



Young Empowerment Fund 2022 – Guidance Notes

This document is to help you understand what we are looking for in your application for the Young Empowerment Fund. Please use this to help you along with our FAQs.

1. Young Empowerment Fund

a) What is the Young Empowerment Fund?

The Young Empowerment Fund invites you to use your creativity to deliver a project based on your imaginative ideas. Projects can cover any art form – all we ask is that you use your creative voice when formulating your idea!

Each young person can apply for up to £500 to develop their project. Alongside funding, each successful applicant will have access to the following support as part of the online programme:

- 5 x 1 hour of 1-2-1 support with an individual Creative Coach
- 1 x 1 hour Welcome and Grant Briefing Session
- 5 x 1.5 hour Hybrid Project Management Webinars & Discussion Sessions

The programme of online sessions will run from June 2022 to December 2022. Up to 25 bursaries for young people are available!

b) What are we looking for in a project?

We are offering bursaries for young people who are based in the East Midlands and aged between 16 – 25 to plan and deliver a creative project.

We are looking for creative projects that can do any of the following:

- Develops your skills.
- Allows for creative collaboration.
- Helps start a creative enterprise.
- That supports your personal and creative development.
- That develops and shares your creative voice

Project activity **must** be delivered between **July 2022 and December 2022**.

Projects can take shape in any art form – we have a broad definition of what this can mean and look forward to seeing how you interpret the word ‘creative’!

c) Bursaries and Timeline

Each young person can apply for £500.

All activity will need to aim to be completed by **1st December 2022**. You may have plans to continue your project further independently after the end of the programme, which is something we encourage.

2. Criteria (this is what we will be using to assess your application)



To apply for a Young Empowerment Fund, you must fit the following criteria:

- You are young person between the age of 16 and 25
- You live in the East Midlands. This includes the following locations:
 - Leicester/Leicestershire
 - Nottingham/Nottinghamshire
 - Derby/Derbyshire
 - Lincolnshire
 - Northamptonshire
 - Rutland
- You are creative, motivated, and committed to seeing through the development and delivery of your project.
- You use your creativity as a driving force behind the ideas and reasoning of your project.
- Your application should demonstrate the following:
 - How your project helps you develop a broad range of skills.
 - How your project helps your personal development.
 - How your project helps you gain experience of working with others.
 - How you think it will make a difference to people involved in the project (yourself, collaborators, businesses, audiences).

3. Top tips for your application!

Here are some top tips for writing a good application:

- **Be yourself.** We want to hear about you and your unique ideas.
- **Take your time.** This way, you can double check your details and ensure you spot any spelling and grammar errors.
- **Use these Guidance Notes and FAQs** to help you.
- **Keep it relevant.** Whilst we would love to hear about all your experience and interests, we will be reading a lot of applications, so it is important that you keep to the maximum number of words for each question.
- **Save a copy to work on.** Copy over the questions from the online form to a document that you can work on so that you can save progress. When you are ready, you can copy and paste your answers in the online form to submit.

- **Get support.** If you need some help, ask someone you trust to proof-read it for you. Or if you want to find out about other ways of applying, please contact artsalliances@themightycreatives.com

4. Key dates for your diary

Activity	Details	Date
Applications Open	This is when the application form will be live on our website. You can start to complete and send it from this date, preferably using the online form but a Word Document or recorded response can be sent.	Saturday 26th March 2022
Application Deadline	This is when you need to get your completed application to us. If you do not meet this deadline, we will not be able to consider you for the fund. You will need to fill out the online form and press submit before the deadline. We advise that you don't leave this until the last minute, but with time to spare. If you are struggling to apply via the online form, please get in touch.	Wednesday 27th April 2022 9am
Panel	This is where a panel of The Mighty Creatives' Team and young people will be reading your applications and decide who to award the funds to using our criteria. We will contact you all to let you know if you have been successful or not via email the following week.	11th May 2022
Programme of Online Support	This is when those who have been successful in their application to the programme will have access to online group sessions and 1-2-1s.	June – December 2022
Project Delivery	This is where those who have received the funds will be working on their project.	July – December 2022



5. What to do next?



Submit completed applications by 9am on 27th April 2022.

Please contact us for alternatives ways of applying if you are having problems using the online web form.

If you have any questions that are not included in the FAQs and have not been answered via the Video Briefing, please email Hanna Hamdache at artsalliances@themightycreatives.com.

Good luck and we look forward to reading your applications!