

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Grants Announcement
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Paul Hamlyn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. We use our resources to support social change, working towards a just and equitable society in which everyone, especially young people, can realise their full potential and enjoy fulfilling and creative lives.

The 51 grants described here have been awarded between October and December 2023 and total over £7.82 million.

Details of all grants are available in our [grants database](#).

Investing in Young People

We support organisations at different stages of development to improve, consolidate and spread practices that empower young people to shape their lives and lead change.

Youth Fund

Our Youth Fund provides core funding to organisations whose main purpose is working with and for young people (aged 14-25) who face complex transitions to adulthood.

[Anima Youth](#)

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: London

Project: Core support for implementation of 5-Year strategic plan

Description: Anima Youth works with and for care experienced girls and young women from racialised communities, supporting them to navigate the challenges they face, build resilience, gain equitable opportunities and ensure they are able to transition smoothly into independent life. This grant will provide core funding to allow the CEO to focus on overseeing and implementing their strategic plan, ensuring that Anima Youth can continue to deliver high-quality, and life-changing services to children and young people in need.

[Friends Families and Travellers](#)

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: South East

Project: Supporting young people from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities through education, training, and employment-related transitions

Description: Friends, Families and Travellers works to end racism and discrimination against people from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities and protect the right to pursue a nomadic way of life. This grant will support the organisation's direct support for young people not in education, training, or employment in Sussex and its work to challenge how young people between the ages of 14 and 16 lose their entitlement to secondary education funding if they fall out of education.

[High Trees Community Development Trust](#)

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: London

Project: Lambeth Peer Action Collective (LPAC)

Description: High Trees Community Development Trust offer targeted and local support for those most impacted by structural inequalities, helping people make meaningful changes that allow them to live happier, healthier and more connected lives. This grant will support the development of Lambeth Peer Action Collective (LPAC) – a youth-led peer research and social action movement - through the next stage of its development.

Hounslow Action for Youth

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: London

Project: Supporting the development of a heritage-centred asset-based approach to empowering young people from racialised communities

Description: Hounslow Action for Youth supports children and young people experiencing disadvantage in Hounslow. This grant will support the organisation to deliver its Botanical Heritage and Youth Envision project and inspire other young people and youth service providers to adopt their distinctive heritage-centred asset-based approach. Services will be developed to enhance inclusivity of young people of all backgrounds and abilities, ensuring that everyone is given an opportunity to participate and thrive.

LGBT Youth Scotland

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Scotland

Project: LGBTQ+ Youth Voice in Scotland

Description: LGBT Youth Scotland is an Edinburgh-based national charity providing support to LGBTQ+ young people between the ages of 13 to 25. This grant will support them to sustain, expand, and enhance their work with an intersectional approach and grow impact by providing more opportunities for LGBTQ+ youth to influence decisions, investing in participatory research functions, and widely sharing the needs and experiences of young people.

Sister System

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: South East, South West, London

Project: Scaling provision for care-experienced girls and young women

Description: Sister System support care-experienced girls and young women, providing internationally recognised qualifications and a community of support to improve their life chances. This grant will allow Sister System to scale their impact through training other UK organisations to replicate key elements of their approach. It will also support them to establish a Youth Advisory Board, which will help steer the direction of the organisation's strategy and their future campaigning.

Spectrum Gaming

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Expansion of youth services and community for autistic young people

Description: Spectrum Gaming is a UK-wide online community for autistic young people aged 8 to 18 years old. This grant will enable Spectrum Gaming to increase staff capacity to widen the impact the service is having, through continued advocacy work, representing autistic young people at a strategic level, and making links with more community and health organisations to

ensure the service reaches those who most need it. Funding for three new posts will allow Spectrum Gaming to grow to meet demand in the community and from new members, to extend services when members reach 18 and critically free up time for leadership to drive forward more advocacy work.

Youth Initiatives NI/Diverse Youths NI

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Northern Ireland

Project: Addressing racial inequity in Northern Ireland

Description: Youth Initiatives (YI) aims to awaken hope, inspire initiative, and mobilise youth to make a vital contribution to their community and to a shared future in Northern Ireland. This grant provides core funding for YI to partner with Diverse Youths Northern Ireland to deliver equitable practice and appropriately meet the needs of young people from diverse backgrounds. As anti-racist organisations they will support young people by addressing both individual incidences of racism and racial inequities in wider Northern Ireland society.

If you would like to find out more about this Fund please see [here](#).

Youth Fund – Follow on Fund

Just Like Us

Grant amount: £133,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: England, Wales

Project: Empowering every LGBT+ young person

Description: Just Like Us empower LGBT+ young people to lead change and champion equality. This grant will enable them to expand their Ambassador Programme, supporting the professional and personal development of 400 LGBT+ young people aged 18-25 whilst also engaging in meaningful social action by delivering school talks championing LGBT+ equality.

Mermaids

Grant amount: £133,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Follow on Funding

Description: Mermaids works with and on behalf of transgender and gender variant children and young people in England, Scotland and Wales. It provides support to young people and their families, offers training and advice for professionals, and campaigns to reduce stigma and raise awareness of the issues facing young people experiencing gender dysphoria. This grant will enable Mermaids to develop their Youth Advisory Panel, ensuring that the voices and needs of young people are central to their work, and expand their Mermaids' Advocacy Network Group Online, which is a youth advocacy programme designed to provide supportive, upskilling experiences to young trans people.

Positive Youth Foundation

Grant amount: £133,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: West Midlands

Project: Positive Youth Foundation Follow on Funding

Description: Positive Youth Foundation aims to improve the life chances of young people facing challenging circumstances. This grant provides core funding to support development of their outcomes and impact development work, extend their 'practice into policy' approach; explore new approaches to income generation including community-based fundraising and growth of charged services; and work to strengthen social media messaging to highlight the impact of Positive Youth Foundation's work.

Migration and Integration

We want to support young people who migrate and strengthen integration so that communities can live well together. Our funding seeks to help organisations to address exclusion, deepen connections and build 'shared ground' that can lead to a more socially equal society.

Shared Ground Fund

The Shared Ground Fund supports organisations working to influence migration system reform, improve access to support services, strengthen civic participation and inform public understanding.

AFRUCA (Applicant Host), UK BME Anti-Slavery Network (Applicant)

Grant amount: £180,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: BASNET: Enhancing Race Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Modern Slavery Policy and Research

Description: UK BME Anti-Slavery Network (BASNET) is a member network charities and community interest companies led by and working in diaspora and racialised communities to address modern slavery and human trafficking across the UK. This grant will support BASNET to: build members' research capabilities and capacity; influence policy and practice; continue forming lasting strategic partnerships to diversify the modern slavery space increasing inclusivity and access to more research opportunities; counter the harmful 'illegal migrants' narrative; provide a dedicated space for members to utilise self-advocacy; and provide extra mental wellbeing to support BASNET members. The funding will also contribute towards AFRUCA's broader emotional counselling support for staff, as BASNET's host organisation.

Asylum Matters

Grant amount: £150,000.00

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Support for Asylum Matters' core work

Description: Asylum Matters works in partnership locally and nationally to improve the lives of refugees and people seeking asylum through social and political change. They bring together and support a broad network of groups and organisations across England and Wales, to work collaboratively to mobilise, coordinate and increase the impact of advocacy and campaigns to secure improvements to asylum policy and practice. This grant contributes to core costs, allowing Asylum Matters to grow their campaigning reach while ensuring their organisation remains strong and resilient.

Centrala CIC

Grant amount: £210,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: CEEus! A network of collective innovators creating a space for migrant organising

Description: Centrala exists to achieve inclusion and wellbeing for Central and Eastern European (CEE) migrant communities in England. This grant will support them to continue developing their own model of community organising through the CEEus! Network, building the capacity of local people with lived experience of the immigration system to advocate for themselves, strengthening the voice and influence of CEE migrants on local, regional and national policy.

Crossborder Forum

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide, International

Project: Crossborder Forum

Description: Crossborder Forum (CBF) is a forum for organisations and activists working on migration issues on the UK-FR-BE border to come together, share expertise, and work towards shared advocacy across borders. CBF delivers its work via forum meetings, learning events, research, relationship building with decision-makers and lived experience grassroots groups in all countries, joint statements, and public actions. This is a unique initiative that seeks to increase transnational collaboration on migrants' rights to tackle harmful narratives, practice, policies, and legislation. This grant will support Crossborder Forum to sustain itself through the next stage of its development.

Black Europeans

Grant amount: £65,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Black Europeans united in adversity

Description: Black Europeans aims to challenge systemic racism within European Union and UK institutions and representatives, which affect non-white EU citizens post-Brexit. This grant is for core funding to resource their CEO and project assistant, provide contribution to people with lived experience working with them, and cover additional project and organisational costs.

Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit (GMIAU)

Grant amount: £210,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: North West

Project: Children, young people and families affected by the Hostile Environment

Description: Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit (GMIAU) ensures access to justice for people who have been trafficked, tortured or are survivors of conflict and persecution. This grant supports GMIAU to strengthen their influencing work and develop their communications tools, leverage local political power, and challenge the hostile environment at its core by holding central government to account through policy and parliamentary work.

Maryhill Integration Network

Grant amount: £187,400

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Scotland

Project: Advancing human rights for people seeking asylum in Scotland

Description: Maryhill Integration Network (MIN) is a community development organisation working alongside migrants, people seeking asylum and refugees in Glasgow to create solidarity and respect. With this grant, MIN will enhance their 'Human Rights and Citizenship' work strand to help newly dispersed groups to navigate the asylum system, acting as a bridge between communities and decision-makers at local and Scottish levels. They will build on their local connections to progress positive narratives on asylum and refugee issues in Scotland and in the UK and develop peer-support volunteer roles to strengthen confidence, support and solidarity among those who are going through the immigration system.

Migration Museum

Grant amount: £93,480

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: London, West Midlands, Yorkshire and the Humber

Project: Engaging a Development Manager specialising in Trusts and Foundations

Description: The Migration Museum explores how the movement of people to and from Britain across the ages has made us who we are – as individuals and as a nation. From their current base in Lewisham, they stage exhibitions and events and deliver an education programme for primary, secondary, university and adult learners. They also convene a knowledge-sharing Migration Network of museums and galleries across the UK. This grant will enable Migration Museum to employ a new Development Manager to support the organisation as it works towards developing a permanent museum.

People's Economy

Grant amount: £230,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: No migrant justice without economic justice

Description: People's Economy support communities facing economic injustice to participate in and lead the growing movement for economic systems change. This grant will enable them to work with people with lived experience of the immigration system to co-design and implement a programme of community economics education.

Polish Migrants Organise for Change (POMOC)

Grant amount: £6,000

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: Wales

Project: To build more capacity to deliver work ahead of the next general election.

Support of grassroots and digital organising for immigrant communities

Description: Polish Migrants Organise for Change (POMOC) aims to improve the lives of Polish women living in the UK. This funding will go towards community organising training and mentorship to POMOC's expanding organising team, to ensure they are well equipped and supported to deliver an ambitious and robust campaign ahead of the UK's next General Election.

Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (PAFRAS)

Grant amount: £180,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Yorkshire and the Humber

Project: Young Migrants Matter

Description: Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (PAFRAS) work with people who have migrated to Leeds and the surrounding areas, providing advice, support and emergency provision. This grant will enable them to continue their Early Action casework, supporting young people who have migrated with holistic support and access to quality legal help. PAFRAS will also continue working alongside Leeds Local Authority, sharing knowledge and offering complex casework to young migrants at risk of destitution; supporting the local authority with appropriate adults for age assessments.

Social Workers Without Borders

Grant amount: £158,134

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Increasing impact of social work expert evidence for migrant justice

Description: Social Workers Without Borders (SWWB) purpose is to promote the best interests and voices of those impacted by immigration and asylum law to decision makers through independent social work practice. This grant will support recruitment and retention of two staff roles - a Head of Direct Work and an experienced social worker with lived experience of the migration system.

South London Refugee Association

Grant amount: £210,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: London

Project: Building capacity for local migrant community organising and policy influencing

Description: South London Refugee Association (SLRA) works alongside refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants, supporting them to achieve settled lives and positive futures. With this grant, SLRA will increase the impact of their local community organising work, using their community leadership programme as a springboard to build confidence and solidarity. They will also recruit a community engagement manager who will lead on developing cross sector collaboration and learning and strengthen the leadership team's capacity and capabilities.

Southwark Law Centre

Grant amount: £225,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Windrush Justice Clinic Coordination

Description: Southwark Law Centre provides specialist legal advice for people who cannot afford to pay for services in the areas of discrimination, employment, housing, planning, welfare rights, and immigration and asylum law. This grant will enable Southwark Law Centre to support individuals to access the Windrush Compensation Scheme through coordination of a coalition of civil society organisations including community centres, universities, law firms and law centres.

The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy (RAMP) Project

Grant amount: £250,000

Grant duration: 60 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Core funding for RAMP's charitable work in Parliament

Description: The Refugee and Migrant Policy (RAMP) Project helps political leaders to think more deeply and to collaborate more widely on migration, asylum and integration issues to improve the quality and quantity of political debate and subsequent policy outcomes. With a General Election expected in 2024, this grant enables RAMP to continue supporting: backbench Conservative parliamentarians who disagree with the current leadership's anti-migrant policies and rhetoric; backbench Labour politicians to adopt more positive policy positions for migrants publicly and to their frontbenchers, and help build confidence among senior Labour politicians that there is public and political support for more ambitious migration and refugee policies; and Liberal Democrats, who are likely to increase their parliamentary presence.

If you would like to find out more about this Fund please see [here](#).

Arts Access and Participation

We believe in the power of the arts as a force for change, and one that enriches people's lives and communities.

Arts Access and Participation Fund

The Arts Access and Participation Fund addresses inequalities of opportunity to access and participate in the arts. We want to support change in the way the arts are created, presented, accessed and experienced.

ATLAS Arts

Grant amount: £166,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Scotland

Project: School of Plural Futures

Description: ATLAS Arts organises collective art projects across the North West coast of Scotland. They work with artists and local residents through a programme of screenings, residencies and workshops. This grant will support the delivery of the School of Plural Futures (SoPF), a three-year youth-led creative learning programme where young people create a peer-led community to talk about housing, social history, culture, belonging, climate justice, Gaelic and Scottish colonial history in a safe and supported way. Working with a lead artist, the group will explore issues through creative activities including book making, film screenings, film making, print making, writing and poetry.

Beyond Face

Grant amount: £166,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: South West

Project: Supporting the Regional Voices programme

Description: Beyond Face is a theatre company working with local global majority artists and young people to help them to build their own creative work and sense of community. This grant supports the growth and development of Beyond Face's Regional Voices programme, which aims to connect with local people who currently have little to no engagement or experience with the theatre industry, investigating how people who don't work in the arts sector can engage with arts as a creative outlet.

East London Dance

Grant amount: £221,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: London

Project: ELD three-strand support

Description: East London Dance (ELD) work to inspire communities through dance, creating opportunities within dance for those least likely to receive them. This grant provides core funding to enable ELD to deliver their three main programmes of work – an artist commissioning programme, 'Our House'; a professional development programme for producers, 'Producers House'; and 'Creative Collective', a paid advisory board formed of creatives aged 18-35 that will inform ELD's strategic development and artistic programme.

Future Yard CIC

Grant amount: £256,500

Grant duration: 48 months

Location: North West

Project: Future Yard

Description: Future Yard CIC is a social enterprise with the ambition to reimagine the role of a community music venue. This grant contributes to core costs to develop Future Yard, their music venue and artist hub in Birkenhead, as a community asset that will develop and nurture cultural industries in the North West and support the local community.

Impact Dance Foundation

Grant amount: £186,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: England, Wales

Project: Providing equal access to dance

Description: Impact Dance (ID) is a Black-led art-for-social-change organisation specialising in hip-hop theatre, street dance and youth development. This grant will support Impact Dance's work addressing the inequality of opportunity to access and participate in dance by those facing long-term structural and systemic inequalities: an accessible CPD programme for dance teachers from non-traditional backgrounds, pastoral care provision for members, and residential and respite opportunities for young people in the Academy.

Museum of Colour

Grant amount: £240,000

Grant duration: 48 months

Location: London, South East, Yorkshire and the Humber

Project: Museum of Colour - core projects and programmes

Description: Museum of Colour is a heritage and creativity social enterprise. This grant contributes core funds for the development of a digital museum to explore the contribution made by people of colour to the nation's film, television and art, through a series of digital collections and responses. Museum of Colour wishes to shift the narrative of the UK's arts and national history by recognising and celebrating the lives of past generations of artists of colour. In addition, they will support others to reframe and retell their stories to create a fuller richer history without omissions and obscurities.

Ort Gallery

Grant amount: £200,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: West Midlands

Project: Warmth way of working

Description: Ort Gallery is an artist-led exhibition space in Birmingham with the social mission to facilitate dialogue in the community. With this grant, the gallery will continue to test and develop their 'Warmth' way of working, centring care and embedding equity across all their work; this will involve internal development of governance and policies, and community-led programming focusing on supporting under-served Muslim creatives and audiences.

Peak Cymru

Grant amount: £179,000

Grant duration: 38 months

Location: Wales

Project: Supporting young people to connect with their rural environment through the visual arts

Description: Peak Cymru collaborates with young people, artists and intergenerational communities to celebrate the unique qualities and ecologies of Southeast Wales. This grant funds core costs to enable rurally based young people aged 16 to 30 years to shape Peak Cymru's programme, to embed their voice within the organisation and strengthen a co-leadership model.

Studio Voltaire

Grant amount: £219,000

Grant duration: 48 months

Location: London

Project: Support for four-year civic programme

Description: Studio Voltaire (SV) is a contemporary arts organisation based in Clapham. This grant will provide support for its four-year civic programming, including the development of a Programme Advisory Group of local community members to critically engage and reflect on SV's work, and a national programme of research and creative participation with, by and for young trans people.

Talawa Theatre Company

Grant amount: £275,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: England

Project: Early years theatre programme

Description: Talawa is a Black British theatre company that champions Black excellence in theatre. This grant will support Talawa's new Early Years programme addressing a significant gap in provisions for quality, accessible and affordable theatre for babies aged 6-18 months. Funding will support staffing, artist/facilitator fees, early years training for artists, alongside the development of, and subsequent tour, of a new co-created show for babies, as part of a wider early years program. This programme will be delivered in partnership with children's theatre experts Unicorn Theatre.

If you would like to find out more about this Fund please see [here](#).

Education and Learning through the Arts

The arts play an important role in enriching young people's learning and educational experiences.

Arts-based Learning Fund

The Arts-based Learning Fund supports work which enables pupils in formal education settings, particularly those experiencing systemic inequality or disadvantage, to thrive through engagement with high quality, arts-based learning.

ARCADE

Grant amount: £196,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: Yorkshire and the Humber

Project: New Shores

Description: ARCADE supports creativity in all its forms, working with local communities and supporting local artists to ensure the Scarborough region has a thriving creative scene. This grant supports ARCADE to develop a locally-rooted partnership in Scarborough, encompassing artists and museum educators from ARCADE, Scarborough Museums and Galleries, Flash Company Arts and KIT Theatre. Using an arts-based approach drawing on immersive drama and storytelling, the partnership would work with a small group of Scarborough primary schools, a PRU and an SEND specialist school, to support learning across the curriculum.

Bruiser Theatre Company

Grant amount: £210,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Northern Ireland

Project: Vital Connect

Description: Bruiser Theatre Company is a physical theatre company that nurtures new professionals and reaches out to communities in Northern Ireland. This grant supports their Vital Connect project to extend and develop a blended approach to supporting drama education, working with 12 secondary schools. Bruiser Theatre Company will deliver a consistent free provision of workshops, continuing professional development and mentorship to enable students and teachers to develop skills, knowledge and confidence.

Chuckle Productions

Grant amount: £193,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: West Midlands

Project: Arts Linked Up Project

Description: Chuckle Productions use Arts-based learning approaches to encourage a child's natural desire to be creative and curious. This grant will enable Chuckle Productions to support young children in Staffordshire schools and nurseries to develop key skills by participating in music, movement and visual arts-based activities. They will also work in partnership with teachers, teaching assistants and nursery staff to use an arts-based approach to support core areas of child development, ensuring that children are ready to start school.

Fresh Arts C.I.C

Grant amount: £290,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: London

Project: The Bounce Drama Project Phase 2

Description: Fresh Arts provide arts education for children of all ages. They are committed to widening participation in the arts. The Bounce Drama Project boosts the knowledge and skills relating to mental health and well being of children in Years 3 and 4, through drama-based

practice. In the second phase of development, Fresh Arts will be developing the model, through co-construction with a group of London primary schools, to support children in all primary school year groups.

Music in the Round

Grant amount: £120,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: London, South East, Yorkshire and the Humber

Project: WeCompose project

Description: Music in the Round is a national promoter of chamber music, with a year-round programme of events for people of all ages. This grant supports the WeCompose project, enabling pupils at Key Stage 3 and 4 to access to the music curriculum and make progress in their learning by developing composition skills, creativity, and connections to live music. The project will also provide professional development support to music teachers to strengthen their practice.

Stiltskin

Grant amount: £140,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: South West

Project: Tiny Voices, Giant Ideas

Description: Stiltskin Creative Arts and Theatre, is leading Tiny Voices, Giant Ideas, a collaborative project with creative partners Exim Dance and Above Bounds Theatre. The initiative explores imaginative, child-driven, play-based practices co-created by artists and Early Years practitioners. The work aims to provide rich, arts-based experiences for three and four-year-olds, supporting self-expression, confidence, resilience, and mental health. The project aims to gain insights into embedding an artist as a member of the academic team in three Plymouth early years settings.

The Godiva Awakes Trust

Grant amount: £60,000

Grant duration: 18 months

Location: Midlands

Project: Teach-Make: Nuneaton and Bedworth

Description: Imagineer create live events, in particular theatre and outdoor performance, education programmes, special commissions and touring work. Their projects bring together creative thinkers and innovators from the arts sector with engineers, architects, educationalists, special effects artists and designers. This grant supports the Teach-Make programme, a curriculum development project for primary school teachers which places art-making at the centre of teaching and learning. This project will bring a new iteration of Teach-Make to eight primary schools in the Warwickshire boroughs of Nuneaton and Bedworth.

The Spark Arts for Children

Grant amount: £200,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: East Midlands

Project: Spark Learning: Building Brave Spaces

Description: The Spark Arts for Children are an arts organisation helping children immerse themselves in the arts in a variety of places and spaces. They offer children opportunities to discover their skills, passions and potential – both as an audience or participants This grant

supports The Spark Arts for Children to partner with eight primary schools in Leicester, putting theatre-making at the centre of children's voice in the classroom, through a cross-curricular programme with links into PSHE learning.

If you would like to find out more about this Fund please see [here](#).

Other grants

Development Fund

[My Life My Say](#)

Grant amount: £18,900

Grant duration: 1 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Next Gen Summit

Description: My Life My Say (MLMS) is a youth-led, non-partisan movement on a mission to change the culture of democracy and get every single young person voting. This grant supports Next Gen - the UK's leading youth summit. Funding will enable MLMS to facilitate young people's active participation in the conference, fostering a platform for the next generation to play an instrumental role in shaping the future of Britain.

[The Ubele Initiative](#)

Grant amount: £12,000

Grant duration: 14 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: The 2023 Year of Return and Connections (YORC)

Description: The Ubele Initiative (Ubele) derives its name from the Swahili word meaning 'The Future'. They are an African Diaspora-led intergenerational social enterprise founded in 2014, with the purpose of helping to build more sustainable communities across the UK. Ubele supports a wide range of Black and minoritised communities, community-based organisations and groups with their community assets (people and physical spaces), through social action, community enterprise development and next-generation leadership initiatives.

This grant supported Ubele to bring together a varied group of Black, African diaspora leaders from across the country to participate in the 2023 Year of Return and Connections a collaborative initiative between multiple organizations which took place in Nairobi in July 2023.

Evidence and Learning Fund

[National Centre for Creative Health](#)

Grant amount: £80,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: England

Project: Creative Health: research into policy and practice

Description: The National Centre for Creative Health aim to advance good practice and research, inform policy and promote collaboration, helping foster the conditions for creative health to be integral to health and social care and wider systems. This grant supports them to build on the findings from their Creative Health Review and the UK Research and Innovation partnership research programme: Mobilising Community Assets to Tackle Health Inequalities,

through working with Creative Health Associates and Integrated Care Systems across England to further advocate for and embed creative health at systems level.

National Youth Agency

Grant amount: £23,000

Grant duration: 9 months

Location: England

Project: Youth Workforce Research

Description: The National Youth Agency transforms the lives of young people through the power of youth work. This grant supports The National Youth Agency to focus on better understanding the needs and opportunities of workers from underrepresented groups by expanding their planned workforce survey and consultation with the sector, to collect more detailed information around the workforce and its diversity.

The Justice Together Initiative through Justice Collaborations

Grant amount: £22,000

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Developing Peer Learning

Description: The Justice Together Initiative is a funder collaboration that offers funding and support to grant partners to build the power and influence of people with lived and learned experience of the immigration system and embed anti-racism strategies. Through grant-making and collaboration, they aim to connect lived experience, front-line advice and influencing strategies to create lasting change. This grant contributes to the development of a series of peer learning spaces, enabling organisations who deliver or commission legal advice around immigration to share their learning with local authorities.

Other grants and programmes

Artcry

Grant amount: £20,000

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Artcry development

Description: This grant provides core support for Artcry to expand their work funding and supporting artists to create politically responsive work with fast-turnaround resources, enabling them to make their artwork appear in the public realm in time to inspire social action and/or political response. Funding will also support recruitment for a fundraising position to help Artcry establish itself long-term.

Freelancers Make Theatre Work

Grant amount: £20,000

Grant duration: 18 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Transitioning to a stable working structure

Description: Freelancers Make Theatre Work (FMTW) are an inclusive, independent community for self-employed and freelance workers from all areas of theatre, opera and live performance, who make up 70% of the UK theatre workforce. This grant supports a pilot project that aims to centre the freelance voice and experience within all actions we undertake, whilst

providing a financially supported structure for FMTW that creates longer-term stability and consistency, including the development of a safeguarding policy.