ideas about:

- Working with people from different backgrounds.

- Deaf, disabled and **neurodiverse** groups.

> **Neurodiverse** means people whose minds work in different ways.

- People who come from different countries and cultures.

- Working with other people who may not have the same chances to work in the arts. For example, because of where they live. Or because they don't have enough money.

Networks might be small groups or larger groups.

They may meet often or may not.

Some groups may just meet online.

Networks are important for things like:

- Sharing information

- Sharing skills

- Supporting each other

- Sharing equipment

- Talking through ideas.

We can support new **networks**. And **networks** that already exist.

We can give some money for:

- The cost of running a meeting where people can talk about setting up a new **network**

- The costs of setting up online meetings or groups

- Helping an existing **network** develop. For example, making their **network** grow.

We can support lots of different types of **networks**.

We would like to see how new **networks** will be helpful to other people.

And see how the **network** can last.

How to apply for funding

We can give up to £2000 for each project.

To apply you will need to use our online portal.

If you have not used the portal before, you will need to register first. There are instructions for how to do this on our website here.

If you cannot get or use the online form, or if you need help, please e-mail us as: grants@arts.wales.

You should:

1. **Fill out a Sharing Together 2022-23 application form on our online portal.**

2. **Upload the following things to the online portal with your application form:**

A description of your project. This should include:

- What you want to do and why

- Why this work is needed

- The people and organisations you think you will work with

- How you will get them involved

- How it will help the people taking part.

You can do this in writing, or in a video **or** voice recording.

If you are doing this in **writing:**

- please do not write more than 2 sides of A4 paper

- send it as a Word file of PDF

- make sure your text is at least 12pt in size

- make sure your file is not over 250mb in size.

If you are sending a **video** or **voice recording**, please make sure your recording is no more than 4 minutes long.

Please send videos or voice recordings as links to your website, Vimeo, or YouTube.

3. Clearly explain how you plan to use the money.

We can cover **all** of your project costs. As long as it is not over £2000. We can cover things like:

- Room hire

- Food and drink

- Paying a person to give a talk or support the group

- Equipment

- Making a place safe from Covid-19.

We can **only** cover things like travel costs for people who are speaking or have a main role.

We can help organisations who are not based in Wales. As long as the **network** is going to be in Wales.

And the **network** can include people from outside Wales.

What happens if you get the funding?

We will ask for a short report about the meetings or work that happens.

For example, how many people get involved. And what you do and plan to do going forward.

We will keep back up to £200 of your funding. We will pay it when we have had your report.

When to apply

There are 2 rounds of funding that you can apply for:

You can apply by **5pm** on **Thursday 9 June 2022**

Or you can apply by **5pm** on **Thursday 6 October 2022**

Please make sure you include **all** the supporting information you need to with your application form.

A group of staff at the Arts Council of Wales will decide who gets the funding.

We will do our best to tell you what we decide no later than 6 weeks after the deadline dates.

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If you are having problems with the application form or our online portal, please e-mail: grants@arts.wales

There are lots of ways you can contact us at the Arts Council:

E-mail: grants@arts.wales

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Our phone line is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday. It is open until 4.30pm on Fridays

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You can find more information about how to contact us on our website.

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Hard words

Networking

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