

Welcome to our GCF
“Let’s Talk”

Today we will be discussing the
Arts Council England Let’s Create Jubilee Fund

Agenda

- Introduction to GCF - GCF CEO, Talitha Nelson
- Overview of the ACE Let’s Create Jubilee Fund Criteria – Sarah Sharma, Grants Manager
- An opportunity for attendees to talk about any ideas and plans for jubilee celebrations (or other projects that could possible fit the criteria).
- Next steps – Sarah Sharma
- This meeting will be recorded, so please do turn off your video if you wish to.



GCF: Who are we

- We are part of a national network, one of 47 community Foundations across the UK who have delivered over 1 billion of grants. The total endowment across the network is £614 million.
- In 2020, collectively, community foundations delivered £98 million in grants.
- Our focus is supporting grassroots organisations that are the lifeblood of our community and the average grant size was £4,000.
- We are a membership organisation, governed by UKCF and we are assessed every 3 years. However, we remain an independent charity.
- We fund where others may not and we fund the hidden – or often “overlooked” issues
- In 2020, our grant-making increased fourfold, supporting over £1 million in grants (from an average of £300k in previous years) Whilst grantmaking decreased last year from the exceptional year in 2020, in 2021 we awarded over 200 grants totaling more than £750,000.

Community Foundations support the changing needs of communities



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About the Arts Council England Let's Create Jubilee Fund

Who are Arts Council England?

Arts Council England (ACE) is the national development agency for creativity and culture.

They have set out their strategic vision in Let's Create that by 2030 they want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high-quality cultural experiences.

They invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision.

This grant is funded both from National Lottery and Government funds.

What is the Let's Create Jubilee Fund



The fund aims to fund a celebration of communities and community groups as well as a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The fund will award grants of between £750 and £10,000 towards new artistic or cultural projects that will culminate in an event, performance or exhibition in June to tie in with the Platinum Jubilee.

We have a total funding pot of approximately £45,000 for this programme



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What is the Let's Create Jubilee Fund



The Programme will support community-events and artistic projects designed to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

Arts Council England definition of arts include:

- Music
- Theatre
- Dance
- Visual arts
- Literature
- Combined arts – including festivals and carnivals
- Museum and library activities



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The activity might take place in a street, across a neighbourhood, a village or community hall, a park or some other local space. It could also happen online using digital technology.

The hope is for applicants to consider how to deliver a creative and cultural activity that their local communities will want to take part in and, if possible, find a partner who can help them build it.

Who can apply to the Let's Create Jubilee Fund



The fund is open to voluntary and community organisations with charitable aims which do not have to be solely based around arts and culture.

Ideally, the fund would like to encourage partnerships between community groups and Arts Council England-funded arts organisations.

ACE-funded organisations are not eligible to apply as main applicants but are encouraged to partner with community groups to develop projects.

We recognise that timelines are tight to develop new partnerships so this is only a requirement for grants of over £5,000.

We anticipate that the majority of grants awarded will be for less than £5,000 to enable funds to reach further.



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Who can apply to the Let's Create Jubilee Fund



Eligible applicants will:

- Be based in Gloucestershire
- Have a UK bank account in the exact name they're applying in
- Have a project leader who is at least 18 years old
- Have been established for at least 12 months

We can accept applications for funding from organisations working as a consortium, partnership, network or group. For non-constituted consortiums or groups, one organisation must act as the lead organisation and send us the application. If the application goes on to be successful, this organisation would then be accountable for the grant.



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Who can apply to the Let's Create Jubilee Fund



This fund will not offer funding to the following organisations:

- Non-constituted community or voluntary groups
- Statutory organisations (new confirmation received that schools and parish councils may apply but only for work that would not be covered by statutory funding)
- Arts Council England funded National Portfolio Organisations (NPOs) – NPOs can (and are encouraged to) act as partners but not main applicants
- Organisations that have been established less than 12 months
- Organisations that do not have a proven track record of service delivery
- Limited companies, sole traders or partnerships without charitable aims



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Project examples



- ❖ Local residents and artists creating and performing a community play inspired by and about the jubilee
- ❖ A neighbourhood inviting artists or a musician into their community space to perform
- ❖ A spoken word and poetry event
- ❖ A virtual reality video
- ❖ A carnival
- ❖ A photography exhibition celebrating local images from the past 70 years, chosen and presented by a professional curator and gallery technician
- ❖ An outdoor music performance with new music created by local young people
- ❖ A street party featuring food, music and art from the different cultures of local residents,
- ❖ Or something even more exciting and innovative, we encourage applicants to think as ambitiously as possible!



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Project examples



Timeline



4 January	Application portals open on Community Foundation websites
28 February	Application portals close and no further applications can be accepted
March	Decision-making panels
1 April	Deadline for successful projects to have been notified Earlier notifications under embargo until this date and should not be publicised (GCF plan to notify all applicants of a decision before this date)
April & May	Grant recipients work on developing their projects
June 2022	Public activity takes place as a culmination of the project



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Next steps:

Collaboration

We want to encourage and offer opportunities to collaborate.

Please do share your contact details in the chat box if you would like other organisations to be able to link up with you after the meeting

Funding

Please see our website for further details and guidelines relating to the programme <https://gloucestershirecf.org.uk/grant/arts-council-england-lets-create-platinum-jubilee-grant-programme/>

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Thankyou for your time



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