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The Arts Council - Festivals Investment Scheme

The Arts Council announces round one of the Festivals Investment Scheme (FIS) for festivals taking place between January and June 2023.

The Council recognises the distinctive role arts festivals play in sustaining a vibrant and sustainable arts profile at a local level. Festivals provide opportunities for artists and audiences to experience new work and ways of making work. The Council acknowledges the valuable contribution made by voluntary committees in developing these festivals. The scheme will be open to multi-disciplinary festivals and single art form festivals.

There are three bands of funding available:

1. Band A – For awards up to €10,000
2. Band B – For awards of €10,001–€25,000
3. Band C – For awards of €25,001–€45,000

Selecting an appropriate band for your organization.

The banding structure of funding available matches the different developmental stages of festival practice. Band A for smaller festivals, new festival ideas, Band B for small to mid-scale festivals seeking to build capacity, Band C for festivals strategically driven with a commitment to artistic leadership.

Important

Festival applicants that wish to apply to Band C must have been established for a minimum of five years and executed a minimum of five consecutive festival programmes.

Festival applicants that wish to apply to Band B must have been established for a minimum of two years and executed a minimum of two consecutive festival programmes.

The Festivals Investment Scheme is a non-recurring competitive scheme.

How to Apply

[Visit the Arts Council website for further information and guidelines.](#)

Deadline: 2 June 2022

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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

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

Deadline: 2 Jun 2022

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EYF Grants - Pilot Activity Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

The aim of pilot activity grants is to support actions which address young people's needs or challenges at a local level. The actions have a clear link to the local context and address the [focus themes](#) for pilot activities, as set out by the Joint Council on Youth.

These activities should be based on innovation or on replication of good practice, have a clear youth work dimension and be based on non-formal education principles. The link between the action and the envisioned impact on the community should be clearly thought out.

Format

Pilot Activities are flexible in their format and may utilise a range of approaches, such as training sessions, meetings with experts, local workshops, local actions, visits, campaigns, workshops in schools, festivals etc. An essential feature of a pilot activity is the educational element - the EYF supports education projects, using a [non-formal](#) approach.

The pilot activity can be:

An awareness raising activity: participants are informed or educated about a topic or an issue, with the intention of influencing their attitudes, behaviours, solutions or responses in their local context. At the end of the activity they can say "I have learned this" or "I am aware of that".

A Skills development activity: participants develop skills to address identified needs. At the end of the activity they can say: "I can do this" or "I have the ability to do that".

Collaborative work: participants' skills and knowledge serve as a basis to build and develop an outcome (for example a campaign, guidelines, recommendations etc.) and at the end they can say "I have contributed to the development of this or that".

The maximum duration of a pilot activity project is 6 months.

If you are interested in reading some examples of EYF supported projects from the past years, you can visit the page "[Supported Projects](#)".

Criteria

Within the 2022-2023 priorities, the Joint Council on Youth has defined more specific [focus themes](#) for pilot activities to be supported by the European Youth Foundation in 2022.

When assessing applications for pilot activities, the EYF will concentrate on the following criteria:

- Activities addressing challenges affecting young people at a local level. The EYF expects that you highlight a specific challenge or concern affecting young people at a local level based on evidenced needs. Applications will propose ways of tackling the issue, with a view to finding solutions and creating an impact in the community.
- NGOs should be concrete and specific when introducing the local context, the situation of young people, and their challenges and needs. It should be clear how their proposed activity will help respond to these challenges at the local level.
- The EYF expects that youth projects have an educational element and an approach based on non-formal education. Some [resources](#) on our website can give you some insight on how to integrate the [non-formal education](#) principles in your youth activities.
- The EYF expects to clearly see a link to our focus themes and the Council of Europe's youth sector priorities. Your project needs to contribute to one of the priorities of the Council of Europe's youth sector, defined by the Joint Council on Youth (the central co-managed political body of the youth sector). Within the [current priorities](#), the Joint Council on Youth has defined more specific [focus themes](#) for pilot activities to be supported by the European Youth Foundation.
- Projects supported by the European Youth Foundation must be organised by, with and for young people (between 15-30 years old). We will expect to see how young people are involved in the decision making at all stages of the project.
- The EYF will pay particular attention to activities developed with local authorities or social services/workers, and projects involving young people trained in the European Youth Centres or presented by local NGOs supported by an international/European youth NGO.

Grant Amount

The maximum grant available for a Pilot Activity in 2022 is €15 000. The EYF can cover the all real costs of the activity up to this amount.

The EYF will initiate the payment of the first instalment – 80% of the grant awarded – 10 weeks before the start of your activity. However, it can take up to 3 weeks until the money arrives into your bank account. The remaining 20% will be paid upon receipt and approval of the final report (check the [Reporting](#) page).

The Programming Committee on Youth has decided to update the list of eligible costs in pilot activity grants, which now include certain specified administrative costs linked to the activity. It is now possible to include certain administrative costs as eligible expenditure, as long as they are linked to the activity and for a maximum of 7% of the awarded grant. More specifically, it concerns the following costs:

Part of staff salaries, corresponding to their time dedicated to the project. Please note that expert or trainer fees have always been eligible and are not considered salaries;

Office rent, insurance, electricity, water and heating costs.

Administrative costs not mentioned above will continue to not be considered eligible.

Eligibility

[Regional networks of youth NGOs](#)

[National youth NGOs](#)

[Local youth NGOs](#)

Local actions may be carried out by international NGOs/networks as part of their work plan and in co-operation with local NGOs. However, only the NGOs mentioned above may submit a Pilot Activity application.

How to Apply

Applications can be submitted at any time during the year. However, there are several cut-off dates to allow for assessment, communication and decision by the EYF secretariat and the Programming Committee on Youth. Projects must start at least 3 months after the cut-off date.

For further criteria and registration, [please visit the EYF website](#).

Deadline: 6 Jun 2022

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Community Centres Investment Fund

This is a new capital fund of €15 million which will provide funding for the improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres in both urban and rural areas.

Funding will be available under 3 Categories, with grants of between €10k and €300K available:

- **Category 1:** Small scale projects/improvements to facilities - €10,000 to €25,000
- **Category 2:** Larger scale projects - €25,001 to €100,000
- **Category 3:** Major projects - €100,001 to €300,000

Applications under Category 2 and 3 must include a minimum contribution of 5% of the total project costs from the applicants own funds.

Funding is available for capital works such as: -

- Energy retrofitting - projects that reduce an organisation's carbon footprint
- Works to address safety concerns, including as a result of fire safety audits
- Works to improve disability access
- Works to improve communal facilities such as kitchen and toilet facilities
- Improvements to assist in providing additional or better services to the community
- Essential maintenance work.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and a sample application form can be [accessed here](#).

Deadline: opening for applications on 7 Jun / closing for applications 14 July 2022

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The Arts Council - Engaging with Architecture Scheme

The Arts Council is the national agency for funding, developing and promoting the arts in Ireland. The Council recognises that the arts have a central and distinctive contribution to make to society.

The purpose of the Engaging with Architecture Scheme is to support ambitious, innovative and creative, high-quality projects – e.g. exhibitions, events, festivals and programmes. Its aim is specifically to enhance and extend the public’s experience of, and involvement with, architecture. The scheme is developmental and also seeks to build a network of architects, curators, arts programmers, festivals and arts centres in this area of practice.

There are two strands to the scheme. Funding is available under Strand 1 to support the research and development of a project or idea and, under Strand 2 which is designed to support the delivery of innovative, ambitious and idea-led projects.

Eligibility

The Engaging with Architecture Scheme is open to individuals, local authorities and organisations.

Organisations in receipt of funding through other Arts Council grant programmes are eligible to apply.

Maximum awarded

The maximum grant offer available under Strand 1 is €5,000 and, under Strand 2, is €25,000.

Timeline

Funded activities must take place within one year of notification of an offer of funding.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 9 Jun 2022

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The Certified Proud Fund

Do you have a project which makes Ireland safer for the LGBTQ+ community? Do you work for an organisation which promotes LGBTQ+ visibility? Do you help provide services to vulnerable members of the community?

The Certified Proud Fund is now accepting applications for the 2022 grant round. The fund is open to all charities, non-profit organisations and projects that work towards the betterment of LGBTQ+ people.

We want to hear from all corners of the community! So whether you are a charity working with vulnerable members of the LGBTQ+ community or a queer sports club, the Certified Proud Fund is for you!

Our Funding Principles

- Projects which promote of LGBTQ+ rights, equality and inclusivity will be considered for funding
- Applications can apply for funding between €500 - €5,000
- All costs associated with an applying project can be funded (wages, utilities etc.)
- Funds must be spent within 12 months of being granted
- Each grantee must provide an impact report once funds are spent
- Successful applicants must be willing to take part in promotional activities relating to their grant.

How to Apply

[Visit this webpage to learn more and begin your application.](#)

Deadline: 11 Jun 2022

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Rethink Ireland - Impact Fund for Munster 2022

The Impact Fund for Munster is a one-year fund that will provide a range of supports to help projects working to enhance the physical and mental health of communities across Munster. There will also be a number of awards specifically for projects and/or organisations that use music, creativity, and the arts to enhance the physical and mental health of their communities.

The Fund will support projects that address one or more of the below:

- Working to reduce negative mental health outcomes such as depression and anxiety.
- Addressing the unequal nature of negative health outcomes that are group-specific. For example; non-communicable diseases in those aged 65+, higher levels of ill health in people experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage, and/or high levels of anxiety and depression in young adults;
- Using Creativity, Music, and the Arts to tackle negative physical and mental health outcomes;
- Working to reduce the effects of non-communicable diseases such as stroke, heart disease, and cancer;
- Promoting collective mental health and physical health improvement at the community level.

How does it work?

The Fund will enhance the physical and mental health outcomes of communities in Munster through investments in projects tailored towards the current challenges of physical and mental health, with a particular focus on projects who achieve progress using music, creativity, and the arts as well as focussing on the social determinants of health.

There will be between 8 and 10 awards available in total, and each Awardee will receive a cash grant (to a maximum of €65,000)*, mentoring support, and placement on Rethink Ireland's capacity building programme.

*The final number of awardees and the value of the grants will be determined by Rethink Ireland's board.

Eligibility

This fund is open to organisations that have a not-for-profit legal form, e.g. charity, social enterprise, and other voluntary organisations.

Projects must meet both Rethink Ireland's criteria and the specific criteria for the Fund, as set out below:

Rethink Ireland Criteria

The Project must:

- Address a critical social or environmental issue
- Be innovative in an Irish context
- Be based in the Republic of Ireland and have its main impact in Ireland
- Have the potential and desire to scale or replicate in Ireland
- Provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way

Impact Fund for Munster Core Criteria

Projects must be working towards improving the physical and mental health of their beneficiaries, one or more of the following ways:

- Addressing negative mental health outcomes by using physical health interventions;
- Addressing negative physical health outcomes
- Tackling the rising rates of mental health disorders brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to rising levels of depression, anxiety and loneliness;
- Using Creativity, Music, and the Arts to address negative health outcomes, either physical and/or mental;
- The reduction of negative physical health outcomes, including but not limited to non-communicable diseases;
- Helping tackle drug abuse, misuse and addiction using methods such as, but not limited to education, prevention and/or intervention.
- The applicant must not be a public body. Collaborations with public bodies, where the main applicant(s) are community or third sector projects, can be considered for funding.

Fund Advantageous Criteria (Not Required)

The below criteria will be considered advantageous in applications, however, organisations who meet the core criteria but do not meet the advantageous criteria are encouraged to apply.

Projects using Music, Creativity and the Arts to improve physical and/or mental health outcomes.

Projects whose main beneficiaries are disadvantaged or marginalised communities such as, but not limited to:

- Travellers
- Migrants
- Refugees
- People in the asylum process
- Roma People
- Other Ethnic minorities, young adults and teenagers, the elderly, people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

Which projects cannot apply?

Projects that are not eligible to apply are:

- Research projects
- Projects seeking funding for capital assets (such as buildings, vans or equipment)
- Projects promoting or aligned with a political party
- Projects that only accept participants of a particular faith or religious denomination
- Projects focused on animal welfare
- Projects based outside the Republic of Ireland
- Projects led by people under 18 years of age
- Projects that are an idea (only) and that have not yet started

Which applicants cannot apply?

Applicants that are not eligible to apply are:

- Applicants under 18 years of age
- Commercial companies
- Rethink Ireland staff, directors and their immediate family members
- Any philanthropic donors supporting this fund
- Individuals, statutory or public bodies, local development companies, LEADER companies, companies limited by shares, and organisations that are funded 100% by state bodies or agencies and continue to be in receipt of that funding.

What does the Fund Offer?

- Cash grants up to €65,000
- A tailored business supports package
- A place on a 6-month Rethink Ireland Accelerator Programme: Rethink Ireland's Accelerator is a unique offer, equipping awardees with the skills needed to expand and deepen their impact. It provides training from best-in-class experts across the private, nonprofit and public sectors. Training is provided across a range of functions and may include;
 - Impact measurement and management
 - Theory of change and business planning
 - Communications strategy and social media storytelling
 - Project performance management which will include consultant support and guidance.

How to Apply

[Visit the Rethink Ireland website for full guidelines.](#)

Deadline: 14 Jun 2022

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Save Our Seas Foundation Grants

The Save Our Seas Foundation (SOSF) offers a series of grants dedicated to research, conservation and education projects worldwide. Keystone Grant and Small Grant projects should integrate at least two of these components and focus on charismatic marine megafauna, particularly sharks, rays and skates.

The Storytelling Grant is dedicated to supporting early career and emerging conservation storytellers and focuses on photography in its inaugural year.

The online application process, deadlines and conditions are different, depending on the grant category you are applying for. Please read the full [funding guidelines](#) carefully.

Grant Types

Keystone Grant

Grants between 10,000–100,000. USD. Average 25,000 USD.

The Save Our Seas Foundation (SOSF) is committed to protecting our oceans by funding and supporting research, conservation and education projects worldwide, focusing primarily on threatened marine wildlife and their habitats. Only projects concerned with marine chondrichthyan species (sharks, rays, skates, sawfishes and chimaeras) will be considered.

Small Grant

Max grant - 10,000 USD. Grant average: 5,000 USD.

The Small Grant is designed for short (12- to 18-month) and small projects (grants average US\$5,000) dedicated to early career scientists (within five years of a degree being awarded). Aimed at original and innovative start-up projects, the grant presents early career scientists, conservationists or educators with an opportunity to prove themselves. It targets local projects conducted by local project leaders. Whether or not the project is part of a larger endeavour, SOSF Small Grants are for specific and finite projects. Only projects concerned with marine chondrichthyan species (sharks, rays, skates, sawfishes and chimaeras) will be considered.

Ocean Storytelling Grant

We are delighted to introduce our new emerging Ocean Storytelling Grant, which will focus on photography in its inaugural year.

The funding cycle is annual and the grant will cover the period from March 2023 to June 2024, for example. Funds are allocated on an annual basis and include a day rate for a shoot lasting 3–4 weeks, logistical costs, a year of mentorship and a cash prize.

How to Apply

[Access current grant deadlines and information here.](#)

Deadline: 14 Jun 2022

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Interreg IVB - North West Europe

The Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) Programme is one of the fourteen transnational cooperation programmes financed by the European Union. It is financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). ERDF is one of the funds designed to improve EU Cohesion.

The Programme encourages public, scientific, private and civil society organisations to cooperate with a view to promote a green, smart and just transition for all NWE territories. The aim is to support a balanced development and make all regions more resilient. The Programme co-finances these organisations to work together in transnational projects on specific themes. All projects financed by the Programme will need to demonstrate high transnational cooperation intensity throughout their lifetime with a clear focus on results. This means that partners must work together to deliver, disseminate and roll-out the results of their project.

Thematic priorities

To deliver its aim, the Programme has identified five thematic priorities, each of which is subdivided into Specific Objectives (SO). These priorities and Specific Objectives are:

Priority 1 - Smart climate and environmental resilience for NWE territories

Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account ecosystem-based approaches (SO 2.4)

Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution (SO 2.7)

Priority 2 – Smart and just energy transition for NWE territories

Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (SO 2.1)

Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001, including the sustainability criteria set out therein (SO 2.2).

Priority 3 - Transition towards a place-based circular economy

Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy (SO 2.6).

Priority 4 – Improving territorial resilience in NWE through innovative and smart transformation

Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies (SO 1.1).

Priority 5 –Transition towards a socially inclusive and resilient society

Enhancing the effectiveness and inclusiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment through developing social infrastructure and promoting social economy(SO 4.1).

Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family-and-community-based care (SO 4.5).

Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation (SO 4.6).

Over the lifetime of the Programme, € 287 million of ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) will be allocated to projects. No ceiling is set for this call.

All projects need to have a partner contribution (provide match-funding). The maximum ERDF grant rate for partners is 60% of the total project budget. The partnership needs to contribute the remaining 40%.

How to Apply

Current call: To promote a green, smart and just transition for all NWE territories with the aim to support a balanced development and make all regions more resilient.

Partner requirement: At least three partners from three different countries (usually more) of which two need to be from within the NWE Programme area.

Deadline: 15 Jun 2022

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

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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.

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:

- Small: €500-€1,500
- Medium: €1,501-€3,000
- 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

There are six deadlines across the year (see below). 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.](#)

Deadline: 15 Jun 2022

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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

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

Deadline: 15 Jun 2022 (large grants) / 14 Jul 2022 (standard grants)

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European Parliament - EYE Village Activities EYE 2023

The European Parliament is the legislative branch of the European Union and its communications grants programme provides funding to advance its institutional communication strategy.

Read more about the [European Parliament grants programme](#).

Call overview

This call aims to strengthen European citizenship among young people, make them aware about how the EU works and the democratic role of the European Parliament, and empower them to become active citizens.

Background

The EYE is a biennial 2-days event that brings together at the European Parliament in Strasbourg and online thousands of young people from all over the European Union and beyond, to shape and share their ideas on the future of Europe. It is a unique opportunity for 16 to 30 years old people to interact in-person and online, inspire each other and exchange their views with experts, activists, influencers and decision-makers, right in the heart of European democracy.

Objectives

The main objective of the call is to strengthen European citizenship among young people, make them aware about how the EU works and the democratic role of the European Parliament, and empower them to become active citizens. Ultimately the objective is to increase the engagement of young European citizens and youth organisations with the construction of a vibrant European democracy, thus encouraging their future active involvement and participation in the European Elections 2024.

Eligible action

The action should consist of the following elements:

- design and coordination of the EYE Village programme for EYE2023, co-created with youth and civil society organisations;
- coordination of the implementation of this programme in the EYE Village, taking place in early June 2023 (date to be confirmed);

- preparation and implementation of the communication plan to promote EYE2023 among different youth audiences and to offer them engagement (online) opportunities before, during and after the event, in collaboration with youth and civil society organisations that contribute to the EYE Village programme
- organisation of the follow-up actions and legacy building activities after EYE2023.

Activities

The activities organised and that will be part of the programme will combine various formats⁶ and allow participants to get inspired, get connected, get skilled, get creative, get to know the Parliament, get their say and get active. Activities should comprise, among others:

Category 1: a broad set of non-formal education activities by young people for young people, including political debates, interactive workshops, intercultural trainings, networking, debate contest, and the like.

Category 2: concerts, theatre, dance and acrobatic performances as well as art and photography exhibitions by young artists.

Category 3: leisure activities to balance the overall programme with fun, creativity and entertainment, including possible special events (concert, party) for the evenings.

Eligibility

The action supported under this call is a mono-beneficiary action. This means that there is one legal entity applying for a grant. To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are:

- A legal person constituted and registered as not for profit entity or equivalent according to the national legislation;
- A legal person constituted and registered as legal entity for at least four years at the time of application;
- A legal person based in one of the Member States of the European Union.;
- A legal person with nonpartisan political affiliation.

Budget

The maximum budget available for this call is EUR 380 000.

How to Apply

[Full application details available here.](#)

Deadline: 15 Jun 2022

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Interreg IVB - Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme

For 20 years, the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme has provided a framework for regions to work together with a focus on promoting sustainable development in remote and sparsely populated communities.

The next programme will continue to do this, focusing on those themes and types of activities that are deemed to benefit most from transnational cooperation between the regions in the NPA area.

In the EU Member States, the Programme area covers Northern and Eastern Finland, Northern and Western Regions of Ireland, and Northern Sweden. Outside the EU, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, and Northern parts of Norway belong to the Programme area.

Priorities

The NPA programme area is vast and participating territories are separated by long distances. Yet, similarities and linkages between the participating territories as well as common characteristics and shared development concerns in the NPA regions offer a strong basis for cooperation.

A more detailed description of the territorial features in the NPA can be found in [the Area Analysis](#). The Interreg NPA 2021-2027 will also seek a wider and more active engagement of young people in both the projects and the programme.

Through transnational cooperation, the Interreg NPA Programme addresses the challenges and opportunities in the programme area through 3 Priorities.

1 Strengthening the innovation

capacity for resilient and attractive NPA communities

1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

1.2. Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities

1.3. Enhancing sustainable growth & competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investment

2 Strengthening the capacity for climate change adaptation, and resource sufficiency in NPA communities

2.1. Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

2.2. Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem based approaches

2.3. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

3 Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities

3.1. Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies.

Funding / Budget

The final budget of the Interreg NPA Programme is 51,5 million euro. Between 2021-2027, the Programme will allocate 46 833 778 Euros to projects, of which 39 978 162 EUR in European funding (ERDF) will be available to partners in Member States (Finland, Ireland, Sweden) and 6 855 616 EUR for partners in the Non-EU partner countries (Norway, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Greenland). The remaining amount will cover programme administration costs, so called Technical Assistance.

The funding available for projects has been distributed as follows:

- Priority 1 Innovation capacity: 45%
- Priority 2 Climate change and resource sufficiency: 45%
- Priority 3 Cooperation opportunities: 10%

The Programme is financed through European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and ERDF equivalent funding from the Non-EU partner countries, supplemented by match funding from projects.

Projects apply to the Programme for ERDF or ERDF equivalent co-financing and contribute to the project with public or private match funding.

How to Apply

Current call: This call aims to support communities cooperating with each other to harness opportunities, find common solutions to shared challenges and together become more prosperous and resilient.

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 20 Jun 2022

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Science Foundation Ireland - Discover Programme 2022

Building on the success of the recent national conversation on research and science, [Creating Our Future](#), SFI encourages continued dialogue with the public on how we can shape a better Ireland through research and science. Through the national brainstorm, Creating Our Future captured the voice of the public and their priorities, ideas, hopes and concerns. SFI encourages applicants to the Discover Programme to consider these inspirational findings and recommendations and, where relevant, integrate into their proposed activities.

SFI welcomes contributions from across the sciences, arts, media, education, youth and/or community work sectors. SFI is keen to push the boundaries of participation and welcomes novel approaches to engaging the public, in ways that are most suited to them.

SFI Remit

SFI invests in academic researchers and research teams who are most likely to generate new knowledge, leading edge technologies and competitive enterprise in the fields of STEM. The Foundation also promotes and supports the study of, education in, and engagement with STEM and promotes an awareness and understanding of the value of STEM to society and to the growth of the economy.

Programme Objectives

The overarching purpose of the SFI Discover Programme is to support and develop STEM education and public engagement by investing in, developing and extending activity and ability in this area, and exploring and encouraging novel means of engaging the public in STEM.

More specifically, the programme aims to support projects that address one or more of the following objectives, namely projects that:

- Inspire and create greater public awareness of the impact of STEM on society and its connection and contribution to everyday life.
- Stimulate and create debate and dialogue amongst the public, and opportunities for dialogue with STEM experts/researchers, on topics of societal importance where STEM has a key role.
- Use new ways, including through the arts and creative approaches, to understand and engage with those who would not typically engage with STEM, with particular emphasis on equal access, inclusion and diversity.

- Support and build engagement with, and participation of, a broader range of civil society and community groups through specific and appropriate targeted interaction, ideally involving cocreation and/or co-design.
- Build an awareness, curiosity and confidence in the scientific method through relevant experiences.
- Provide insights into STEM-related careers and discoveries while breaking down any barriers to entry including negative stereotypes.
- Support projects which develop capacity and skills for the delivery of STEM Education and Public Engagement (EPE) in Ireland.

Applicants are expected to address one or more of these objectives in their proposal and will be asked to evaluate and report on achievement of outcomes relating to the selected objective(s) at the end of the project/initiative. In all cases projects/initiatives should clearly demonstrate how they are informed by best practice in the field.

Sustaining Excellence

To date SFI has invested €34.8M in STEM education and public engagement initiatives through the SFI Discover Programme Call. With growing numbers of applications received each year, the call is becoming increasingly competitive. Only projects of the highest quality that clearly demonstrate excellence are awarded funding.

While sustaining excellence is a high priority for SFI, as the call becomes more competitive, applicants should be aware that reliance on funding through the SFI Discover Programme in the long-term cannot be guaranteed. The long-term sustainability of a project should be considered and outlined by applicants. Proposals that include clear plans for leveraging additional investment from other sources and/or plans for ensuring financial viability of the project/initiative beyond the SFI Discover Programme funding period will therefore be particularly welcome and favourably reviewed, once all other criteria have been met. Furthermore, as part of the application process, applicants will be asked to comment on their track record and the impact of receiving SFI Discover funding and to provide a rationale, where relevant, as to why SFI should continue to fund a project/initiative. This will form part of the review process.

Application Categories

The SFI Discover Programme Call 2022 includes the following application categories which are described below in more detail. Please note that for the SFI Discover Programme Call in 2022, a

new additional category has been added (Category 3 - Sustaining Regional or National Initiative Funding).

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
1. Project Funding	<p>2 A. Regional or National Initiative Funding (12 months)</p> <p>2 B. Regional or National Initiative Funding (24 months)</p>	<p>3 A. Sustaining Regional or National Initiative Funding (12 months)</p> <p>3 B. Sustaining Regional or National Initiative Funding (24 months)</p>
	<p>Projects/Initiatives which have not been in receipt of Regional or National Initiative SFI Discover funding previously; or</p> <p>Projects/Initiatives which have been in receipt of less than four years' of Regional or National SFI Discover funding;</p> <p>Applicants who have received SFI Discover Project funding are eligible to apply under this category</p>	<p>- Projects/Initiatives which have previously received Discover Regional or National Initiative funding for four or more of years; It is important to note that the funding does not need to have been consecutive.</p>
Up to a maximum of €50,000	Up to a maximum of €300,000 over a maximum of two years (2023/2024)	
Projects must be completed within 2023	Initiatives may request single or multi-annual funding (for 2023 or 2023/2024)	
	<p>If an applicant wishes to request more than the maximum allowable budget of €300,000 over a maximum of two years, a strongly justified case for exceeding this limit, including evidence of fully matched monetary funding for the full amount</p>	

requested, must be submitted in the application form.

It is expected that applications for broadcast projects would be funded under one of these categories. The requirement for multi annual funding must be clearly justified in the application.

Collaborative projects (e.g., between different sectors and organisations such as scientists and ethicists, educators and artists) are welcomed.

All applications are subject to and are required to comply with State aid rules.

How to Apply

[Full guidelines available here.](#)

Deadline: 21 Jun 2022

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Maynooth University - EU Scholarship Opportunity

The Maynooth University, Department of International Development, invites applications to our Masters Scholarship Scheme 2022/23 from full-time EU-based applicants wishing to pursue the full-time taught MA in International Development or the MA in International Peacebuilding, Security and Development Practice, which start in September, 2022.

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.

How to Apply

[Download full info here.](#)

Deadline: 22 Jun 2022

For further information on our programmes and for scholarship details see: [Dept. of International Development](#) or email: internationaldevelopment@mu.ie.

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Bank of Ireland: Begin Together Fund

The third round of the Bank of Ireland Begin Together Arts Fund, in partnership with Business to Arts is now open for applications.

The all-island Begin Together Arts Fund will make a total of €1 million in arts funding available over three years, with the third round being awarded to projects taking place between October 2022 and December 2023. A total of €300,000 will be awarded during this period.

The criteria for this round of the Bank of Ireland Begin Together Arts Fund has been updated to focus on projects that enhance the wellbeing of their communities. The total amount of funding available per project has also been raised to €15,000.

The Fund supports or commissions artists and arts organisations to develop arts projects that engage the individuals, audiences and communities involved. All art forms are eligible to apply to the fund.

During the second round of the Arts Fund over €300,000 was distributed to 39 projects across the island of Ireland. Projects such as 'Takeaway Theatre', an interactive performance at home for people with disabilities and their families in Co. Down; The Little Museum of Dublin's 'My Name is Eileen' exhibition which tells the story of Senator Eileen Flynn, the first Traveller to become a member of the Oireachtas; and 'Sensory SongTales' by Baboró, a unique and innovative multisensory arts experience designed for young children with additional needs.

How to Apply

[Full application details available here.](#)

Deadline: 23 Jun 2022

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Mohamed bin Zayed - Species Conservation Fund

The Fund will consider grants for the conservation of any threatened or poorly known animal, plant or fungus species.

Its focus is global and eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species.

The Fund intends to be as flexible and accommodating as possible when reviewing applications, and to take into account as many different factors as is reasonable when assessing the merit of a suggested project. To support this and to try to streamline the application process, the review process is kept comparatively simple.

Grants will be awarded based on their ability to meet criteria pre-determined by the Species Fund, and are for maximum of \$25,000 for each project.

Criteria

Conservation status: The Fund was established to support species conservation work, and so if your project is not about an endangered species it is probably not worth your while submitting an application.

The Fund will use the IUCN Redlist (www.iucnredlist.org) as the primary guide to the conservation status of a given species, although documented variations for sub-species, distinct populations and sub-populations will be taken into account. For those species not assessed through the IUCN Redlist we welcome other methods of assessment and the submission of quantitative data to confirm a species status. Generally the Fund gives priority to those species facing a high threat of extinction (with an emphasis on Endangered and Critically Endangered species), as well as those which are listed as Data Deficient or unlisted but are suspected as highly threatened. Please ensure that the conservation status mentioned in the application is correct and cross-referenced to a website or publication. It might be of use to consult with the relevant IUCN/SSC Specialist Group if you are in doubt or would like some guidance.

Please note that applications with clearly incorrect conservation status and no justification will NOT be considered for funding.

Content: Text provided in an application should be kept concise and clear, with clearly stated quantitative goals, aims and methods. When writing an application, please bear in mind that there is only so much text which the Advisory Board and the Fund's board of directors are

capable of reading. Priority will be given to those projects that support the professional development of young conservationists.

In situ conservation: Generally, the Fund is primarily interested in providing support to in situ conservation work in the field (such as survey work and data gathering, direct action, recovery management, training and the like), focusing on the species in its natural habitat. However, the importance of ex situ work (genetic analysis, workshops, ex situ populations etc) is also recognised, and so a few grants may be given to projects which focus on ex situ conservation work in certain circumstances.

Core costs: The Fund will not contribute to the core running costs of an organisation or administrative overheads, and yet does recognise that sometimes support salaries, stipends, per diems and project related living costs can be a vital part of in situ conservation work.

Species: Generally, the Fund would prefer to support projects which focus on a single species, but it also recognises that in some geographic and taxonomic circumstances it makes more sense to group a number of species.

Grants for continuation: The Fund is happy to provide continuation support for a project which had previously been supported, which is now completed and for which the Fund has received all required reporting by the time of the respective submission deadline.

External review: In some cases the Advisory Board and/or the Fund's board of directors may ask for an application to be passed on for additional review, which may add to the response time.

How to Apply

[Visit the Fund website](#) to learn more before submitting an online application.

Deadline: 30 Jun 2022

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ESTHER Ireland Grant 2022

ESTHER Ireland is an initiative of the HSE Global Health Programme and was previously part of the European ESTHER Alliance for Global Health Partnerships. Under this initiative, the HSE Global Health Programme facilitates and supports Irish health services and institutes to develop linkages and twinning partnerships with counterpart institutions in low and middle-income countries.

The 2022 grant scheme is part of the HSE Global Health Programme implementation plan and is supported with funding from Irish Aid. The grants will be administered by the Irish Global Health Network under a service level agreement with the HSE.

This round of grants reflects the current global and Irish context, with lessons learned after the COVID-19 pandemic. It also responds to the directions and priorities of the Government's International Development Policy, A Better World, which was published in 2019.

As with previous calls, this round of grants will be of two types. Band 1 grants are to support new partnerships, and Band 2 grants are to support established partnerships. ESTHER Ireland welcomes applications from partnerships involving different types of health institutions, including hospitals, primary care services, public health units, education and training organisations, universities, and Government health departments.

NGOs are generally not eligible for ESTHER grants unless they are part of a collaboration with an Irish health service or institution.

The grant application process will run for 7 weeks, with applications accepted up to 30 June 2022.

Note: Available funding is limited, and we expect this round of grants to be competitive. Available funds will be divided between Band 1 and 2.

Band 1: New Partnership Grants

Irish health organisations and institutions are eligible to apply for a Band 1 grant to facilitate the development of a new link or partnership with a counterpart organisation or institution in a low-or middle- income country.

In the context of this programme, we consider a new partnership to be one that has recently started to work together or has not yet started working together but has taken preliminary steps. It should demonstrate a commitment to adhere to the [ESTHER principles of Quality of Partnerships](#).

Intended outcomes from activities implemented under this scheme could include formalising an agreement such as an MOU between partners or developing a shared vision and action plan.

Grants must be spent within 12 months of disbursement.

The ceiling for Band 1 grants is €8,000.

Criteria Band 1

- Higher priority is given to partnerships in countries with official Government links through Irish Aid and/or the HSE:
 - Irish Aid key partner countries providing bilateral support to the health sector (Mozambique, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Liberia)
 - Other Irish Aid key partner countries (e.g. Zambia, Malawi, Uganda)
 - Countries in which HSE is engaged with through formal agreements (e.g. Mozambique, Sudan, Zambia, Sierra Leone)
- Coherent with objectives of Irish Aid development policy, A Better World
- Grant funding should achieve value for money. Having co-funding is considered an advantage.
- Successful partnerships should be willing to produce a case study.

Band 2: Established Partnership Grants

Applications are invited from Irish health institutions and organisations engaged in established health partnerships. We consider an established partnership to be one that has been working together for more than a year and has been formalised, such as through a Memorandum of Understanding. Partnerships must demonstrate clear evidence of quality of partnership, such as receiving ESTHER Accreditation for Quality of Partnership.

Partnerships may apply for grants to:

- Implement small scale innovations or pilot projects
- Undertake activities that strengthen the working relationship between the partners (e.g. exchange visits, stakeholder meetings, communication systems)
- Build capacity within the existing partnership to enable it to initiate and implement projects and programmes (e.g. skills building workshops)

The ceiling for Band 2 grants is €8,000.

Criteria Band 2

- Partnerships should demonstrate a clear theory of change for how they will improve health services and health outcomes. Change pathways may include one or more of a range of interventions areas such as education, training, mentoring, exchange visits, technical support, service quality improvement and research.
- Higher priority is given to partnerships in countries with official Government links through Irish Aid and/or the HSE:
 - Irish Aid key partner countries providing bilateral support to the health sector (Mozambique, Ethiopia, Tanzania)
 - Other Irish Aid key partner countries (e.g. Zambia, Malawi, Uganda, Sierra Leone)
 - Countries in which HSE is engaged with through formal agreements (e.g. Mozambique, Sudan, Zambia)
- Preference is given to partnerships with greater potential to achieve impact:
 - Aim to strengthen the capacity of health institutions to address local health priorities and unmet health service needs
 - Contribute to health systems strengthening and universal health coverage
 - Contribute to and support the COVID-19 response in partners' countries.
- Coherent with Irish Aid development policy, A Better World
- Grant funding should achieve value for money. Having co-funding is considered an advantage.
- Successful partnerships should be willing to monitor their partnership using the ESTHER Pilot Effect Tool and produce a case study.

How to Apply

[Full guidelines available here.](#)

Deadline: 30 Jun 2022

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Broadcast Authority Ireland - Sound & Vision 4

Sound & Vision 4 is a funding scheme for television and radio programmes, funded through the television licence fee.

Scheme basics

- The Scheme is financed from the Broadcast Fund which comprises 7% of the annual net receipts from television license fees.
- The BAI has been assigned the responsibility of administering this fund.
- The BAI Archiving Scheme is also financed from the Broadcast Fund.
- The BAI will generally allocate funding using a funding rounds system.
- For each round, the BAI determines the closing time and date; the types of applications that can be submitted and the amount of funding available.

Scheme objectives:

- Develop high quality programmes based on Irish culture, heritage and experience;
- Develop these programmes in the Irish language;
- Increase the availability of programmes referred to above to audiences in the State;
- Represent the diversity of Irish culture and heritage;
- Record oral Irish heritage and aspects of Irish heritage which are disappearing, under threat, or have not been previously recorded, and;
- Develop local and community broadcasting.

To achieve these objectives, the Scheme offers grant funding to new television and radio programmes which deal with the themes of:

- Irish culture, heritage and experience;
- Improving adult or media literacy;
- Raising public awareness and understanding of global issues impacting on the State and countries other than the State; and/or

- Any of the above in the Irish language.

How to Apply

[Visit the BAI website to download the full guidelines and application details.](#)

Deadline: 14 Jul 2022 (Round 45 – support for Irish music sector) / 26 Jul 2022 (round 44 – climate change and climate action)

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The Giancarlo Ramaioli Scholarship Fund 2022-2024

Activelink grew out of a project that Giancarlo Ramaioli began in 1999. Over time, Giancarlo, together with Hyperlink, built Activelink into a leading online resource for the community and voluntary sector. Giancarlo passed away in 2009. Activelink continues to grow guided by Giancarlo's vision and we have now established a biennial scholarship fund in his memory.

The Fund established a relationship with Social Justice Ireland and South East Technological University, Waterford whereby it finances two scholarships on their [MA in Social Justice and Public Policy programme](#). Each scholarship is worth €10,000, which covers SETU's fees and gives the scholar a stipend to cover their basic expenses.

The MA in Social Justice and Public Policy is a two-year part-time programme, taught from Dublin, which gives students a unique opportunity to develop a theoretical framework and the deep capacity for analysis, understanding, knowledge, skills and practices needed to engage meaningfully in social change towards a more just and inclusive society focusing particularly on influencing public policy.

How to Apply

There are two steps in applying for these scholarships:

1. Application to SETU for acceptance to the MA programme

Applications for this programme are made online by going to www.pac.ie (Code WD595).

To be accepted onto this programme:

- Applicants for the MA in Social Justice and Public Policy should hold a minimum of an NFQ Honours degree in any area of the Humanities, Economics or Social Sciences. Candidates should normally have previous relevant experience and are expected to be working in a paid or voluntary capacity in the area.
- Applicants who do not hold the standard qualifying NFQ Level 8 qualification criteria, but have relevant work experience and study may be considered for admission to the programme under the University's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process and subject to an interview.

2. Application to Social Justice Ireland for the scholarship

Applicants for the scholarship should also write to secretary@socialjustice.ie providing a short outline of qualifications and experience together with a note setting out why they wish to do

this MA programme. Applicants are required to complete and submit their application by **18 July 2022**. Applications for the scholarships will be accepted from candidates living in Ireland who can satisfy the eligibility criteria for this master's programme.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants for the scholarship must apply directly to South East Technological University, Waterford for admission to the MA programme and send an application for the scholarship to Social Justice Ireland.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline: 18 Jul 2022

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Culture Ireland Grants

Culture Ireland promotes Irish arts worldwide. We create and support opportunities for Irish artists and companies to present and promote their work at strategic international festivals and venues.

Purpose of Awards

Culture Ireland offers support to Irish professional artists, arts organisations and international presenters to present work by Irish artists at significant international venues and festivals.

In supporting an event, Culture Ireland offers grant funding towards costs which relate directly to the international presentation of the event, i.e. travel and travel related costs such as transport, accommodation and subsistence.

Culture Ireland considers applications for all forms of the arts as defined in the Arts Act 2003: “arts means any creative or interpretative expression (whether traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes, in particular, visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus and architecture, and includes any medium when used for those purposes”.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

1. Application must be in respect of a Irish professional artist/s or arts organisation
2. Application must be in respect of an art form defined under the Arts Act 2003
3. Only international events are supported (i.e., outside the island of Ireland)
4. The event must be accessible to an open public audience and fees must be payable to the artist/s or arts organisation
5. Funding support is limited to travel and travel related costs
6. Grants are only payable to the person/organisation named on the initial application

Applications deemed eligible are assessed in line with the following criteria:

1. Artistic quality of work and track record of artist/s or arts organisation
2. Financial and operational viability of the event (including fees and level of support from presenter/venue/other partners)
3. Profile of international venue/festival

4. Proven capacity of applicant, artist/s or arts organisation to present work internationally
5. Wider promotional and media impact

What does Culture Ireland mean by artistic quality?

Artistic quality can be defined as work that is ambitious, excellent and original, connects to audiences and has been presented nationally to critical acclaim. It should be noted that the assessment of the artistic quality of the proposed work is made using knowledge, experience and specialist advice.

Examples of eligible applications include:

- Theatre, circus and dance performances by professional companies
- Film-makers presenting films at key international film festivals
- Performances by professional or professionally-led musicians and ensembles
- Visual artists/galleries exhibiting at internationally recognised art fairs/galleries
- Readings by writers/poets in English or Irish or otherwise at international literary festivals

Please note that because of the competitive nature and context of each grant round, limited funding and a large number of applicants, eligibility and compliance with criteria for assessment alone does not guarantee that you will receive grant funding.

Examples of ineligible applications include:

- Events which have already taken place
- Research, opportunities, study or professional training
- Production Costs
- Residencies
- Bursaries
- Workshops/Conferences
- Amateur events

- Work by non-professional artists
- Events of a competitive nature.

How to Apply

Application forms and further information can be accessed on [the Culture Ireland website](#).

Deadline: 1 Aug 2022

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Rethink Ireland - Scaling Education Fund 2022 – 2024

The Scaling Education Fund was set up to advance previous Rethink Ireland Awardees' proven learner-centered solutions. The Fund seeks to support the growth of our previous awardees' individual solutions while also creating a community of practice to have a significant impact on the social issue of educational disadvantage.

Please note this Fund is only open to previous Rethink Ireland Awardees.

The Fund is looking to support proven educational projects on their growth journey. These projects will;

- Work with those experiencing educational disadvantage
- Involve stakeholders in the design, delivery, and evaluation of the project
- Employ a learner-centered approach to delivery, including where possible a holistic, community-based approach.
- Have the ambition to address educational disadvantages through a systems change agenda. Ideally, work in collaboration with other actors to advance this agenda.

For Rethink Ireland educational disadvantage encompasses low socioeconomic status, members of minority groups, those with a disability, and those experiencing mental health issues.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a previous recipient of Rethink Ireland funding
- Have graduated from a Rethink Ireland programme or have completed at least 1 year of a multi-year Fund
- Have received a Rethink Ireland cash grant investment of at least €50k in one year.
- Have a detailed strategic/business plan, with clear objectives and strong financial projections.

Rethink Ireland's Core Criteria

- The project must address a critical social issue

- The project proposed must be innovative in an Irish context
- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and must make its main impact in the Republic of Ireland
- The project must have potential and a desire to scale or replicate in Ireland (it may also have potential internationally, but this is not a requirement)
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way
- Applicants must come from an entity that has a not-for-profit legal form, eg:
 - A company limited by guarantee
 - A co-operative
 - Charity
 - And other not for profit legal forms.

The Scaling Education Fund Core Criteria

- Work with those experiencing educational disadvantage
- Have the ambition to address educational disadvantage in a significant way
- Provide a learner-centered solution for example the combination of educational and wellbeing supports to advance the personal development of learners
- Have the ambition to address educational disadvantage in a significant way
- Provide a combination of educational and well-being supports to advance the personal development of learners
- Applicants must have a proven track record of scaling (scale deep, scale out, scale up) and must be able to demonstrate ambition and feasibility of growing beyond this state
- Applicants must clearly be able to demonstrate what they have achieved to date and their strategy to build on this success to create a significant and sustainable impact on educational disadvantage as a social issue
- Secure philanthropic funding of a minimum of €100,000 per year, for three years.

Advantageous Criteria

Applications from a consortium of awardee organisations will be considered advantageous

Applications that involve learners/target groups in leadership roles or in the design of the project.

Why focus on educational disadvantage?

Education is widely considered to be the greatest equalizer in society. However, this assumes all learners are equal and fails to account for the additional challenges and social factors that result in many learners experiencing educational disadvantage. Children and young people's life chances remain disproportionately affected by their families' social and financial positions. Students from low socioeconomic backgrounds attain different educational outcomes than those from more affluent backgrounds. They are also at higher risk of leaving school early which results in reduced life chances, challenges with mental health and wellbeing, as well as being more likely to be un- or under-employed.

Since 2017 Rethink Ireland has placed significant investment in addressing educational disadvantage supporting over 100 projects in the last five years. Through our partnership with UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at the National University of Galway, we have identified a number of success factors in delivering education to groups experiencing disadvantage including the importance of Alternative Education provision, both informal and nonformal, and the importance of providing a level of well-being and person-centered approaches to tuition.

The aim of the Scaling Education Fund is to move the dial on educational disadvantage as a whole by enabling greater participation in education, supporting learners to develop 21st-century skills, supporting learners to become leaders in their community, and advancing an equity approach to education.

What does the fund offer?

- A minimum 50% uplift on funding secured*
- A tailored non-financial supports package to aid in the development of the project
- A community of practice of awardees
- Portfolio management

*A minimum value of €100,000 in philanthropic funding is required for applications.

How to Apply

[Full details available here.](#)

Deadline: 9 Aug 2022

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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

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 and we'll get back to you shortly. www.wheel.ie.

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