2021 COVENTRY UK CITY OF CULTURE

Grants for accessible arts projects



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Introduction



In 2017, Coventry won an award called ‘UK City of Culture 2021’.

The Coventry City of Culture Trust has been getting ready for this by:



- working with local people in the arts, like theatre and music
- supporting local arts organisations
- helping local artists and groups with new ideas in the arts.



We have grants of up to £1,000 available for arts activities that involve deaf, disabled and **neurodiverse** people.



Neurodiverse means your brain works in a different way to most people. You may be autistic or have a mental health condition



This information will tell you how to apply for one of the grants.

What we have been doing

We have been working with Heart of England Community Foundation (HoECF) to provide money to support good ideas.



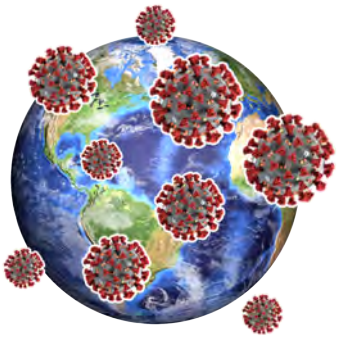
HoECF is a charity that raises money to support activities in **communities** within Warwickshire and the West Midlands.



Communities are groups of people living together in the same place.



We have also been giving money to people in the arts who were affected by the **COVID-19 pandemic**.



COVID-19 is also called Coronavirus. It is a new illness that affects your lungs and breathing.

Pandemic means it is spreading around the world.



We want to help more people from different communities and backgrounds so that everyone is included.

Access and attitudes



In 2019, a group was set up to improve accessibility and change people's attitudes towards disabled and neurodiverse people.

The group is called the Access and Attitudes Forum and includes people from:



- arts venues in the City



- teams that organise and put on arts shows



- arts organisations - staff and volunteers.

About your project



It is important that we keep thinking about accessibility as things get back to normal after COVID-19.

We want to support projects that focus on including deaf, disabled and neurodiverse people.









The grant could help your project to pay for:

- making your project accessible for people with different needs
- training for staff about working with disabled people
- extra support for disabled and neurodiverse artists
- help with accessibility from an expert



- making information easy to understand for people with different needs, like Easy Read and British Sign Language

- equipment that will help people to take part in your project.

The activities you are doing in your project must be taking place in the City of Coventry.



Your project can be one that is already happening, or one that hasn't started yet.



The project can include anything in the arts, and can be indoor or outdoor.



We would especially like projects that would have a live audience.

Extra money



If your project is going to cost more than the £1,000 grant we provide, you will need to show us how you are getting the extra money.

Getting the grants

Who can apply



People and organisations from Coventry and Warwickshire will be put first, especially if you have a CV postcode.



The grants are for:

- creative people and artists
- charities and community organisations



- social enterprises - these are businesses which try and make the world a better place



- non-constituted groups - these are groups of individuals that aren't businesses and don't have as many rules. They might run things like fun days or coffee mornings.

How to apply



You can apply:

- on the Heart of England website: **www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk**



- by emailing us to ask us to send you a form: **info@heartofenglandcf.co.uk**



- by video, BSL or audio. You would need to send us a film or audio file via WeTransfer to: **info@heartofenglandcf.co.uk**



If you send us a video or audio, we may need to ask you for more information and to speak to one of our staff.

Extra information we will need



If you are an individual person or un-constituted group, you will also need to provide:

- 2 referees - these are people who can tell us about you and why you should get the grant
- a bank statement
- proof that you have the right insurance, like Public Liability Insurance and Public or Professional Indemnity Insurance.



If you are an organisation, you will need to provide:

- proof that you have a committee or board with at least 3 members who aren't in the same family
- a list of people who have access to your bank account
- a copy of your rules



- a copy of your accounts or financial records



- a bank account in the name of your organisation that needs 2 people who aren't in the same family to sign for things



- a bank statement from the last 3 months



- a copy of your **safeguarding** policy if you will be working with children or **vulnerable** adults

  Safeguarding is keeping people safe from harm and abuse.

  Vulnerable means people who might need help and support to stay safe and well.



- a copy of your equal opportunities policy - these are your rules for making sure things are equal for everyone



- quotes from companies for anything you need to buy that costs more than £300



- the right insurance and **DBS checks** if needed.

  A **DBS check** says whether you are allowed to work with children or vulnerable adults.



If your project costs more than the grant, you must show us you have the money for the rest of the project.



Or you could show us proof that you are getting some things for free.



We like to pay artists for their work and time.

So, you can't include your time as something that is free. It must be included in the work costs.

Help with access



We can help you if you have a health condition that makes it hard for you to access our services and information.



This includes help with reading our guidance or applying for the grant.



We will decide the best way to help you.

When things will happen



We will have a meetings in July, August and September 2021 to decide who is getting the grants.



You will find out whether you are getting the grant within 7 days after those meetings.



Your project must be complete by Saturday, 14 May 2022.

For more information

If you want to find out more about the grants or you are not sure how to apply, you can come to one of our online meetings.



The meetings will be via Zoom, and will be on:

- Monday, 21 June 2021 from 4pm to 5pm



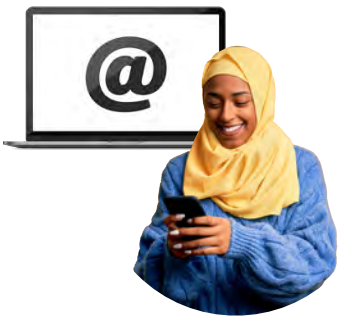
- Monday, 12 July 2021 from 5pm to 6pm



- Monday, 2 August from 6pm to 7pm.



You can book a place on the meetings by going to:
www.coventry2021.co.uk/funding



If you have any questions, please contact us by:

- email: **info@heartofenglandcf.co.uk**
- telephone: **024 7688 4434**



You can look at Coventry's Cultural Strategy here: **www.covculture.com**



You can read more information about accessibility in the arts on these websites:

- https://www.weshallnotberemoved.com/the-seven-principles/
- https://www.shapearts.org.uk/pages/news/category/resources
- http://www.attitudeiseverything.org.uk/resources
- https://weareunlimited.org.uk/links-and-resources-for-disabled-artists-and-freelancers-in-response-to-covid-19-includes-medical-guidance/