

# Explore Fund

All about a fund for children and young people



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# About the Explore Fund



The **Explore Fund** is for schools in Wales with children aged between 3 to 16 years old. We call these learners.



It is to help learners to try out or have a go at different types of art.



The Explore Fund gives grants up to £3000 pounds.



It could be for use in school or out of school.

## The fund covers:



- Art



- Dance



- Drama



- Film



- Digital media

- Music



These are also called expressive arts.

# Who can apply



The Fund is for schools with learners aged 3 to 16 years.



The schools must be state schools.



Or pupil referral units. These are another type of school.



We cannot support young people in further education. For example, in college.



The applications can come from:

- A state run school.
- A pupil referral unit.
- An arts or cultural organisation based in Wales.



The Fund can be used alongside some other funds. For example, the Go and See project.



Arts organisations can apply for the Explore Fund alongside other grants.

# What can I apply for?



The Explore Fund can be used for learners to try out different types of art, also called the expressive arts.



It will be delivered by an arts organisation, or a **creative practitioner**. This means someone who practices the arts as their job.



The activity may take place on 1 day or a number of days.

# What costs can the fund cover

The fund may cover costs like:



- Fees of arts organisations or creative practitioners.



- Travel costs.



- Cost of materials up to £500.



- Hiring equipment.

## Some of the costs we cannot cover:



- Activities that have already started.



- Music tuition.



- Overnight stays.



- Activity outside of Wales.



- Food and drink.



If you need funding for going to performances and events, please look at our **Go and See fund** instead: [creativelearning.arts.wales/funding/get-started/creative-learning/go-and-see](https://creativelearning.arts.wales/funding/get-started/creative-learning/go-and-see)



We cannot give you the whole amount of funding you need. We can give most of it though, up to 90% of what you need. Up to £3000.



The rest of the money may come from cash from a parent or the schools funds. You will need to tell us in the application.

# The questions you will need to answer

The application form will ask questions like:



- The total cost of the activity.



- What the costs are for.
- What the activity is, and who is delivering it.



- Where the activity is taking place.



- How you will get there.

- Age of the learners.



- How the activity will help learners to try out the different types of art, also called **expressive arts**.

# How can I apply?



You can apply for the funding by going to our online portal here: [portal.arts.wales](http://portal.arts.wales)



You will need to register on our portal first.



You should register at least 5 days before starting your application.

# Help

If you need help to apply please contact:



**Email:** [grants@arts.wales](mailto:grants@arts.wales)



**Phone:** 029 2044 1300  
or 03301 242733 (helpline).  
Local call rate is charged.

## What is the deadline for applying?



There is no deadline.



You should hear back from us within 4 weeks of applying for the funding.



Please apply about 5 weeks before your activity is due to start.



If you have questions about the Explore Fund please email us at: [creative.learning@arts.wales](mailto:creative.learning@arts.wales)



You can find out more about expressive arts here: [hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/expressive-arts](http://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/expressive-arts)