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Networks Funding Impact Report 2025/26

At Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy, we work to empower arts and cultural professionals by supporting them to develop their practice and find creative new approaches to fundraising.

We believe that collaboration is a powerful tool for stimulating innovation, sharing ideas, building knowledge and developing new skills and our Networks Funding aims to achieve exactly that.

We offer core financial support to fundraising groups and networks across England to support them to grow and thrive. Our funding contributes to the development of new training events, conferences, seminars and meetings, with the aim of strengthening arts fundraising skills and building robust partnerships across the sector.

The Networks Funding programme has been running since 2018, providing vital support to arts and cultural networks across England. Over the years, we have assisted 100 organisations and networks, helping them to enhance their fundraising capabilities and build stronger connections within the sector.

The 2025 Networks Funding programme supported arts, heritage and cultural networks across England by strengthening fundraising skills and fostering collaboration.





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Networks Funding 2025/26

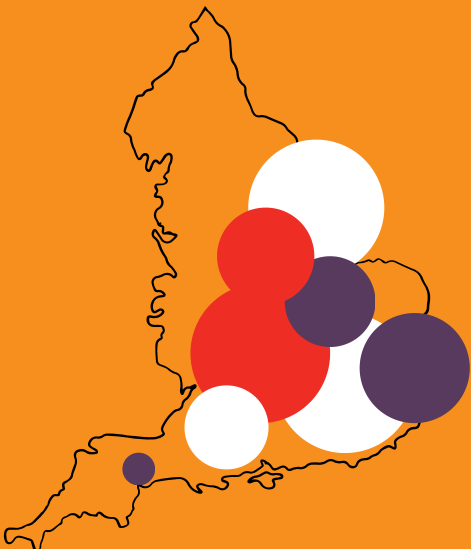


31 expert
trainers engaged



18 specialised
topics covered

Networks delivered
in 13 different UK counties



£37,000

Funding Distributed

15

Networks Funded

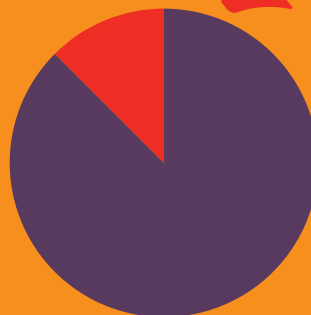
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Events Held

669

Attendees

67%



of networks have
held or plan to
hold follow-up
events



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Networks Funded 2025/26



AHA-MK | Community, Culture and Collaboration Conversation

Andro and Eve | Sheffield Grassroots Culture Makers

Club Together Club | Peer-led Knowledge for Creative Futures

Exeter Phoenix | Exeter Artnership

Friction Arts | Life-Mapping - Artists on the Edge

Higher Rhythm | Yorkshire Music Expo

Intergenerational Music Making | Fundraising Exchange

Middle Child Theatre | Cultural Collisions Sounding Board

New Elements | Swindon Culture Collective

OUTSIDE CPP | Creative Moorlands Fundraising Masterclass

Plaform Thirty1 | Creative Women's Network

Unlimited | Funding Fundamentals

Vincent Dance Theatre | London Road Network

Youth Visionaries | Creative Fundraisers MK

Performing Arts Development | Arts Legacy Masterclass





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Networks Funding Impact 2025/26

Areas Developed



Cultural Place-
Making



Strategic
Development



Income
Diversification



Strengthening
Donor
Relationships



Addressing
Fundraising
Fatigue



Leveraging Digital
Tools

“The speakers were, on the whole, so very accessible and down-to-earth, which helped to digest the information given. Really friendly, informal and relaxed - not intimidating!”

Exeter Artnership Attendee

“Most importantly, it was great to meet people face to face... I would welcome more of such artist-centric events.”

Sounding Board Attendee

“Great to hear big organisation and Freelander perspectives. Good, honest examples.”

Swindon Culture Collective
Event Attendee



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Areas Developed



Building
Resilience



Measuring
Impact



Pitching to
Corporates



Professional
Development



Embedding Access
and Inclusion



Getting Confident
with
Crowdfunding

“The Networks funding enabled us to instigate a network for Sheffield for grassroots culture makers led by and serving underrepresented communities.”
Andro and Eve

“This funding has given us the time and framework to build stronger community connections.”
Club Together Club

“The funding enabled us to offer disabled, ND artists and creatives, vital workshops, a space to reflect, shift, deep dive into their own world and emerge stronger with a vision for their own future.”
Friction Arts