

Funding Support for Networks 2018

What is it?

Networks, collaboration and group learning are essential to share good practice, encourage skills sharing and foster success in fundraising across England in the arts, cultural and heritage sectors. We know that there are many informal and formal groups and networks in place, linking people through geography or sector specialism.

Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy is inviting a new round of applications to support groups or networks across England to help arrange their own fundraising training event, conference, seminar or introductory meeting/s.

To achieve this, we have set aside some funding to pay towards some of the associated costs that arise from organising these events. This may include participants' travel costs, venue hire, catering, speakers/guests and any other relevant expenditure. Please take a look at our [website](#) for details of the previous applicants and projects funded.

What can we support?

Organisations and groups can apply for the following levels of support:

- Up to a maximum of £1,000 for any single event, or group of events, benefitting a minimum of ten people, who are either freelancers or staff from at least five different arts, cultural or heritage organisations;
- Up to a maximum of £2,000 for any single event, or group of events, benefitting a minimum of twenty people, who are either freelancers or staff from at least ten different arts, cultural or heritage organisations.

We are looking to support Network events across the following priorities, that are key areas of concern within the current fundraising environment. However, you are also welcome to apply for funds in other areas where you can demonstrate an urgent need, or added value for your community and the wider sector:

- *Diversity in the fundraising profession or diversity of donors*
- *Ethical fundraising and trust building*
- *Embracing technology and new ideas*
- *Creating meaningful partnerships with the private sector*
- *Keeping on top of fundraising regulation*

Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy will pay towards some of the costs for organising an event or activity to take place before **31 March 2019**. Please submit a proposal to include:

1. The name, purpose and membership of your network/group.

2. Details of the activity you would like to receive support for (including location and proposed date), and how this activity will help strengthen fundraising skills across the group/cohort.
3. What you would like the money to cover in terms of the costs of the event, and how this will help your existing group do something new, or help you establish a new network/group;
4. How learning will be distributed throughout your group/cohort, and more widely if applicable;
5. An outline budget, with expenditure and income for the event, including a breakdown of the costs you would like to be covered by Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy. We will expect all projects to show some additional income, e.g. support in kind is counted. Please see below for costs related to access requirements.

We are particularly keen to support networks and groups that have not previously received support from the programme. However, we will accept proposals from networks & groups we have previously supported that would like to do something different or expand their group or reach in some way.

Diversity and Inclusion

We welcome applications from a wide range of individuals and organisations, to reflect the diversity of artists and audiences for art and culture across England. Our definition of diversity encompasses responding to issues around race, ethnicity, faith, disability, age, gender, sexuality, class and economic disadvantage and any social and institutional barriers that prevent people from creating, participating or enjoying art and culture.

We are particularly interested in receiving applications from networks and groups that offer support to individuals that respond to this definition of diversity, and/or support to staff within organisations that are themselves committed to helping beneficiaries from diverse backgrounds.

We will expect all applicants to include within their proposals ways in which they will ensure that their event(s) are fully inclusive and accessible to people from a wide range of backgrounds.

Applicants can request an additional 20% of the basic amount they have requested towards the costs of access requirements. Please outline in your application why you require this additional support, and outline specifically how the funds will be used.

How will decisions be made?

We will consider the following when making our decisions:

- The benefit of the activity for the network or group members;
- The benefit of the activity for strengthening arts, cultural or heritage fundraising across the region or sector that the group represents;
- The balance of support we can offer to individuals and groups across England, taking into account our commitment to reach a diverse range of individuals and networks;

How can I apply?

If you would like to apply for this networks funding opportunity, please email your proposal to david.johnson@cause4.co.uk, to reach us by email no later than **12.00pm (noon) on Friday 5 October 2018**. **Your proposal should be no longer than four pages of A4.**



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