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## CONNECTED HUBS FUND

The primary objective of the Connected Hubs Call is to support and complement the development of the National Hub Network, which is a key action of the Rural Development Policy - Our Rural Future and the National Remote Working Strategy – Making Remote Work. The Connected Hubs Call aims to add additional capacity to the existing remote working infrastructure in Ireland by upgrading existing hubs and Broadband Connection Points (BCPs), while continuing to support COVID-19 mitigation measures.

The Connected Hubs Call will provide owners, operators and managers of existing remote working facilities and BCPs with the opportunity to identify and develop their own solutions in consultation with local authorities, local business interests (e.g. Chambers of Commerce), Town Teams (or similar bodies) and community groups as appropriate.

Applicants must be BCPs or existing hubs (can demonstrate they have been in operation as a remote working hub for 6 months, unless exceptional circumstances are advised to DRCD). Existing hubs must already provide some element of remote working facilities. BCPs are not required to already provide remote working facilities but there should be some element of a remote working space being developed and the 6 months requirement does not apply to BCPs.

### Grant Levels

The total indicative funding available for the Connected Hubs Call is €5 million.

The minimum grant which is available per single-hub application is €10,000.

The minimum grant funding available for a multi-hub application ranges from €30k to €50k – See Table below.

Where an applicant is applying for funding for a project solely related to an individual hub or BCP the maximum funding allowed will be €75,000.

The Department encourages applicants to, where possible, identify opportunities to deliver projects or works of a similar nature across multiple hubs. Multi hub applications must include a minimum of three hubs/BCPs and a maximum of five hubs/BCPs. The funding ceilings are provided in the Table below.

Please note: The maximum that may be allocated to any single hub or BCP that is part of a multi-hub application is €75,000.

Number of hubs	Maximum level of funding	Minimum grant amount
Three	€ 200,000	€30,000
Four	€ 225,000	€40,000
Five	€ 250,000	€50,000

## How to Apply

Applicants are asked to register their intention/expression of interest to apply to this scheme by Friday 4 March 2022 – this should be done via email to: [connectedhubs@drcd.gov.ie](mailto:connectedhubs@drcd.gov.ie). Emails should contain the subject line ‘EOI: Connected Hubs 2022 Call’.

Applications relating to single-hub projects should be made using Form 1 together with the required appendices and are subject to a maximum limit of €75,000 (and a minimum funding threshold of €10,000).

Applications for projects dealing with multiple hubs/BCPs should be grouped as a multi-hub application where possible and appropriate. Multi-hub applications must include a minimum of three hubs/BCPs and a maximum of five hubs/BCPs. Applications for such multi-hub projects should be made using Form 2 together with the required appendices.

Deadline: 4 April 2022 @ 6pm.

[Full details available here.](#)

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## Creative Europe Programme

Creative Europe is the European Commission's framework programme for support to the culture and audio-visual sectors.

The Creative Europe programme is open to cultural and creative organisations from EU Member States, as well as non-EU countries. Subject to certain conditions EEA (European Economic Area), candidate/potential candidate and ENP (European Neighbourhood Policy) countries can also participate in the programme on an equal footing with Member States.

### **Creative Europe Culture Sub-programme**

Creative Europe (2021-2027) will support European creative sectors with a budget of €2.44 billion.

The Creative Europe programme 2021 – 2027 sets out common goals for the cultural and creative sectors. It puts a stronger emphasis on transnational creation, global circulation and promotion of European works, innovation across sectors, and ease of funding access through higher EU co-financing rates. All funded actions and projects should respect gender equality and the EU's environmental commitments in the design and implementation of their activities

The CULTURE strand of the Programme consists of the following actions:

1. Horizontal actions covering all cultural and creative sectors: support to cultural cooperation projects, networks of professional organisations, platforms for the promotion of European artists and works, individual mobility scheme.
2. Sector-specific support to complement horizontal actions in music, book & publishing, cultural heritage and architecture as well as other sectors.
3. Special actions to reward and promote excellence and creativity such as the awards for literature, music, architecture and cultural heritage, European Capitals of Culture, and the European Heritage Label.

### **Creative Europe Media Sub-programme**

The MEDIA sub-programme of Creative Europe supports European film and audiovisual industries in the development, distribution and promotion of their work. The programme supports projects with a European dimension while also enabling them to seek markets beyond national and European borders. Funding is also available for training, development, and new technologies.

## **Creative Europe Cross Sector Strand**

The Cross-sectoral strand of the Creative Europe programme is designed to serve three primary functions:

The establishment of a Guarantee Facility targeting the cultural and creative sectors

The promotion of transnational policy cooperation

Supporting a network of Creative Europe Desks.

How to Apply

You can read more on the [Irish Creative Europe website](#) and contact the national [Creative Europe Desk](#).

### **Current funding calls:**

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#### **European Film Distribution**

Deadline: 5 April 2022

[FULL DETAILS HERE](#)

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#### **TV and Online Content**

Deadline: 5 April 2022

[FULL DETAILS HERE](#)

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#### **Creative Europe - News Media Literacy**

Deadline: 6 April, 2022

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#### **Creative Europe - Network of European Festivals**

Deadline: 7 April, 2022

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**Creative Europe - Innovative Tools and Business Models**

Deadline: 7 April, 2022

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**Creative Europe - Media 360**

Deadline: 12 April, 2022

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**Creative Europe - European Cooperation Projects Large Scale**

Deadline: 27 April, 2022

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**Creative Europe - European Cooperation Projects Medium Scale**

Deadline: 27 April, 2022

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**Creative Europe - European Cooperation Projects Small Scale**

Deadline: 27 April, 2022

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**Creative Europe - European Slate Development**

Deadline: 27 April, 2022

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**Creative Europe - Fostering European Media Talent and Skills**

Deadline: 4 May, 2022

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**Creative Europe - Circulation of European literary works**

Deadline: 31 May, 2022

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## Social Entrepreneurs Ireland - The Ideas Academy

This three-month programme will provide you with the support and direction you need to help you to kick-start your idea and take the next steps to start tackling the problem.

Participants on the Ideas Academy are supported to clearly articulate, refine and progress their solution, to build skills and accelerate learning in core areas of importance to social entrepreneurs, and to move from idea to action.

We have 45 places available on our 2022 programme which will be made up of 15 social entrepreneur-led projects across three groups.

The programme will be delivered remotely. If Covid-19 restrictions in Ireland allow for it, we will consider holding an in-person session towards the end of the programme if it is safe and appropriate to do so, but this will be communicated with participants on the programme.

Together with a small community of fellow innovators, participants on the Ideas Academy will receive:

### **Training & Support**

Over several core learning days, you will be supported to deepen your understanding of the problem you've identified, refine your solution, and develop an action plan to pilot your idea post-programme.

### **Peer Support & Networking Opportunities**

We know that that it can be lonely being a social entrepreneur. On the Ideas Academy you will receive peer support and access to networking opportunities to help build your confidence and network, and gain insight into the social entrepreneur journey.

### **Funding Available**

Each project selected for the Ideas Academy programme will also receive a bursary of €400.

At the end of the programme all participants will have the opportunity to apply to pitch for a portion of funding to further pilot your idea.

We have a total pot of €40,000 in seed funding available.

### **How to Apply**

Deadline: 5 April 2022

[Access full application guidelines here.](#)

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## **Dept. of Foreign Affairs - Reconciliation Fund**

The Reconciliation Fund awards grants to organisations working to build better relations within and between traditions in Northern Ireland, between North and South, and between Ireland and Britain. The Reconciliation Fund operates two main funding rounds each year (in spring and autumn) for 12-month grants. A Strategic Partnerships stream for 3-year funding was also launched in summer 2021.

### **Spring 2022 Funding Round (for 12-month funding)**

The spring funding round will open on Thursday 10 March 2022 at 11.00am. The round will remain open for 3 weeks, closing on Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 5.00pm.

Applications may be made only through the online grant application portal: <https://onlinefunding.dfa.ie/>

NOTE: Any application submitted before the opening time of 11.00am on the opening day of an annual funding round will be regarded as invalid and will not be accepted.

Further information on the requirements under this round are set out in the How to Apply tab below.

### **Reconciliation Fund Strategy 2021-2024**

Following extensive engagement with our funding partners and others working in the field of peace and reconciliation, a new [Reconciliation Fund Strategy](#) was approved by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in order to guide the work of the Reconciliation Fund during the period 2021-2024. The new strategy came into effect on 15 March 2021.

The strategy outlines an updated set of funding priorities and criteria for the Reconciliation Fund, to ensure that the Fund supports our vision of a reconciled Ireland and remains relevant, effective, and efficient over the coming years. A summary of these funding priorities and criteria can be found in the Am I Eligible? tab below. Potential applicants should also consult the new Strategy document itself.

As well as setting out overarching themes and priority areas, the new Strategy outlines how the Reconciliation Fund can provide, in addition to direct project funding, Core Operational and Capital funding to support the important work of peace and reconciliation.

The new Strategy provided for the expansion of the Strategic Partnership multi-annual funding stream that had been piloted under the Reconciliation Fund's previous Strategy. Under the new funding stream, around 15-30 organisations will be eligible to become a Strategic Partner of the Fund, with a commitment to funding over a 3-year period, allowing them to develop a more

strategic long term approach to planning their work. The first call for applications for Strategic Partnership under this new scheme was made during May-June 2021.

## **COVID-19**

The Department of Foreign Affairs appreciates that the organisations supported through the Reconciliation Fund have been facing many challenges as a result of Covid-19 and that their capacity to deliver certain projects and events has been adversely affected by the public health restrictions required to manage the pandemic.

The Reconciliation Section is aware that it has not been possible to complete certain projects within the original 12-month timeframe and that many grants are only partly spent as a result. However, through the impact of vaccination programmes and the easing of public health restrictions, this situation should continue to improve during 2022 and allow the pace and manner of delivery of much of the peace and reconciliation work supported by the Reconciliation Fund to see a gradual return to pre-pandemic norms.

Organisations are asked to keep the Reconciliation Fund team updated in relation to any residual impacts of Covid-19 on those ongoing projects. If you find that it will not be possible to deliver some or all planned project activities as originally proposed and within the normal 12-month period from initial receipt of the grant, you should email the Reconciliation Fund team. The team will continue to consider all reasonable requests for extensions and/or adaptations to projects and related readjustments to approved budget lines.

## **Eligibility**

### **Eligibility - Our Funding Priorities**

The following sets out our funding priorities, in line with our new [Reconciliation Fund Strategy](#):

#### **Thematic Pillars**

Our funding priorities continue to be rooted in two key overarching thematic pillars – repairing and building. For 2021-2024, the Reconciliation Fund will focus its support on reconciliation and peacebuilding work that seeks to:

Repair those issues which lead to division, conflict, and barriers to a deeply reconciled and peaceful society;

and/or

Build a strong civil society that encompasses all communities, through the continued implementation of the Agreements and promoting a rights-based society, political stability and respect for all.

### **Priority areas**

Applications should be in line with one or both of these overarching pillars, while also focusing on one or more of the Reconciliation Fund's priority themes/activities. Requests for funding support should therefore involve projects which support at least one of the following priority areas:

- Through dialogue or other means, seek to build understanding between peoples and traditions, whether within Northern Ireland, on a North-South basis, or on a British-Irish basis.
- Promote inter-community links and reduce segregation in Northern Ireland, including in the areas of integrated education and housing, and the use of shared community spaces.
- Build sustainable North-South links through the development of relationships and connections.
- Develop and deepen relations between Ireland and Britain.
- Seek participation in the most hard-to-reach and marginalised communities (in terms of economic and social deprivation), or those not normally involved in reconciliation and peace-building work, in line with the Government's commitments made at the time of the NDNA Agreement.
- Seek to address the legacy of violence during the Troubles.
- Specifically target sectarianism, and which are aimed at eliminating sectarianism from society.
- Help to tackle paramilitarism and support the transitioning of members of paramilitary groups to peaceful, democratic activities.
- Employ a transgenerational approach, helping a younger generation to be more aware of the recent past and to break the cycles which are barriers to long term reconciliation.

- Develop the role of women in peace-building and civic and political life, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 1325, and which build their capacity to take their rightful place as leaders in society.
- Educate and illuminate the events of the past, and in particular the events of the Decade of Centenaries, in order to deepen understanding and promote respect and tolerance between different groups and traditions.
- Explore issues around identity (including language and other cultural traditions) in ways that promote understanding, tolerance and inclusivity, or help to recognise the common aspects of traditions and identities shared by different groups.
- Involve academic research likely to significantly promote mutual understanding, peace and reconciliation, including in the context of the Government's commitment at the time of the NDNA Agreement to commission research on the challenges faced by border communities (with a particular focus on minority communities in border counties).
- Empower diverse, underrepresented or new voices to articulate their views on issues relating to reconciliation.
- Assist communities from different traditions in trying to build a shared vision of the future.

#### **Other factors guiding consideration of applications:**

In addition to assessing whether applications contribute under the thematic pillars and key priority/activity areas outlined above, we will be guided by a number of other factors in considering funding applications:

- General factors:
- General factors which will be used in assessing applications will include:
- Geographical location of activity, with the aim of ensuring an appropriate spread of funding;
- Value for money of the project;
- The organisation's financial management capacity, governance arrangements and sustainability;
- The funding environment for the particular sector.

## How to Apply

Deadline: 5 April 2022

Full details are available here: <https://www.dfa.ie/about-us/funding/reconciliation-fund/>

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## European Solidarity Corps Programme

The European Solidarity Corps is the EU's funding programme for volunteering and promoting solidarity.

### Aims & Objectives

The European Solidarity Corps aims to:

- Empower young people to participate positively in their world: The programme aims to provide young people, including young people with fewer opportunities, with easily accessible opportunities to take part in solidarity activities that bring about positive societal changes in the European Union and beyond.
- Build an inclusive and democratic Europe: The programme aims to support young people and organisations across Europe and to strengthen cohesion, solidarity, democracy, European identity and active citizenship in the Europe Union and beyond.
- Promote sustainable development through projects at grassroots level: European Solidarity Corps projects are about addressing societal challenges on the ground, with a particular focus on the promotion of sustainable development, social inclusion and equal opportunities.

The European Solidarity Corp's priorities are:

- Inclusion and Diversity
- Environmental Protection and Climate Action
- Digital Transformation
- Participation in Democratic Life
- Health Promotion and Support
- Connecting EU and Youth

### What does it support?

The European Solidarity Corps supports young people aged 18 to 30 to address needs in their community or abroad by taking part in activities across Europe.



Young people can volunteer or develop solidarity projects that benefit their communities at local, regional or European levels.

Projects are funded under 'Volunteering Projects' and 'Solidarity Projects'.

Volunteering Projects are projects where young people are sent by an accredited organisation to volunteer in another European country to exchange ideas, learn, connect and grow. Volunteering may take place in Ireland or abroad. Funding is available for 'Individual Volunteering Projects', 'Volunteering Teams Projects' or 'Preparatory Visits'.

Solidarity Projects are organised by groups of young people who want to make a positive difference at national or international level.

## Eligibility

### Who can apply?

Any public or private body may apply for funding.

In order to take part in the European Solidarity Corps, organisations need to obtain a quality label, which certifies that they carry out high quality solidarity activities in compliance with the principles, objectives and requirements of the programme. Visit the European Solidarity Corps site for more [information about the Quality Label](#).

Why the EU funds European solidarity and volunteering

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Education, training, youth and sport](#).

### Budget

€1,1 billion over 7 years.

### Project Examples

[My Experience as a European Solidarity Corps Volunteer: Laurita Maher-Bordalo](#)

[Amina Moustafa: The Evolution of the Erasmus+ Experience](#)

[Detached Youth Support - Supporting Young People in Time of Covid-19](#)

[More impact stories of the European Solidarity Corps](#)

### National Contact Point in Ireland

[Léargas](#) is the National Agency for the European Solidarity Corps in Ireland and they hold a range of online application workshops and information sessions. Keep an eye on their [Event Calendar](#) or sign up to their [newsletters](#) for details.

Contact Suzanne Kavanagh at [kavanagh@leargas.ie](mailto:kavanagh@leargas.ie) or Noeleen O'Callaghan at [nocallaghan@leargas.ie](mailto:nocallaghan@leargas.ie) for more information.

Website: [www.leargas.ie](http://www.leargas.ie)

## How to Apply

See open calls below:

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### European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas

Deadline: 6 April, 2022

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### European Solidarity Corps - Volunteering in support of humanitarian aid operations

Deadline: 3 May, 2022

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## Erasmus+ Programme

Erasmus+ is the EU's funding programme for education, training, youth and sport.

### AIMS & OBJECTIVES

It aims to:

- Provide support for lifelong learning
- Contribute to building a European Education Area
- Promote learning mobility in education, training, youth, and sport
- Improve the quality of education and training systems
- Strengthen European identity and active citizenship

### What does it support?

Projects addressing sector-specific priorities in the programme's strands:

- Adult Education
- Higher Education
- School Education
- Sport
- Vocational Education and Training

Projects that address one (or more) of the programme's four key horizontal priorities:

- Inclusion and diversity
- Digital transformation
- Environment and the fight against climate change
- Participation in democratic life

Projects take the form of the following Key Actions:

- Key Action 1: Learning Mobility for Individuals

- Key Action 2: Cooperation Among Organisations and Institutions
- Key Action 3: Support to Policy Development and Cooperation

## Eligibility

### Who can apply?

In general, any public or private organisation in a Erasmus+ Programme country can apply if they are a legal entity. Sole traders cannot apply for Erasmus funding.

### Higher Education

- Students
- Staff
- Higher Education Institutions

### Adult Education

- Organisations providing formal, informal and non-formal adult education
- Local and regional public authorities, coordination bodies and other organisations with a role in the field of adult education
- Organisations whose aim is to educate the general public on a specific topic or issue

### School Education

- All schools - pre-primary, primary and post-primary
- Teachers
- Learners – individuals or groups/classes
- School Education staff

### Vocational Education and Training

- Organisations providing initial or continuing vocational education and training
- Local and regional public authorities, coordination bodies and other organisations with a role in the field of vocational education and training

- Companies and other public or private organisations hosting, training or otherwise working with learners and apprentices in vocational education and training
- Organisations creating training and/or educational materials for staff, volunteers or other professionals

### **Youth**

- Young people
- Youth workers
- Organisations that work directly with and/or advocate for youth

### **Sport**

- a public body in charge of sport at local, regional or national level;
- a sport organisation at local, regional, national, European or international level;
- a National Olympic Committee or National Sport confederation;
- an organisation representing the 'sport for all' movement;
- an organisation active in the field of physical activity promotion;
- an organisation representing the active leisure sector;
- an organisation active in the field of education, training or youth.

### **Why the EU funds education, training, youth and sport**

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Education, training, youth and sport](#)

### **Budget**

€26.2 billion over 7 years.

### **Project Examples**

The [SCOPE](#) project is aimed at third sector staff and volunteers in need of capacity building, skills development and recognition of non-formal learning, particularly those who are socially excluded in such a way that it is difficult for them to access training opportunities.

The [Ethics4Sport](#) project investigates and promotes ethics and perceptions of fairness in grassroots sport.

[ASPIRE](#) was an international collaborative project that sought to find out how to best support migrants and refugees, building on the wide popularity of sports and other forms of physical activity.

### **National Contact Point in Ireland**

[Léargas](#) for Adult Education, School Education, Vocational Education and Training, and Youth strands

[Higher Education Authority](#) for Higher Education strand

Erasmus+ Sport is managed centrally in Brussels by the [European Education and Culture Executive Agency](#) and can be contacted at [EACEA-SPORT@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EACEA-SPORT@ec.europa.eu)

## **How to Apply**

Find open calls for [Erasmus+](#). Or, see specific calls details below.

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### **ERASMUS+ - Capacity Building in the Field of Sport**

Deadline: April 7, 2022

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### **ERASMUS+ - Capacity Building in the Field of Youth**

Deadline: April 7, 2022

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## Foras na Gaeilge - Youth Events Scheme 2022-23

Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for appropriate youth events programmes of twelve sessions through Irish for young people between three and eighteen years of age:

- which aim to strengthen the Irish language through a mix of events;
- that are not residential events;
- which will run between 31 August 2022 and 30 June 2023;
- that are not festivals, competitions, or one day events.

Grants are awarded with public money, and Foras na Gaeilge has statutory duties to ensure the value for money of all funded projects.

Foras na Gaeilge recommends applicants seek joint funding for projects, when appropriate, and to cooperate with other organisations in order to achieve the best value from the Foras na Gaeilge grant.

We particularly welcome applications from organisations located in areas recognised in government strategies or legislation.

### How to Apply

A electronic signed form and all supporting documents must be sent to [oideachas@forasnagaeilge.ie](mailto:oideachas@forasnagaeilge.ie) by the deadline. They welcome any questions about this scheme before the deadline.

Deadline: 8 Apr 2022

[Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website for further guidelines.](#)

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## Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) is the EU's funding programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. It replaces both Europe for Citizens and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme.

### Aims & Objectives

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme's aims are to:

- protect and promote Union rights and values
- promote rights, non-discrimination, equality, including gender equality
- promote citizens engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union and exchanges between citizens of different Member States
- raise awareness of the common European history

### What does it support?

CERV funds actions:

- promoting non-discrimination and gender equality, the rights of the child, European remembrance and citizens' engagement, as well as combat racism and gender-based violence
- strengthening the protection and promotion of the rule of law and democratic dialogue, transparency and good governance
- supporting, empowering and building the capacity of civil society organisations active in the promotion of values and rights, at local, regional, national and transnational level.

Specific activities funded include:

- training activities, workshops, conferences
- mutual learning and cooperation, capacity building
- town twinning
- media campaigns, awareness raising and dissemination activities



## Eligibility

### Who can apply?

Civil society organisations as well as public authorities, European-level networks and think tanks.

### EU Policy

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [European citizenship and values](#).

### Budget

€1,55 billion over 7 years

### Project Examples

[Examples of successful projects from Ireland](#)

National Contact Point in Ireland

Not yet decided, information will follow soon.

Assistance is also available via [www.accesseurope.ie](http://www.accesseurope.ie).

## How to Apply

Find open calls for [CERV](#), or see direct links below:

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### **CERV - Proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children**

Deadline: 12 April, 2022

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### **CERV - Proposals to protect and promote the rights of the child**

Deadline: 18 May, 2022

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## European Year of Youth - Micro Grants

The European Union has designated 2022 the European Year of Youth. This year will bring many exciting opportunities for young people and those who work with them across a variety of sectors.

There are four key priorities set out for the year, summarised below. You can see the full text in Article Two of the [‘Decision \(EU\) 2021/2316 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 2021 on a European Year of Youth 2022’](#).

- Supporting young people, especially young people with fewer opportunities, to acquire a better understanding of opportunities available to them
- Actively promoting the various opportunities available to young people at local, regional and European level
- Supporting young people’s personal, social, economic and professional development including through Youth Work
- Celebrating young people and renewing the positive perspectives for young people, with a particular focus on the negative effects the COVID-19 pandemic had on them
- Highlighting how the green and digital transitions and other Union policies offer opportunities for young people and for society at large
- Ensuring a youth perspective is brought into policy-making at all levels.

### **About the European Year of Youth Micro Grant Scheme**

To celebrate European Year of Youth 2022, we want to fund activities and events that:

a. shine a light on the great work that is already happening around the country during European Year of Youth

**Or**

b. support you to take this opportunity to try out something completely new in partnership with the young people in your organisation or community

**And**

c. Meet the priorities above.

## **What type of activities or events could be funded?**

Any activity taking place within the Republic of Ireland before 31 December 2022 that support young people's engagement with any of the priorities listed above. This could be a conference, consultation, workshop, a music event, an art exhibition, a photo competition, a mini festival, thematic meetings, a combination of events and online campaigns, information session, and so on.

These are just some examples - we want to hear your ideas and we want to support you to make your creative ideas a reality!

## **Eligibility**

A youth organization, school, club or other organised group or entity will need to be the named applicant for a grant. We welcome ideas from informal groups of young people or individuals working with young people; however, the financial responsibility and reporting obligation must remain within an organised group or entity.\* If you are an informal group with no capacity to link in with an organisation to act on your behalf, get in touch with us at [eyy@leargas.ie](mailto:eyy@leargas.ie).

## **How much funding is available?**

The grant you receive depends on the scale of your idea. You will indicate in your application the estimated cost of your project. There are three bands:

1. Small: €500-€1,500
2. Medium: €1,501-€3,000
3. Large: €3,001-€5,000

You will need to give more detail about your activities if you apply for a larger band of funding.

You will receive 80% of the grant upfront. You will receive the final 20% when you:

- complete your project
- submit a satisfactory final report and documentary evidence to Léargas.

What is a final report and what do you mean by 'documentary evidence'?

A final report is a written report explaining your activities and outcomes. It will have a similar format and level of detail as the application form.

Documentary evidence can be provided in the following formats: blog posts, videos, photographs, social media posts showing the results of your event/project, and so on.

## How to Apply

Deadline: there are six deadlines across the year (15 Apr / 15 May / 15 Jun / 15 Aug / 15 Sep / 15 Oct). You do not need to wait for a specific deadline - Leargas want to give as much opportunity as possible to apply.

[Apply online and learn more here.](#)

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## Maynooth University - Master's International Student Scholarship Scheme, 2022/23

For the forthcoming academic year, 2022-23, the Department of International Development at Maynooth University is offering up to two half International-fee scholarships to outstanding individuals wishing to pursue the full-time taught MA in International Development, or the MA in International Peacebuilding, Security and Development Practice. The two scholarships will be offered on a gender equality basis with at least one reserved to female applicants. Please note: this offer is intended only for non-EU status applicants to the full-time programme who would be required to pay international fees.

This is a unique opportunity for the successful candidates to be able to develop their understanding and skills in the area of international development. Applying critical learning approaches, they will be enabled to reflect on their own experience in the light of development theories, policies and different approaches to practice. They will also be prepared for work in the international development field through linking development theory with practice, seeking alternatives to current development processes, and learning how to turn development aspirations into realities in the Global South and North.

### Eligibility

Applicants must intend to pursue a full-time taught Master's degree in International Development at Maynooth University in the academic year 2022-23 and meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Demonstrated experience (2 years or more) in community development or global development in areas such as social justice, human rights, development education, volunteering or campaigning.
2. Applicants will need to demonstrate, through the provision of official academic transcripts, that they have achieved (or will achieve in summer 2022): a 2.1 upper 2nd class honours undergraduate degree (or equivalent).
3. Applications will be accepted from candidates living outside of the EU who can satisfy the eligibility criteria for the Master's programme. Graduates from universities (both national and international) are welcome to apply, including applicants graduating in 2022. Alumni of Maynooth University who are unaware of their degree result should contact the Maynooth University Student Records office: [records.office@mu.ie](mailto:records.office@mu.ie) to request official transcript information.

4. Applicants are required to complete and submit their CV and expression of interest to the Department of International Development by 15th April 2022.
5. Following their expression of interest, candidates must have applied for the MA in International Development at Maynooth University on [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie) by the 15th April 2022.
6. Provision of two letters of academic reference (as part of the PAC.ie application).

### **Value of the Scholarship**

The total value of each full-time scholarship will be up to the half cost of international fees for 2022-23, which will be for a total amount of €7,000. [see note\*]

### **Scholarship assessment**

An initial eligibility check will be undertaken by the Department of International Development at Maynooth University to ensure that applications have met the eligibility requirements.

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by an academic panel consisting of the Head of the Department of International Development and the Lecturer responsible for postgraduate admissions at the Department. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview (by online video where a person-to-person interview is not possible) to discuss their interest. The panel will rank candidates based on their expressions of interest and interviews using the following marking scheme:

- Academic attainment – 20%
- Previous experience – 20%
- Personal statement/interview – 30%
- Master's thesis proposal – 20%
- References – 10%

### **How to Apply**

Please send a personal statement outlining your expression of interest along with your CV and a short (less than 1,000 word) thesis proposal to [paddy.reilly@mu.ie](mailto:paddy.reilly@mu.ie) by April 15th 2022. Two reference letters (one academic and one related to your experience) must be submitted via email directly from referees to [paddy.reilly@mu.ie](mailto:paddy.reilly@mu.ie) by the closing date. Please note that

reference letters should be provided as part of your programme application on pac.ie. For further information please contact [pacinfo@mu.ie](mailto:pacinfo@mu.ie).

Deadline: 15 Apr 2022

[See full details here.](#)

### **Miscellaneous**

If an awardee does not take up a place or accept the scholarship the award may be made to the next ranked candidate. The scholarship may not be deferred.

The recipient may be required to undertake some light departmental duties, such as attendance at University Open Days or assisting at conferences, at the discretion of the Head of Department.

### **Enquiries**

Enquiries regarding the application process may be submitted by email to: [paddy.reilly@mu.ie](mailto:paddy.reilly@mu.ie)

\*Please note: fees detailed here may be subject to change in advance of the next programme intake.

All the above information is available as a PDF download - [Department of International Development Master's International Student Scholarship Scheme 2022-23](#)

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## Foras na Gaeilge - Colmcille Grants Scheme 2022

The aim of this scheme is to foster communication between the language communities of Scottish and Irish Gaelic, and to strengthen Scottish and Irish Gaelic through this communication.

There will be two funding rounds in 2022:

### **Funding round 1:**

Deadline Wednesday 20 April 2022

Applications for projects beginning in 2022

Upper limit €12,000/£10,320

### **Funding round 2:**

Deadline Wednesday 12 October 2022

Applications for projects beginning in 2022/2023

Upper limit €12,000/£10,320

### **Colmcille 1500**

From the 7 December 2020 to the 9 June 2022, there will be a commemoration of 1500 years since the birth of St Colmcille, who founded the Abbey of Iona. Colmcille is a symbol of cooperation between countries in these islands. As well as the normal criteria, applications will be welcome which raise awareness of the heritage for St Colmcille and which bring people together, particularly between Ireland and Scotland.



Application can be made for up to 80% of the entire costs of the overall costs of the project. The scheme is open to any organisation which is in a position to further these relationships and which has the relevant documentation.

## How to Apply

Deadline: 20 Apr 2022

[Download full guidelines and application form here.](#)

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## The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity

The Hospital Saturday Fund was founded in 1873, at a time when poverty, overcrowding and ill-health were prevalent and little help was available for those needing costly hospital care.

### Eligibility

Which organisations may apply?

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants to registered medical health charities within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories: - Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000 OR - Large grants to up to £10,000 or €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant). Large grant applications should be towards specific projects, research or equipment rather than running costs. Organisations may make one application for a meeting and can apply for a standard or a large grant. The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly.

### What Support is Available?

#### **For medically related charities, hospitals, hospices and medical clinics:**

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical capital projects, medical care or research and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs.

#### **For Individuals:**

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving partial or full grants to individuals for the following:

Specialised mobility equipment, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, car adaptations, medical appliances and aids, hearing aids, nebulisers, specialised vision aids, specialised computer equipment, therapeutic equipment/treatment, orthopaedic beds, mattresses or pillows, riser/recliners chairs, lift hoist/aids.

Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupuncture, Speech Therapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic treatment, Reflexology, Massage Therapy and Aromatherapy.

Home adaptations, walk in showers, accessibility adaptations to bathrooms, access ramps, non-slip flooring, stair lifts.

Respite breaks at a therapeutic centre.

We do not accept applications directly from members of the public. The Hospital Saturday Fund will only correspond with the supporter organisation and not the individual. If you are an individual in need, please approach a suitable organisation to make the application on your behalf. We are unable to take calls from the individual applicant or potential applicant. Applications for individuals can be submitted at any time.

## How to Apply

Deadline: 20 Apr 2022

Full guidelines and access to online applications are [available here](#).

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## Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) is a commitment of €1 billion by government to be invested in rural Ireland over the period 2019 to 2027.

The purpose of the fund is to support job creation in rural areas, address de-population of rural communities and support improvements in our towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000, and outlying areas.

Initial funding of €315 million has been allocated to the fund on a phased basis over the period 2019 to 2022.

The minimum request from the Fund for Category 1 projects is €500,000. There is no upper limit, but all proposals must demonstrate detailed project costings and clear value for money.

As a general rule, the Fund will provide up to 90% of the total project value, with at least 10% to be provided in matching contributions by the applicants. A minimum of 20% of the matching contributions element must be in cash.

### **Objective of the Fund**

The fund is supporting coordinated and integrated projects between government departments, State agencies, local authorities, other public bodies, communities and, where appropriate, philanthropic funders and/or the private sector, which will have an impact on sustainable economic and social development in rural areas.

Funding is being awarded through a competitive bid process.

### **Eligibility**

Proposals are being invited from Local Authorities, and other locally/regionally based organisations, such as Local Development Companies, as well as government departments and

State agencies. For the purpose of accountability and oversight, the lead partner of all projects must be a State funded body, but collaboration with the private sector is encouraged.

Proposals may be made in respect of towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer and their outlying areas. A limited number of specified towns with a population of 10,000 or fewer will be eligible for support under the [Urban Regeneration Fund](#) which is being operated by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government; however, funding will only be provided under one fund for any particular project.

A list of the funded projects to date is available [here](#).

## How to Apply

Deadline: 29 Apr 2022 @ 4pm

[Full guidelines and application details available here.](#)

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## Training Links Programme 2022 – 2024

Training Links 2022 –2024 is now open! Apply now for a grant ranging from €10,000 - €50,000. The total fund is €270,000.00, and applications will remain open from Monday, 28 February - Friday, 29 April at 5pm.

### **Training Links: An Overview**

The Wheel is now inviting applications for funding under the Training Links Programme.

Training Links seeks to fund innovative and tailored solutions to the upskilling needs that Training Networks identify. Networks are encouraged to research training options that specifically target their needs, rather than off-the-shelf options.

Training Networks will develop, deliver, monitor and evaluate innovative training and development solutions in the priority areas:

- Fast-tracking digital transformation across all facets of organisational functioning.
- Enhancing leadership and management skills to increase organisational impact, including strong governance, well-formed strategy, and agile and effective management and planning.
- Driving the development of the Green Economy and the adoption of sustainable practices within organisations.
- Building skills as a means of responding to the challenge of Brexit.
- Developing new business models; new approaches to earning-income and fundraising; and new models for working with statutory funding partners.

- Achieving high-quality, impactful, consistent and responsive services, demonstrating impact, and communicating that effectively.
- Upskilling and reskilling to successfully accommodate the changes necessary to ensure safe and effective working environments in a COVID-19 context.

Applications focussed on these priority areas that also address the following cross-cutting challenges are especially welcome:

- Applications that build skills on a regional basis.
- A focus on labour market inclusion, particularly for those who are less likely to be included in employer-arranged training or to directly engage in training themselves. ▫ Embedding a culture of lifelong learning across the workforce.

The minimum amount that a Training Network can apply for is €10,000, the maximum is €50,000. The selection of networks will be made based on the quality and number of applications received. The overall fund available for this programme is €270,000.00.

A balance in the area of work of the Training Networks will be sought so that as wide a range of sub-sectoral areas as possible will be covered.

Additionally, to ensure that the funding is spread appropriately across the country, a geographical and regional spread will be sought in terms of where the members of each Training Network are based.

Any community and voluntary sector organisation based in the Republic of Ireland is welcome to apply as the Lead Organisation for the Training Networks programme. The Lead Organisation must have consulted and agreed with at least 9 other organisations (giving a minimum 10 organisations) to be named as network members in the application document. All network members must be based in the Republic of Ireland.

## Objectives

The objectives of the Training Links Programme 2022-2024 are:

1. To build skills amongst people working in community and voluntary organisations in specific priority areas
2. To promote and support a cohesive and organisational-led approach to training and learning especially within small and medium organisations, enabling increased

awareness of and access to training options through the establishment of Training Networks across the sector.

3. To promote and encourage collaboration within and between networks of organisations so that ideas, initiatives and best practice in training and development can be identified and shared, resulting in cost-effective and innovative solutions to joint training needs.
4. To facilitate the provision of quality customised training that supports the evolving needs of the nonprofit workforce.

## How to Apply

Deadline: 29 Apr 2022.

[Full guidelines and application details are available here.](#)

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## WorldWise Global Schools Programme

WorldWise Global Schools (WWGS) provides grant funding to Schools and Organisations (NGOs & School Networks) working in the post-primary sector in the Republic of Ireland (ROI).

Grant funding can be applied for on an annual basis (from April 7th 2022) to assist Schools/Organisations with activities and initiatives, which promote Global Citizenship Education, to take place in the following academic year.

### Eligibility

Eligible schools, networks and NGOs can register for the Grant Call via a registration button that appears on our grants tab. For guidance on your eligibility please refer to the WWGS 2022/23 Grant Guidelines [here](#).

The WWGS Annual Grant Call is an online application process and will open on the 7th April 2022.

Any school, School Cluster, School Network or NGO applying for funding for the school year 2022/2023, and who were a grantee in 2021/2022 must complete an end of year Report on the previous year's grant.

### How to Apply

Deadline: 13 May 2022

Full details available here:

<http://www.worldwiseschools.ie/grants/>



## EU4Health Programme

EU4Health is the EU's funding programme to deliver on EU health policy and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Aims & Objectives

#### It aims to:

- Improve and foster health in the Union
- Protect people from serious cross-border health threats
- Improve access to medicinal products, medical devices, crisis-relevant products
- Strengthen health systems.

#### What does it support?

It funds actions that fall under the programme's four strands with a cross-cutting focus on cancer:

- Disease prevention
- Crisis preparedness
- Health systems and healthcare workforce
- Digitalisation.

#### Who can apply?

- Representatives of patients' associations

- Civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities)
- Academia and education establishments
- Research institutes
- Organisations of healthcare professionals.

### **Why the EU funds healthcare and well-being**

Read more about EU policy on the topic of [Health](#).

### **Budget**

€5.3 billion over 7 years.

### **Project Examples**

[SOEEFHealth](#): Promote health and reducing health inequalities for people with intellectual disability in Europe.

### **National Contact Point in Ireland**

#### [Health Research Board](#)

Contact: Amanda Daly

Email: [amanda.daly@hrb.ie](mailto:amanda.daly@hrb.ie)

### **How to Apply**

Want to find out more?

#### [EU4Health](#)

[Information about EU4Health by Health Research Board Ireland](#)

Current open calls:

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### **EU4Health - Call for proposals on promoting mental health**

Deadline: May 24, 2022

[VIEW DETAIL](#)

## Energy for Generations Fund

As a leading Irish organisation with deep roots in the community dating back to 1927, we are committed to playing a role in addressing some of the key social issues facing Ireland today.

Corporate Responsibility (CR) is at the heart of this vision. Through our Energy for Generations Fund, we have three main pillars of focus:

1. Suicide
2. Homelessness
3. Education Access and Support

### Criteria

ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees €1m per year disbursed through a quarterly fund to charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support.

ESB has been supporting initiatives in the areas of suicide prevention and homelessness since 2005. The Energy for Generations Fund introduced a new focus on education in 2014, which recognises the need for educational supports at all levels to ensure that Ireland has the skills it needs to compete effectively.

### Aim of the Energy for Generations Fund

Our aim with the Energy for Generations Fund is to maximise the impact of our investment by taking a more strategic approach to effect change. Funding is only part of the jigsaw – we also want to leverage the skills and knowledge we have within the company to bring about more sustainable and positive outcomes.

The guideline application amount is c. €15,000. This is neither a minimum nor a maximum, rather an indication of the scale of the resources available. Average funding awards in recent years have been c. €8,000 - €12,000.

### **Support for Staff Volunteering**

The Energy for Generations Fund provides support to ESB staff who volunteer within their own communities. Staff who volunteer at least 20 hours of their own time per year will be invited to apply for funding of up to €250 for their chosen registered charity.

Many of our staff are involved in volunteering activities in their spare time, but we have never had any formal structure to support or encourage this in the past. Through this funding, our aim is to demonstrate our support for the work our staff do within their own.

### **How Does the Fund Work?**

Charities working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support can apply to the Fund for project specific funding.

Every quarter ESB allocates an amount from the Fund for disbursement. The amount may vary because of the volume of applications received or seasonal considerations - wintertime and Christmas may require more funding than summer.

Applications submitted during each quarter are appraised at the end of the quarter and funding allocated accordingly.

## **How to Apply**

Deadline: 2 Jun 2022

[Visit the ESB website for full application details.](#)

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## Additional Resources

Visit The Wheel's COVID-19 information hub, including essential funding information and key sector updates, including extensive Returning to the Workplace Safely resources:

[www.wheel.ie/covid-19-info-hub](http://www.wheel.ie/covid-19-info-hub)

Nonprofits seeking fundraising advice and guidance can avail of two additional resources:

### 1. Fundraising Guidance Library

- [Fundraising Essentials](#)
- [Applying to Grant Makers](#)
- [Fundraising From The Public](#)
- [European Funding](#)

### 2. Fundraising Helpdesk

Can't find an answer to your fundraising question in the above articles? Then get in touch with The Wheel's Fundraising Helpdesk now. Email as much detail as possible to: [paul@wheel.ie](mailto:paul@wheel.ie) and we'll get back to you shortly. [www.wheel.ie](http://www.wheel.ie).

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