CONNECTING PEOPLE & PLACE FUND

Do you have an exciting creative idea you want to make a reality?

Foundation for FutureLondon is launching a new one-off grant scheme, Connecting People & Place Fund, to support local East London partners to deliver arts, education and employment programming and creative placemaking, thanks to funding from City of London.

Grants of up to £5,000 will be awarded to enable individuals and organisations across 4 Olympic Host boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest to deliver arts and cultural activities. This could be a scaling-out of existing cultural activity idea or the development of a new project or partnership.

The grants aim to connect East London communities with East Bank, impact social change and create the conditions to enable a greater level of collaboration between both local organisations and our East Bank and Culture Mile partner organisations.

Connecting People & Place Themes: projects must address at least one of the 4 Themes

- **Collaboration** Does the project expand engagement between local cultural/ and our East Bank partners? Is it audience-led or seeking to develop models of co-design?
- **Innovation** Does the project pilot new ways of working, make use of digital technology and/or new cross disciplinary innovation?
- **Participation** Does the project provide impactful opportunities to learn (e.g. mentorships, creative learning) and develop engagement across local audiences?
- **Sustainability** Does the project deliver sustainable place-based activity that supports community resilience and a diverse mix of existing activity? Will the project create social, economic and environmental value to the local area?

Connecting People & Place Priorities: projects will also address at least 2 of our key priorities.

- **Diverse, Inclusive and Accessible**
  Diverse, inclusive and accessible cultural activities that provide shared creative experiences and support people’s aspirations e.g. young people, intergenerational projects and/or hard to reach groups

- **Creative Place Based and Place Making**
  Creative place programming demonstrating local relevance, civic engagement, public spaces and opportunities via arts and culture for people from different generations and/or backgrounds to come together
How do I apply?
Proposals to the scheme will be accepted anytime from December 2019 until March 2020. The final deadline for applications is 31 March 2020. Applicants can expect a decision within 6 to 8 weeks upon application. To apply, submit a proposal (2 pages max), budget, supporting documents (5MBs max) and a signed Grant Monitoring Form. Proposals can be emailed to info@future.london with the subject heading "Connecting People & Places Proposal <Insert Name, Project Name>". We recommend that you read the Guidance Notes before applying. If you have further questions or require this information in a more accessible format, please contact us on info@future.london.

Download the forms you'll need
Guidance Notes (PDF) | Guidance Notes (Word)
Grant Monitoring Form (PDF) | Grant Monitoring Form (Word)

For more information, please visit our website:
futurelondonfoundation.org/connecting-people-place-fund

Who is this funding aimed at?
Individuals and small/mid-sized organisations working across arts and culture in one of the 4 Olympic Host boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest. Individuals can apply for up to £3,000, while organisations can apply for up to £5,000.
What else should I know?
Projects should ideally start by Spring 2020 and be completed within 12 months.

The fund will support arts, cultural and innovation projects and activities including events, performances, workshops, exhibitions, craft and making activities, heritage projects, talks, walks, installations, festivals, carnivals, urban design of inclusive places, screenings and participatory projects, digital archiving, social history, R&D, partnership development, programme innovation, extra-curricular initiatives in schools, and public realm/placemaking.

Activity will take place across a range of spaces from libraries and schools to community centres and arts spaces to ensure our grants reach a wider community audience e.g. Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME), disabled, learning disabled people, unemployed/low waged, people without qualifications, people in lower socioeconomic groups, homeless, Gypsies and Travellers, LGBTQI+, children and young people, older people, and people with mental health issues or long-term health issues.

About Foundation for FutureLondon
Foundation for FutureLondon is an independent charity created to connect communities, the new East Bank and its globally renowned arts, innovation and cultural partners to ensure East Bank is London’s must-visit destination and becomes a resilient, thriving, world-class neighbourhood of local and global significance.

We're fundraising to expand grant-making opportunities for East Bank communities and partners and facilitating creative placemaking, to support local places, learning, training and employment through arts, education, culture and innovation. Our vision is for a vibrant and inclusive creative East Bank, creating authentic engagement and collaboration with local people of East London in the boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest.

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