

Explore and Test Grants made April 2016

Paul Hamlyn Foundation is very pleased to announce the following Explore and Test grants made in April 2016. Details of all grants are searchable in our online [database](#).

Arts-Based Learning Fund: Explore and Test

[darts \(Doncaster Community Arts\)](#)

Grant amount: £50,500

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: Yorkshire and the Humber

Project: The Spark

Description: darts will test whether creative techniques, developed through its work in primary PRUs, can be applied in mainstream settings to benefit pupils at risk of exclusion. Two multi-disciplinary artists will deliver weekly sessions in three primary schools using sculpture, circus arts, music and visual arts. They will work towards creating end-of-year sharing events. Pupil outcomes may include increased engagement, self-esteem and aspiration, coping strategies and decreased likelihood of exclusion. The team will create a practical toolbox of creative approaches to support teacher CPD.

Arts Access and Participation Fund: Explore and Test

[Prison Arts Foundation](#)

Grant amount: £60,000

Grant duration: 18 months

Location: Northern Ireland

Project: Arts mentoring for people who have offended

Description: Founded in 1996, Prison Arts Foundation is dedicated to providing access to the arts for all prisoners, ex-prisoners, young offenders and ex-young offenders in Northern Ireland. It will pilot a project to address the transition from custody into the community through an arts-mentoring scheme, which will support ex-offenders to re-integrate back into the community.

[The Bush Theatre](#)

Grant amount: £52,000

Grant duration: 18 months

Location: London

Project: Community Associates

Description: The Bush Theatre was set up in 1972 above a pub in Shepherd's Bush as a home for new theatre. This grant will allow The Bush Theatre to build on its experience of working with young men not in education, employment or training and with older non-white members of the local community. It will invite two local community organisations, *Only Connect West* and *Nubian Life*, to become associate companies for 18 months.