



Highland Youth Arts Hub



Are you aged 12 – 25 with an exciting creative project idea?

The Highland Youth Arts Hub will contribute up to £500 for a project idea put forward by an individual, and up to £1,000 for a project idea put forward by a group of two or more people.

Creative in your Community has been set up by the Highland Youth Arts Hub. The HYAH is a new project that aims to encourage you to get involved with creative activity throughout the region – through setting up new workshops and projects in your area, raising awareness of opportunities or chances to develop new skills or to support you in the development of your own creative ideas or ambitions...

Creative in your Community aims to support young people aged 12-25 develop their own creative projects in their own communities.

This is your chance to take the seed of an idea and, with support from professional artists and creative people, turn it into a reality! Maybe you want to have a festival in your village, create a film, organise some workshops or put on a gig – it could be anything really!

We are looking for creative project ideas from young people who show ambition, enthusiasm or talent.

Your project must **engage other young people in your community** and it should **include at least two different art forms** from the list below:

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- Drama
 - Dance
 - Visual Arts
 - Music
 - Literature
 - Film
 - Digital Arts
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How can I apply?

Please contact Stacey Toner, Highland Youth Arts Hub Manager, for full details of this opportunity and a copy of the application form;

Stacey.toner@highlandyouthartshub.org

If you have any questions or would like support in filling it out the application form contact Stacey on the above email or call on 01349 862600.

Who is eligible to put forward a project idea for Creative in your Community?

You must be 12-25 years old and living in the Highland Council area.

Proposed projects must be:

- multi art form (at least two different art forms);
- delivered in partnership with a minimum of two individual professional artists and/or at least one arts organisation.

Applications from professional arts organisations will not be accepted.

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Creative in your Community project proposals should also address at least one of the following issues:

- Supporting talent. Perhaps you have reached a high standard in an art form and you would like to create a project that will really challenge you and others in your community;
- Encouraging participation. Perhaps you live in a rural community where there is not currently an opportunity to take part in any/many creative projects and you would like to make something new happen; or perhaps you have a disability that has previously been a barrier to participation in creative projects.

How do I work out a budget for my project?

When working out the cost of your project, remember to include:

- fees to artists for leading workshops or performing
- equipment (e.g. hiring a PA system, projector, etc)
- travel costs
- food costs
- marketing and promotion costs (e.g. printing posters, taking out an advert in your local newspaper, etc)
- venue hire

You might not need the Highland Youth Arts Hub to contribute to some of these costs because you can get them “in-kind.” For example, maybe you can access a venue or equipment free of charge or perhaps your local newspaper will write a story about your project instead of you having to pay to take out an advert.

In your project bid, demonstrate what the HYAH contribution will support, but also highlight any other contributions, including “in-kind” contributions where you are able to.



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Application Guidelines

Creative in your Community is all about sparking new ideas.

We will not:

- support activities which have already started;
- pay for an individual to go on an existing course;
- purchase equipment (e.g. musical instruments, laptops, flip cameras, etc) unless it can be evidenced that such equipment is vital to the success of the proposed project.

You must ask two people who know you to act as referees to support your application.

At least one referee must not be related to you. We may contact you or your referees if we have questions about the application.

Deadlines for applications are:

- 30th January 2015
- 29th May 2015
- 28th Aug 2015
- 27th November 2015
- 26th February 2016
- 27th May 2016
- 29th July 2016

Applications are assessed by the HYAH Youth Arts Forum and then signed off by the HYAH Management Consortium which comprises of staff from 12 partner organisations; Aros / Skye Dance, Eden Court, Fèisean nan Gàidheal, Fèis Rois, Highland Council, Highland Print Studio, High Life Highland, Moniack Mhòr, Plan B, Room 13, University of the Highlands & Islands and Youth Highland.

What happens if my project idea is successful?

Applicants will be given feedback within two weeks of the deadline on whether or not they have been successful. Successful applicants will work with Stacey, the Highland Youth Arts Hub Manager, to make their project idea a reality within the time frame agreed in the application. You will be expected to create a short report highlighting the successes of your project. The report can be produced in any media you would like (e.g. a blog post, a video, image gallery) and it must be completed within 3 months of your project being completed. Your project might be selected to be showcased at the annual HYAH Festival and Creative Careers event.

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