

## New Routes Funding Programme

### Information for Applicants

Articulate is working in partnership with Creative Scotland to distribute grants from their Nurturing Talent Fund. The grants are for young people aged 11 - 25 with experience of care who want to **learn, develop and explore creative skills**.

You can apply for a **grant of up to £750** to develop creative skills you already have or try something completely new! You can also get matched with a **creative mentor** who can support and guide you along the way.

We welcome applications from anyone, regardless of experience, and can **help you with your application**. If you have any questions or would like some help, contact us on [abbiewallace@articulatehub.com](mailto:abbiewallace@articulatehub.com)

### How do I apply?

We want to encourage as many people as possible to apply and not put barriers in your way. We have a flexible approach to receiving applications and will provide support and advice if you need it. You can:

- Fill in an application form online.
- Send us a video/voice recording of you answering the questions from the application form.
- Arrange to meet us to talk through your ideas.

### What can I spend the money on?

We can support applications for **all art forms** including music, creative writing, jewellery making, drama, fashion, dance, filmmaking, visual art, podcasting, street art, crafts, DJ-ing, design, song writing...or anything else you are interested in!

You can use the funding to:

- Try something new that you have never done before.
- Improve and develop skills that you already have.
- Attend live performances, gigs or screenings.
- Buy equipment, materials and resources for your creative activity.
- Pay for classes, attend a course or get 1:1 tuition.
- Make a project happen which explores your creative interests.
- Organise a performance, screening, exhibition (virtual or in a space) to showcase your work.

If you have an idea and are not sure if it would be eligible for the funding, please get in touch and we can discuss it with you.

## How much money should I apply for?

The maximum amount of money we can award to each applicant is £750. There is no minimum amount.

Each idea or project is different so think carefully about all the costs involved in making yours happen and apply for the right amount for you.

If you need help researching the cost of things let us know and we can help you prepare your budget.

## What makes a good application?

Let your enthusiasm and passion for your creative interest shine through. If you are excited about your idea, we will be excited about it too!

Try to give us as much information about what you want to do so we can understand your ideas and aspirations. Tell us why getting the funding is important to you, and what difference it will make to you now and in the future.

Well thought out ideas not only help us to assess your application properly, but will also help you make it happen if you are awarded the funding.

## What happens after I apply?

After the deadline all the applications we have received will be compiled for our panel to review. The panel is made up of young people with experience of care and a member of staff from Articulate Cultural Trust.

The panel have previously received funding to develop their own creative ideas so understand how it feels to go through an application process and receive an award.

They have also been trained by other young people who are experienced at being on a panel, so they know how to look for good ideas, assess applications and prepare feedback.

## If your application is successful...

We will contact you by email and arrange to call or meet you to agree the next steps. We will chat to you about creative mentors and discuss how they can support you. We will provide some useful information to help you get started with your idea/project.

We may also signpost you towards other opportunities to get involved in creative projects that will develop your skills.

## If I am awarded a grant, how do I get the money?

We can help you spend the money awarded in the following ways:

- Transfer the funds to your bank account, or that of a nominated adult.
- Provide you with a pre-paid debit card to use.
- Pay directly for materials, classes, tickets, etc.

If required, we can help you manage the money you have been awarded.

## Can I apply for the funding if I am age 26+?

This particular fund is for people aged 11 – 25. However, if you are age 26+ and are interested in learning new creative skills, developing ones you already have, or getting matched with a creative mentor please get in touch with us as we may be able to direct you to other opportunities.

## Where does the funding come from?

The money for the New Routes fund comes from [Creative Scotland's Nurturing Talent Fund](#) which aims to support youth arts and ensure creative opportunities for a diverse range of children and young people living in Scotland.

## I need some help with my application – what should I do?

If you need any support or advice for preparing your application, please get in touch with us. We are happy to chat through ideas, help you design your project or support you to work out the costs involved.

Contact us on [abbiewallace@articulatehub.com](mailto:abbiewallace@articulatehub.com) to arrange a chat or meeting.

