

# Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Grants Announcement  
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## UK Grants - April to June 2022

Paul Hamlyn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers in the UK. We use our resources to support social change, working towards a just and equitable society in which everyone, especially young people, can realise their full potential and enjoy fulfilling and creative lives.

The 31 grants described here have been awarded between April and June 2022 and total over £4.08 million.

Details of all grants are available in our [grants database](#).

## Investing in Young People

We support organisations at different stages of development to improve, consolidate and spread practices that empower young people to shape their lives and lead change.

### Youth Fund

Our Youth Fund provides core funding to organisations whose main purpose is working with and for young people (aged 14-25) who face complex transitions to adulthood.

#### Children England

**Grant amount:** £150,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** East of England, East Midlands, London, North East, North West, South East, South West, West Midlands, Yorkshire and the Humber

**Project:** Building the Youth-led Movement for a ChildFair State

**Description:** Children England is an independent, membership organisation for the children, young people and families voluntary sector. They work to improve the context for England's children by harnessing the expertise of their network, via policy and campaigning. This grant will support the next phase of the youth-led 'ChildFair State' movement. This work aims to re-design the welfare state, with children and young people's needs at its heart. Children England will widen the network of young people engaged in the movement, pilot ideas identified in the first phase of the programme, and deliver an accompanying campaign.

#### Edge North East CIC

**Grant amount:** £90,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** North East

**Project:** Sustaining services for girls seeking freedom from county lines gangs

**Description:** Based in Newcastle, Edge North East specialises in supporting young people affected by serious youth violence, gangs and criminal exploitation, including County Lines. This grant will enable Edge North East to embed their women and girls project long term, continue their unique mentoring service and undertake an evaluation. Influencing work

drawing on lived experience of the impact of gangs, grooming and exploitation on young women, will advocate for a better systemic response.

### **ESTEEM**

**Grant amount:** £90,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** South East

**Project:** ESTEEM - Next Level

**Description:** ESTEEM offers young adults aged 14-26 opportunities to develop confidence, build life-skills and improve wellbeing. This grant will fund core costs to support organisational strategy development and broaden ESTEEM's impact on social change. A dedicated fundraiser will allow the organisation to strategically integrate greater youth voice in the regional consortia (Changing Futures), build more sustainable income streams and strengthen partnership work with other youth organisations and sectors to deepen impact.

### **Grapevine Coventry and Warwickshire Ltd**

**Grant amount:** £150,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** West Midlands

**Project:** CYA: Coventry Youth Activists - scaling up the change

**Description:** Grapevine is a Coventry-based charity that supports people with learning disabilities and autism to gain more voice, choice and control over their lives. CYA is the autonomous youth-led social movement at the heart of Grapevine's transitions work. This grant will invest in the Community Organiser roles, which will support Grapevine to further develop their youth-led social action work and enhance its impact.

If you would like to find out more about this Fund please see [here](#).

## **Migration and Integration**

We want to support young people who migrate, and strengthen integration so that communities can live well together. Our funding seeks to help organisations to address exclusion, deepen connections and build 'shared ground' that can lead to a more socially equal society.

### **Shared Ground Fund**

The Shared Ground Fund supports organisations working to influence migration system reform, improve access to support services, strengthen civic participation and inform public understanding.

### **Action for Race Equality**

**Grant amount:** £400,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Windrush grants and organisational development programme

**Description:** Action for Race Equality (ARE) works to end race inequality for Black, Asian and mixed heritage communities. This grant provides funds for ARE to deliver a programme of rapid small grants to support grassroots organisations responding to immediate need, with a focus on keeping the issue visible in public, media and politics via cultural interventions and strengthening these civil society organisations in the Windrush space. An advisory committee, including lived experience leaders, will support the programme.

#### Central England Law Centre

**Grant amount:** £240,000

**Grant duration:** 48 months

**Location:** West Midlands

**Project:** Rights in the Community

**Description:** Central England Law Centre (CELC) provides free legal advice and representation in the areas of community care, discrimination, employment, family, housing, immigration and asylum, and more. This grant will support the delivery of CELC's Rights in the Community Strategy. This five-year strategy seeks to shift CELC's community outreach, public legal education, partnership-working and strategic policy-influencing towards a community-driven model.

#### Islington Law Centre

**Grant amount:** £240,000

**Grant duration:** 48 months

**Location:** London

**Project:** Support for Islington Law Centre's Immigration Unit

**Description:** Islington Law Centre (ILC) supports marginalised people, achieving positive outcomes for clients and securing policy and practice change through strategic legal and policy work. This grant will support collaborative, strategic work by Islington Law Centre's three migration focused teams: Migrant Law Project, Migrant and Refugee Children's Legal Unit and the Community Facing Immigration Team.

#### JUSTICE

**Grant amount:** £120,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** London

**Project:** Reforming Home Office immigration schemes – lessons learned from Windrush

**Description:** JUSTICE is a law reform and human rights organisation, carrying out research to generate and evaluate recommendations to reform the justice system. With this grant, JUSTICE will support the Home Office to implement the recommendations of its Windrush Compensation Scheme research and use the learnings of the Windrush scheme to influence

wider systematic change within the immigration system. The grant will also support JUSTICE to apply the lessons learned from the Windrush Report to other Home Office schemes that have similar issues, and subsequently their wider immigration casework.

### Revoke

**Grant amount:** £120,000

**Grant duration:** 48 months

**Location:** London

**Project:** Revoke's political partnerships programme

**Description:** Revoke is a grassroots organisation advocating for the rights and welfare of underserved young people, particularly refugees, asylum seekers, and those in the care system. This grant will enable Revoke to give a platform for young people to address how social issues such as housing, economics and the climate crisis affect displaced people. They will do this through a wide range of partnerships – connecting young people in the migration system to other social movements, training and mentorship.

If you would like to find out more about this Fund please see [here](#).

## Special Initiatives

### Europia

**Grant amount:** £50,000

**Grant duration:** 6 months

**Location:** North West

**Project:** Ukraine Community Support

**Description:** Europia is a community development organisation committed to supporting and empowering Eastern European nationals in Greater Manchester. This grant will support Europia to provide immigration advice and advocacy support for new arrivals from Ukraine. They will also provide financial aid through small emergency grants, and work with local authorities to better understand the needs of Ukrainian communities.

## Arts Access and Participation

We believe in the power of the arts as a force for change, and one that enriches people's lives and communities.

## Arts Access and Participation Fund

The Arts Access and Participation Fund addresses inequalities of opportunity to access and participate in the arts. We want to support change in the way the arts are created, presented, accessed and experienced.

**Beacon Films CIC**

**Grant amount:** £120,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Supporting disabled filmmakers in the North East

**Description:** Beacon Films is a production and training company of 43 disabled, autistic and neurodivergent film-makers based in Newcastle upon Tyne. This grant supports Beacon Films to test, grow and share practical ways to improve inclusion for disabled people in the creative screen industries.

**DIY Theatre Company**

**Grant amount:** £115,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** North West

**Project:** Gamechangers Emerging Participatory Artists programme

**Description:** DIY is a member-led Learning Disability theatre company based in Salford. They create accessible, thought-provoking theatre and creative projects where learning disabled performers, theatre-makers and arts leaders are valued as part of the cultural sector and society. This grant supports DIY to provide a three-year bespoke leadership training programme, creating more development opportunities and career pathways for emerging learning disabled artists. Through the programme DIY will address structural inequalities in the cultural sector, promote the value of lived experience leadership and challenge systemic ableism and limited perceptions of people with learning disabilities.

**Heads Together Productions Limited**

**Grant amount:** £180,000

**Grant duration:** 48 months

**Location:** North East, North West, Yorkshire and the Humber

**Project:** Heads Together - UNION

**Description:** Heads Together is a community arts organisation based in East Leeds that uses the arts to support communities to reach their potential. This grant provides core support to develop UNION: The Northern School for Creativity and Activism; and to create a community of learning across the north of England involving individuals and organisations who are at all stages of learning around the themes of creativity, activism and co-production.

**Oily Cart Company Ltd**

**Grant amount:** £126,000

**Grant duration:** 48 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Increasing theatre engagement for disabled children

**Description:** Oily Cart makes interactive theatre for groups that experience profound barriers to access and participation. This grant will support the organisation to increase

access to high-quality interactive theatre for disabled children who experience multiple barriers to the arts. A blended approach of live and 'at home' experiences will embed learnings from the period of lockdown, which opened up opportunities to those previously excluded. Oily Cart will increase under-represented audiences and engagement through creative, family workshops and working groups, designed to ignite a step-change in the disabled community's agency to participate in, influence and lead theatre.

#### PRS Foundation

**Grant amount:** £197,500

**Grant duration:** 48 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Power Up

**Description:** PRS Foundation funds new music across all genres, supporting artist and audience development across the UK. They enable songwriters and composers of all backgrounds to achieve their potential and reach global audiences. This grant supports Power Up - an ambitious, long-term initiative supporting Black music creators and industry professionals, which seeks to address anti-Black racism and racial disparities in the UK music sector.

#### Theatre Peckham

**Grant amount:** £120,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** London

**Project:** Developing new approaches to support young people

**Description:** Theatre Peckham is a Black-led performing arts academy providing education and access to the theatre and film industry for children and young people experiencing disadvantage who live in Southwark. This grant provides core support to strengthen their staff structure, and to enable the Artistic Director to test and develop new approaches, supporting more young people at the grassroots to magnify their talent and impact.

#### Unlimited

**Grant amount:** £280,000

**Grant duration:** 48 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Supporting the development of an Artist Support Manager

**Description:** Unlimited is an arts commissioning body that supports, funds and promotes new work by disabled artists for UK and international audiences. This grant supports Unlimited to maintain and develop the role of Artist Support Manager to deliver improved support to disabled artists and share best practice with the sector. This will include providing peer-to-peer artist sessions, supporting organisations to design and deliver accessible commissioning processes and redesigning evaluation processes.

If you would like to find out more about this Fund please see [here](#).

## Education and Learning through the Arts

The arts play an important role in enriching young people's learning and educational experiences.

### Arts-based Learning Fund

The Arts-based Learning Fund supports work which enables pupils in formal education settings, particularly those experiencing systemic inequality or disadvantage, to thrive through engagement with high quality, arts-based learning.

#### Bruiser Theatre Company

**Grant amount:** £68,000

**Grant duration:** 12 months

**Location:** Northern Ireland

**Project:** Vital Connect - bold physical theatre for schools

**Description:** Based in Northern Ireland, Bruiser Theatre Company is a physical theatre company that nurtures new professionals and reaches out to communities. This project will explore and test a blended approach to supporting drama education in Northern Irish secondary schools. This grant supports Bruiser Theatre Company to deliver a consistent free provision of workshops, teacher continuing professional development and mentorship to embed skills throughout the programme.

#### Derby QUAD Ltd

**Grant amount:** £192,500

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** East Midlands

**Project:** QUAD's School in Residence Programme

**Description:** QUAD is an international centre for engagement in contemporary art and film based in Derby. Following a successful pilot of the School in Residence programme from 2018-2020, this grant supports QUAD to develop and expand their school partnerships. The organisation matches their team of artist-practitioners to the needs of individual schools, delivering creative workshops in filmmaking, photography, digital art, dance, spoken word, sculpture and painting.

#### HMDT Music

**Grant amount:** £250,000

**Grant duration:** 40 months

**Location:** East of England, East Midlands, London, North West, South East, South West, West Midlands

**Project:** The E Project: empower, enrich, equalise, expand, embed, engage, evaluate



**Description:** HMDT Music support schools in London, Luton, Lancashire and Stoke-on-Trent to embed arts-based practice into the curriculum, with a focus on improving diversity, equity and inclusion. This grant supports HMDT Music to develop teacher continuing professional development, teaching resources and training and mentoring for new arts educators.

#### **Lakes International Comic Art Festival**

**Grant amount:** £102,000

**Grant duration:** 24 months

**Location:** North West

**Project:** Comic Potential: comics supporting learning outcomes in the classroom.

**Description:** The Lakes International Comic Art Festival (LICAF) celebrates the wide diversity of comics through an annual event and runs a year-round programme addressing social issues through the unique properties of comics. This grant supports LICAF to work with a small group of primary schools and specialist SEND settings in Barrow-in-Furness and North Yorkshire to explore how comics can positively affect children's enjoyment of and motivation to read, and support their wider literacy development. The project will also work with teachers to support them to integrate comics into teaching and learning across curriculum areas.

#### **Polka Children's Theatre**

**Grant amount:** £52,000

**Grant duration:** 17 months

**Location:** London

**Project:** Write Here Write Now literacy project

**Description:** The Polka Children's Theatre presents visiting shows for 0–12-year-olds alongside creative learning programmes, providing participation opportunities for schools and the community. This grant supports their Write Here Write Now project for Year 3 children in the London Borough of Merton, whose teachers identify that they are not reaching their full potential in literacy and may have low confidence. Drama practitioners from Polka Children's Theatre work alongside teachers to establish the needs of each group, and deliver bespoke programmes using drama and play-based learning to support creative writing and confidence-building.

#### **The Tenebrae Choir**

**Grant amount:** £105,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** London

**Project:** Singing Schools

**Description:** Tenebrae is a vocal ensemble that performs internationally and delivers a growing education and outreach programme. Building on pilot work with a primary school partner in the borough of Ealing, this grant supports Tenebrae to develop a singing

programme in four local primary schools, engaging with each school for three years. This initiative aims to build a sustainable culture of singing to support learning in music and across other curriculum areas.

If you would like to find out more about this Fund please see [here](#).

## Covid-19 Emergency Funding

These grants provide core support to aid organisations in dealing with the challenges posed by Covid-19.

### Outburst Arts

**Grant amount:** £90,000

**Grant duration:** 12 months

**Location:** Northern Ireland

**Project:** Covid-19 Response Funding

**Description:** Outburst Arts is dedicated to exploring and celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender stories and experiences through the arts in Northern Ireland. This grant provides core support to aid the organisation in dealing with the challenges posed by Covid-19.

## Other grants

### Development Fund

#### Alleyne &

**Grant amount:** £20,000

**Grant duration:** 12 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Recruitment of a Project Manager and sector development

**Description:** Alleyne & is a team of associates brought together and headed up by Suzanne Alleyne who support organisations and people to create more equitable spaces. This grant will support the recruitment of a Project Manager to deliver funded sector work and provide an innovative approach to organisational development. This includes access support for critical talks on power and delivery of online distribution, developing the workshop 'Sustainable Brilliance' and supporting the Alleyne & brand to increase profile and impact.

#### Reach Volunteering

**Grant amount:** £20,000

**Grant duration:** 9 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Embedding equity through volunteering

**Description:**

Reach Volunteering is the leading skills-based volunteering charity and the UK's single biggest source of trustees for the voluntary sector. This grant will support Reach to work with grassroots and micro organisations, design and implement equality, diversity and inclusion monitoring for organisations which use the service and evaluate impact and explore emerging needs. It will also support trialling culture change work, based on centring volunteers' intrinsic values and developing narratives which foreground values like solidarity, care, agency and purpose.

**Evidence and Learning Fund**

**Asylos**

**Grant amount:** £12,000

**Grant duration:** 12 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Lived experience consultancy

**Description:** Asylos is a charity that works to deliver the just protection of law to vulnerable people fleeing persecution. This grant will support Asylos to work with an experienced consultant to address questions around the organisational definition of "lived experience", monitor the state of lived experience representation, the rationale for furthering lived experience engagement, accountability, mechanisms for increased representation and support to people with lived experience within Asylos.

**Black South West Network**

**Grant amount:** £40,000

**Grant duration:** 18 months

**Location:** South West

**Project:** Evaluation of an approach to racial justice work

**Description:** Black South West Network (BSWN) works to build strong Black, Asian, and minority ethnic communities, businesses and organisations that are empowered to flourish while challenging systemic barriers in order to address racial inequality. This grant supports evaluation of their model for racial justice work, giving BSWN the space to reflect, refine the framework and evaluate their impact.

**Refugee Action**

**Grant amount:** £10,000

**Grant duration:** 3 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Legal advice mapping of provision and demand for immigration advice

**Description:** Refugee Action protects refugees' right to live in safety and dignity through the

provision of advice, practical support and advocacy. This grant provides follow-on funding to support the dissemination of Refugee Action's national legal advice mapping report which provides research into the provision of, and demand for, legal immigration advice.

## Strategic Interventions Fund

### The Centre for Youth Impact

**Grant amount:** £150,000

**Grant duration:** 36 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Infrastructure support for quality evaluation in the youth sector

**Description:** The Centre for Youth Impact is a community of organisations that work together to progress thinking and practice around impact measurement in youth work and services for young people. This grant provides core funding to the Centre for Youth Impact to support quality evaluation in the youth sector over the next three years in order to build a shared evidence base for the impact of provision, alongside re-balancing evaluation efforts towards continuous quality improvement.

## Voice, Influence and Partnerships

### Positive Money

**Grant amount:** £20,000

**Grant duration:** 10 months

**Location:** UK Wide

**Project:** Positive Money narrative and mobilising work

**Description:** Positive Money is a not-for-profit research and campaigning organisation who lead on money and banking reform. Their vision is for a money and banking system that serves a fair, democratic and sustainable economy. They carry out grass-roots campaigns, undertake research, lobbying and advocacy work and lead an international reform movement. This grant will increase Positive Money's capacity for narrative-shaping work on key systemic money and banking issues, and for mobilising the public to apply pressure on decision-makers at key opportunities. It will also fund reactive work challenging damaging narratives in the media, and part fund a new senior digital campaigner.