

Funding & Advice

Individual artists

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Public Funding

- Arts Council England, London
2 Pear Tree Court
London EC1R 0DS
T: 0845 3006200
W: www.artscouncil.org.uk

Contact the London regional office for London-based advice on Grants for the Arts, the main funding programme. Check the website for details of regional offices around the UK.

- Arts Council England
14 Great Peter Street
London
SW1P 3NQ
T: 0845 3006200
W: www.artscouncil.org.uk

This is the national development agency for the Arts in England and oversees the regional offices and the Grants for the Arts scheme. The Information Department produces a very helpful pack and recommended reading list.

Grants

- London Development Agency
The Information Department
Devon House
58-60 St Katharine's Way
London
E1W 1JX
T: 020 7680 2000
W: www.lda.gov.uk

The London Development Agency is the capital's economic development body, promoting economic renewal and development.

- Film Council
10 Little Portland Street
London W1W 7JG
T: 020 7861 7861
W: www.filmcouncil.org.uk

The UK Film Council is the Government-backed strategic agency for film in the UK. Its main aim is to stimulate a competitive, successful and vibrant UK film industry and culture, and to promote the widest possible enjoyment and understanding of cinema throughout the nations and regions of the UK. The UK FILM COUNCIL provides funding for film production and training.

- Film London
20 Euston Centre
Regent's Place
London
NW1 3JH
T: 020 7387 8787
E: info@filmlondon.org.uk
W: www.filmlondon.org.uk

Film London is the strategic agency for film and media in the Capital, set up under the auspices of the UK Film Council; the Mayor's office (including the GLA and LDA) and Skillset.

Film London is designed to act as a catalyst for national and international film-making in London, to engage the diverse communities throughout London in film and media (providing both educational and employment opportunities); to exploit the tourism potential of film and media in London and also to develop their cultural development in the Capital.

Film London's aims are to support film and media production, exhibition, education, economic and industrial development across the capital and to enhance London's status as a world class film location.

- LfVDA
114 Whitfield Street
London
W1P 5RW
Tel 020 7383 7755
Fax 020 7383 7745
www.lfvda.demon.co.uk
lfvda@lfvda.demon.co.uk

The London Film and Video Development Agency (LFVDA) is the production agency for the London region, combining its own funding resources with Carlton Television and FilmFour to create the London Production Fund. LFVDA run a number of funding schemes including the London Production Fund and London Artists Film & Video Awards, details of which can be found on their website.

- Youth Music
One America Street
London
SE1 0NE
T: 020 7902 1060
E: info@youthmusic.org.uk
W: www.youthmusic.org.uk

Youth Music has four funding programmes open for application. Grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 are available to non-profit making organisations to work with children and young people over a period of three to eighteen months. All organisations in receipt of Youth Music funding must include a trainee or peer-mentoring programmes

- Heritage Lottery Fund
London Team
7 Holbein Place
London
SW1W 8NR
T: 020 7591 6183
E: enquire@hlf.org.uk
W: www.hlf.org.uk

The Heritage Lottery Fund distributes money raised by the national Lottery to support all aspects of heritage in the UK, from historic buildings and museums to archives, nature conservation and oral history. They provide both capital grants (for buildings and equipment) and time-limited activity grants.

- The Prince's Trust
Head Office
18 Park Square East
London
NW1 4LH
Tel: 0800 842842
W: www.princes-trust.org.uk

The Prince's Trust accepts applications from those aged 18 – 30 who want to start their own business but have been turned down by lenders because of their age, credit record or unemployment. If you're eligible, you could get a low-interest loan, regular help from a business mentor and more.

- NESTA
Fishmongers' Chambers
110 Upper Thames Street
London EC4R 3TW
Tel: (0)20 7645 9538
W: www.nesta.org.uk

NESTA, the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts, believes that innovative people in the UK deserve investment and support. They were created to give individuals the time, space, money and support

to push at the boundaries of knowledge and practice. There are a series of award programmes run by NESTA; check their website for further details.

Local Government Funding

This encompasses county and district/borough councils, which will have a particular department providing assistance and advice for individual artists and students. Smaller bodies (ie parish and town councils) have limited resources - information regarding their funds should be available from local libraries.

- www.odpm.gov.uk – to find local authority contacts
- www.go-london.gov.uk – Government Office for London
- www.creativelondon.org.uk – working with creative industries in London

European & International Funding

- EUCLID
46-48 Mount Pleasant
Liverpool L3 5SD UK
T: 07000 382543
E: info@euclid.info
W www.euclid-uk.info

EUCLID is the official EC Cultural Contact Point in the UK for Culture 2000, which is an EU funding programme offering support for arts and cultural projects in the performing and visual arts, heritage and books/reading sectors. EUCLID provides support and assistance for potential applicants to this programme and guidance on other EU funding opportunities for the cultural sector. A range of free Information sheets containing both background and in-depth information and contacts are available from their website.

- The British Council
Arts Group
10 Spring Gardens
London
SW1A 2BN
Tel: 020 7839 3194
W: www.britishcouncil.org.uk
E: artweb@britishcouncil.org

The British Council promotes arts overseas. It does not organise or support events in the United Kingdom, except for a couple of showcases aimed at overseas promoters, and Connecting Futures initiatives. If you are a visual artist resident in the UK you may be able to receive help with the costs of transporting work to an exhibition in a gallery abroad through a competitive scheme; contact the art form specialists.

Applications for support of events coming to Britain from overseas should be made to Visiting Arts:

Visiting Arts
Bloomsbury House

74-77 Great Russell Street
London
WC1B 3DA
Tel: 020 7291 1600
E: information@visitingarts.org.uk

Umbrella organisations offering advice & support services

- Crafts Council
44a Pentonville Road
London
N1 9BY
T: 020 7278 7700
W: www.craftscouncil.org.uk

The Crafts Council promotes the contemporary crafts in Great Britain. It is an independent organisation funded by the Arts Council of England and provides services to craftspeople and the public. The Crafts Council's premises in London provide a craft gallery, reference library, resource centre and shop.

- British Film Institute (Bfi)
Belvedere Road
South Bank
London
SE1 8XT
Tel: 020 7255 1444
W: www.bfi.org.uk

The Bfi is responsible for the development and support of film, television and video production. The website gives further advice on UK funding and development bodies for the film, television and multimedia industries.

- The Director's Guild of Great Britain
15-19 Great Titchfield Street
London
W1P 7FB
W: www.dggb.org

The Guild represents directors in all media: film, television, theatre, radio, opera, commercials, corporate, multimedia and new technology. It is a trade union, offering help with contracts, a campaigning voice, policy to influence the future of the industry, and advice for members to meet and share their skills.

- Design Council
34 Bow Street
London WC2E 7DL
T: 020 7420 5200
W: www.designcouncil.org.uk

The Design Council's purpose is to 'inspire and enable the best use of design by the UK, in the world context, to improve prosperity and well-being.' It helps people and organisations in business, education, public services and government understand design and use it effectively as part of their strategy. The Design Council also increases awareness of design through events, publications and case studies.

- Poetry Society
22 Betterton Street
London
WC2H 9BX
T: 020 7420 9880
E: info@poetrysociety.org.uk
W: www.poetrysociety.org.uk

The Poetry Society can give advice and information to poets. They advise Poets in schools and the workplace, as well as organise a variety of events and competitions. They are funded by the Arts Council.

- The Reading Agency
PO Box 96
St. Albans
AL1 3WP
T: 0871 750 1200
E: info@readingagency.org.uk
W: www.readingagency.org.uk

The Reading Agency came into being in July 2002 as a UK wide development agency with its roots in the public library sector. The Reading Agency offers training and consultancy to support staff in key areas of professional development. Their training is aimed mainly at staff in public libraries, school libraries and school library services. But it can also be useful for literature and reader development workers, youth workers and other professionals involved in building partnerships with libraries.

- Royal Society of Arts
8 John Adam Street
London
WC2N 6EZ
T: 020 7930 5115
W: www.rsa.org.uk

The RSA is an independent, non-aligned, multi-disciplinary registered charity with over 22,000 Fellows. They encourage sustainable economic development and the release of human potential through a programme of projects and a national lecture programme consisting of over 100 events every year. A variety of projects are run and funded by the RSA; check the website for further details.

- Artquest
University of the Arts London
65 Davies Street
London W1K 5DA
T: 020 7514 2984

W: www.artquest.org.uk

Artquest's mission is to provide a comprehensive advice and information service to London's visual arts professionals at all stages of their careers. Funding information on the Artquest site covers a huge number of charities, companies, bursaries, residency funds, commissions and awards for general support, presentation and continued professional development. A free telephone and email advice line is available.

- Contemporary Art Society
Bloomsbury House
74-77 Great Russell Street
London WC1B 3DA
T: 020 7612 0730
E: cas@contempart.org.uk
W: www.contempart.org.uk

Contemporary Art Society promote the collecting of contemporary art through gifts to public museums and advice and guidance offered to companies and individuals.

- Museums, Libraries and Archives Council
16 Queen Anne's Gate
London SW1H 9AA
T: 020 7273 1444
E: info@mla.gov.uk
W: www.mla.gov.uk

The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) is the national development agency working for and on behalf of museums, libraries and archives and advising government on policy and priorities for the sector. MLA's roles are to provide strategic leadership, to act as a powerful advocate, to develop capacity and to promote innovation and change. MLA funds research, development and capacity building to support museums, archives and libraries.

- Museums Association
24 Calvin Street
London
E1 6NW
T: 020 7426 6970
W: www.museumsassociation.org
E: info@museumsassociation.org

Museums Association is a member based organisation; becoming a member gives you access to all the essential networks, events and information that the modern museum professional requires. It also provides a series of major workplace benefits to help you develop professionally.

- Theatre Managers' Association
32 Rose Street
London WC2E 9ET
T: 020 7557 6700
W: enquiries@soltma.co.uk

TMA is the pre-eminent UK wide organisation dedicated to providing a professional support network for the performing arts industry. TMA is a membership association providing services to subscribing members.

- Independent Theatre Council
W: www.itc-arts.org

Established in 1974, the Independent Theatre Council (ITC) has 500 members across the performing arts and runs a variety of training courses in all aspects of arts management.

- Dance UK
Battersea Arts Centre
Lavender Hill
London
SW11 5TN
T: 020 7228 4990
E: info@danceuk.org
W: www.danceuk.org

Dance UK works with and on behalf of dance. They provide information, publications, networks, forums for debate and conferences, and speak out for dance. They manage 3 programmes; Communication, Professional Development and the Healthier Dance Programme.

- Association of British Orchestras
20 Rupert Street
London
W1D 6DF
T: 020 7287 0333
E: info@abo.org.uk
W: www.abo.org.uk

The ABO exists to support, develop and advance the interests and activities of the orchestral profession in the UK. It is the national body representing the collective interests of professional orchestras throughout the UK. The key objectives of the Association of British Orchestras cover four areas of activity:

- Advocacy
- Communication
- Information
- Learning

- Association of Independent Musicians
Lamb House
Church Street
Chiswick
London W4 2PD
T: 020 8994 5599
E: info@musicindie.com
W: www.musicindie.org

The Association of Independent Music is a non-profit-making trade organisation for independent record companies and distributors in the UK.

Their job is to help their individual members' businesses, and support the needs of the independent sector. They do this through:

- Information & advice
- Seminars
- Mentoring
- Networking
- Legal and Business Affairs guidance
- Work Experience Scheme
- Commercial Negotiation
- Lobbying and Bargaining
- Opening Access to International Markets

- British Arts Festivals Association
BAFA
3rd Floor
The Library 77 Whitechapel High St
London E1 7QX
T: 020 7247 4667
E: info@artsfestivals.co.uk
W: www.artsfestivals.co.uk

BAFA is the meeting point of arts festivals in the UK, providing information and a professional network for the festivals movement. There are meetings and seminars, including the annual spring Festivals Conference, a series of professional development training courses and a special focus meeting each autumn. Festival Membership is open to all arts festivals in the UK, with subscriptions based on each festival's total budget.

- Cultural Industries Development Agency
Business Development Centre (BDC)
7-15 Greatorex Street
London E1 5NF
T: 020 7247 4710
E: info@cida.co.uk
W: <http://www.cida.co.uk/index.shtml>

CIDA is a creative and cultural industries support agency in East London. If you're a creative individual or are involved in a creative project and need help, CIDA can help with training and advice.

- Social Enterprise London
W: www.sel.org.uk

SEL works to promote an inclusive, robust and creative social enterprise community in the capital by making the right kind of expertise available to social enterprises and support organisations working on the ground. The overriding aim is to promote London as the country's most recognisable social enterprise community - the brand leader. SEL offers a modular programme of training for professionals keen to learn all about the social enterprise sector.

- Shape
LVS Resource Centre
356 Holloway Road
London
N7 6PA
T: 020 7619 6160
W: www.shapearts.org.uk

Shape celebrates Disability and Deaf Culture, providing a new dynamic forum for artistic, social and cultural change. Shape supports deaf and disabled artists to challenge society's perceptions, develop audiences and promote Deaf and Disability culture into the 21st century.

- EQ (previously known as Metier)
Suite E229, Dean Clough
Halifax
West Yorkshire
HX3 5AX
T: 01422 381 618
W: www.thinkeq.org.uk

EQ is a national equality and diversity agency working in the creative industries. A project that started during their time as National Training Organisation Metier, has led to the re-positioning of their organisation. This project was the £5 million partnership programme, Creative Renewal.

They now concentrate on three areas of work: *access, practice and networks*. These involve opening up the creative industries and helping people to get the best career advice, championing the business and social cases for equality and diversity and sharing intelligence and information.

Professional bodies

- Association of Arts Fundraisers
4 St Stephens Road
Cheltenham GL51 3AA
T: 01242 243 927
E: artsfundraisers@hotmail.com
W: www.artsfundraisers.org

The AAF is a national organisation that offers support, advice and information to anyone involved in raising money for the arts in the UK. This is a membership organisation that also organises meetings and seminars for its members.

- Arts Marketing Association
7a Clifton Court
Clifton Road
Cambridge CB1 7BN
T: 01223 578078
E: info@a-m-a.co.uk

W: www.a-m-a.co.uk

The AMA is the UK's professional development body for anyone involved in promoting the arts and cultural industries in the UK. They have an information line to help with marketing queries. The services offered to members include a mentoring scheme, an accredited certificate in arts marketing, publications (many available free to members), the website and a broad programme of events.

- Business in the Community
137 Shepherdess Walk
London N1 7RQ
T: 0870 600 2482
E: information@bitc.org.uk
W: www.bitc.org.uk

BITC's purpose is to inspire, challenge, engage and support business in continually improving its positive impact on society. Companies join Business in the Community because they recognise the value of integrating policy and practice and the internal dialogue this prompts. In addition, membership provides a platform for collaborative action and dialogue to identify and address key challenges facing business and society.

- Creative Partnerships
Arts Council England
14 Great Peter Street
London SW1P 3NQ
E: info@creative-partnerships.com
W: www.creative-partnerships.com

Creative Partnerships is a government-funded national initiative, established to develop schoolchildren's potential, ambition, creativity and imagination. It is not a funding body but aims to establish genuine collaborative partnerships to enable the development of projects that reflect the interests, specialisms and shared vision of those involved.

General Business support

- Business Link for London
Centre Point
103 New Oxford Street
London
WC1A 1DP
T: 0845 600 0787
W: www.businesslink4london.com

Business Link delivers services and provides support to artists contemplating starting up in business. Their advisers provide practical, impartial advice on every aspect of running a business, from cash flow and IT, to staff development and finding new customers.

Further reading and information sources:

There are a number of other websites which you may find useful such as:

www.funderfinder.org.uk

The Arts & Business Resource Centre is a unique and valuable working centre for students, academics, artists, arts managers and development managers.

It has an extensive collection of books, journals, annual reports, videos and CD-ROMs covering:

- Arts in the workplace
- Business investment, sponsorship
- Corporate Art
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Fundraising, individual giving
- Management of arts organisations
- Marketing
- Professional development
- Trusts and foundations

If you would like to book an appointment to visit the centre please contact the Research, Evaluation and Information Team on 020 7378 8143.