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## **Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy** **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

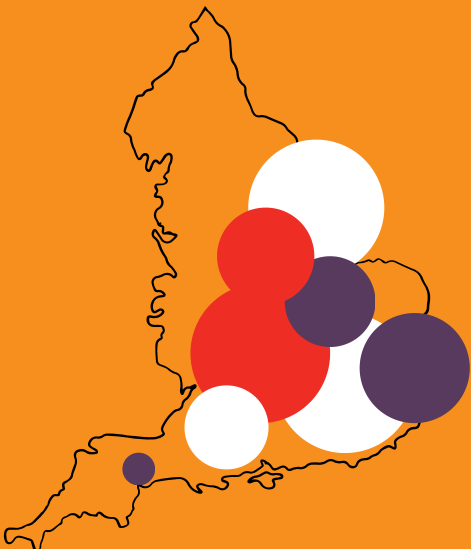


31 expert  
trainers engaged



18 specialised  
topics covered

Networks delivered  
in 13 different UK counties



**£37,000**

Funding Distributed

**15**

Networks Funded

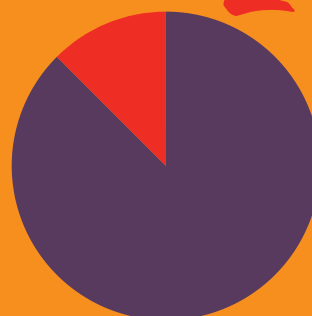
**32**

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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# Networks Funding Impact 2025/26

## 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