

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Grants Announcement
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The logo for the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, consisting of the lowercase letters 'phf' in a white serif font, set against a dark blue square background.

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 40 grants described here have been awarded between July and September 2023 and total over £6 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.

Babbasa

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: South West

Project: Tackling inequality in employment opportunities for minoritised young people in Bristol

Description: Babbasa is a Bristol based social enterprise that empowers minoritised young people by providing support, opportunities and guidance to help develop skills, confidence, employability and aspirations. Focused on education, career, personal development and entrepreneurship, Babbasa bridges the gap between school and work. This grant will support the organisation to work with partners in Bristol to address the underlying causes of unequal access to opportunities for minoritised young people as part of the OurCity2030 strategic vision.

Clan Childlaw Ltd

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Scotland

Project: Enhancing the service delivery model

Description: Clan Childlaw is a law centre for children and young people in Scotland that provides free legal representation, outreach services, training and policy work. This grant supports Clan's leadership to focus on enhancing their service delivery model by creating specialist legal teams (care transitions, siblings' rights, conflict with the law), diversifying their income away from grants, and investing in internal infrastructure. The organisation will also invest in embedding youth participation in their influencing and policy work and sharing their expertise across the UK to create a legal specialism of being a 'children's lawyer'.

Rising Stars Support CIC

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: London

Project: Core Support: Hear Our Voice Program

Description: Rising Stars Support provide holistic support to marginalised young people in London, helping them work towards living healthy lifestyles and achieving fulfilling careers in adulthood. They deliver a variety of activities focused on increasing youth voice and insight. This grant provides core support for Rising Stars Support to influence local decision making, ensuring the insights and experiences of young people are front and centre.

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation (CBF)

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Supporting transitions to adult services

Description: The Challenging Behaviour Foundation (CBF) works to ensure people with severe learning disabilities whose behaviours challenge, and those who care for and support them, have their needs met. This grant will contribute to CBF's work to support young people with severe learning disabilities between the ages of 14 and 25 who are transitioning from child to adult services across their information and support, strategic influencing, and sharing best practice activities.

Who Cares? Scotland

Grant amount: £150,000.00

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Five Nations, One Voice

Description: Who Cares? Scotland supports care experienced people to have their voice heard. The Five Nations, One Voice Alliance is a partnership between charities working to promote the rights, strengthen the voice and improve outcomes for care experienced children and young people at a national level across the UK and the island of Ireland. Partners include Who Cares? Scotland (Scotland), Become (England), Voices of Care Cymru (Wales), Voice of Young People in Care (Northern Ireland), and Empower People in Care (Republic of Ireland). This grant will support the Alliance to strengthen their partnership to create more opportunities for shared learning, identify opportunities to collectively influence policy and public attitudes, and to facilitate exchanges between care experienced children and young people.

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

Youth Fund – Follow on Fund

Bytes Project

Grant amount: £100,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: Northern Ireland

Project: Voices for Impact

Description: The Bytes Project works with vulnerable young people in Northern Ireland, using youth work and technology to help transform their lives. This grant will support Bytes to upgrade its Positive Sparks platform—an innovative digital listening platform designed to give young people a tangible voice within communities and society. They will also invest in promoting the platform to young people across Northern Ireland and supporting them to add data.

ECPAT UK (Every Child Protected Against Trafficking)

Grant amount: £100,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: London

Project: #CareForEveryChild

Description: Every Child Protected Against Trafficking (ECPAT UK) is a leading children's rights organisation working to protect children from trafficking and transnational exploitation. We support children everywhere to uphold their rights and to live a life free from abuse and exploitation. This grant will help them to strengthen and design their policy and advocacy work by placing youth participation at the centre, and support them to influence improvements to the rights and protection of victims of trafficking.

GirlDreamer

Grant amount: £100,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: England, Wales

Project: GirlDreamer - Grassroots to Systemic

Description: GirlDreamer educates, elevates and empowers marginalised young women of colour to become agents of change in their local communities. This grant will support the next phase of development work at GirlDreamer, putting in motion an important shift of power, influence and representation to evolve from a lived experience grassroots organisation to one with the potential and ability to influence systemic and institutional change for young women of colour.

MYTIME Young Carers

Grant amount: £100,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: England

Project: MYTIME's Level Up Programme

Description: MYTIME supports young carers aged 5 to 18 and provides weekend breaks at their Retreat in Dorset, a Memory Making Programme and Schools Support Programme to improve educational attainment and affect a more equitable transition to adulthood. This grant will support the continuation and growth of their Level Up Programme. Through this programme, MYTIME work with schools to create supportive and inclusive educational environments where young carers can thrive.

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.

Bail for Immigration Detainees

Grant amount: £30,026

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: England, Scotland, Wales

Project: To develop a campaign strategy to end automatic deportation

Description: Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID) provides legal advice and representation in bail matters to people detained under immigration powers. This grant will support their revocation project, which aims to secure justice for those unjustly exiled from the UK while shifting the narrative around deportation. Funding will enable BID to develop a communications strategy which will complement the work they are doing with individual clients to revoke their deportation orders and ultimately enable them to build an evidenced based campaign for fundamental reform of the deportation system, which will be created and led by those directly affected by deportation.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

Grant amount: £83,500

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: England, Wales

Project: Detention Visiting, Listening, Sharing: Step Change

Description: Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG) supports people during and after immigration detention through practical and emotional support by volunteer visitors and advocacy by the staff team. This grant will allow GDWG to build on its 'Walking Inquiry' model and will enable them to collect evidence for their policy advocacy and influencing work towards ending detention. This work will include an exhibition, local walks and events, led by their Self-Advocacy Group of people with lived experience of immigration detention.

Here for Good

Grant amount: £365,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Strategically challenging an immigration system

Description: Here for Good is a strategic legal charity that aims to plug the gaps in advice provision where there is no legal aid available, such as the EU Settlement Scheme and the Ukraine visa schemes. This grant will support Here for Good to gather case studies, conduct research, and share expertise, allowing them to advocate for change and influence Home Office engagement through their legal work and strategic litigation.

Meliore Foundation

Grant amount: £150,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: The Migration Project

Description: The Meliore Foundation works with global philanthropic funding partners to support programmes which educate and encourage fact-based discourse at community, societal, commercial and policy-making levels. This grant will support their focus on migration, allowing them to establish new narratives around migrants and support UK migrant justice campaigners with strategic communications. It will also fund strategic communications support for the newly formed Investor Working Group on Migration, Climate Adaptation and Finance.

Migrants' Rights Network

Grant amount: £180,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Building intersectional alliances for transformational change to our immigration system

Description: The Migrants' Rights Network (MRN) works alongside migrants in their fight for rights and justice. This grant will support MRN's core work, including supporting the development of cross-sector alliances and campaigns across social justice issues, strengthening their analysis on intersecting forms of oppression and the migrant experience. They will facilitate events, workshops and cross-sector meetings and engage with media to support change in the language and narrative around migration.

PIRC

Grant amount: £10,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: UK wide

Project: Cost of living increase

Description: Public Interest Research Centre (PIRC) supports movements for social, racial, economic and climate justice in order to map, develop and strengthen compelling narratives that transform policy, systems and culture. This grant will provide PIRC additional funds to cover increased staff and project costs resulting from the increased cost-of-living.

Reprieve

Grant amount: £280,000

Grant duration: 48 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Syria Detention Project

Description: Reprieve is a legal action non-governmental organisation defending marginalised people who are facing human rights abuses. This grant will support their work to secure the repatriation of British nationals detained in North East Syria, and their resettlement and reintegration in the UK. Once repatriated, Reprieve will support ex-detainees to re-build their lives by facilitating access to services and empowering them to tell their stories and advocate for systemic change.

The CAE

Grant amount: £265,200

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Wales

Project: Ending workplace exploitation of refugees in Wales

Description: The CAE tackles problems of inequality faced by migrants, breaking down barriers for them, and supporting them to become economically active, thrive and contribute fully to society. This grant will support the CAE to promote the rights of migrants and protect their dignity through working with partners to raise awareness of workplace exploitation, develop routes of reporting incidences to the relevant authorities and empower migrants to know and understand their rights at work. They will provide wellbeing services to help migrants build a sense of belonging and self-worth, and give free legal advice.

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

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.

Brighton People's Theatre

Grant amount: £215,000

Grant duration: 46 months

Location: South East

Project: Core Support

Description: Brighton People's Theatre brings people in Brighton together from a wide range of backgrounds to co-create high-quality new shows. Through conversations, workshops and performances, they create change in and across the system. This grant will provide core support for Brighton People's Theatre to deliver on their 2023-2026 business plan embedding a cyclical annual methodology that centres the community's voices and supports them in making decisions about the kind of work they want to develop and participate in. Over the three-year programme of activity members will determine and explore themes, receive training in theatre skills and be supported by artists to develop new shows.

Glasgow Women's Library

Grant amount: £272,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Scotland

Project: Implementing a community collecting approach

Description: Glasgow Women's Library (GWL) is the only Accredited Museum in the UK celebrating women's lives, histories and achievements with a library, archive and innovative events and learning programme. This grant supports GWL's project to develop their commissioning and selection processes, the creation of innovative equalities focused frameworks for collecting and curating and the organisation of training for systematically excluded groups to learn about public collections.

Heart n Soul

Grant amount: £240,000

Grant duration: 48 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Core Support

Description: Heart n Soul provides opportunities for people with learning disabilities to discover, develop and share their creative talents and power. This grant will provide core costs to underpin Heart n Soul's model of working, deepen and extend their influence as experts in co-production, and amplify their role in leading systems change.

Manchester Art Gallery

Grant amount: £400,000

Grant duration: 48 months

Location: North West

Project: Platt Hall redevelopment second phase

Description: Manchester Art Gallery is an inclusive cultural space for the people of Manchester and the wider world, opening minds to the essential role of creativity in the making of a healthy

society and contributing to social change. This grant will allow the team at Manchester Art Gallery to continue with their ambitious transformation of Platt Hall from a subsidiary building of their main gallery site into community resource for local neighbourhoods, exploring participatory decision making, interrogating collections policy and practice and broadening the Gallery's understanding of its civic role.

New Earth Theatre

Grant amount: £221,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Building BESEA Creative Communities

Description: New Earth Theatre presents and develops work with British East and South East Asian (BESEA) artists. They produce new touring plays and readings, nurture BESEA talent and bring artists to museums and schools. This grant will enable New Earth Theatre to build BESEA Creative Communities in four regions through their programmes of practitioner development and regional venue partnerships.

Primary

Grant amount: £240,000

Grant duration: 48 months

Location: East Midlands

Project: Primary studios redevelopment and core support

Description: Primary is an artist-led visual arts organisation providing affordable work space and studios for artists, community engagement projects and a public programme of exhibitions and events. This grant provides core funding to help Primary maximise their potential, collaboration and build on opportunities for Primary studio's creative community through their newly redeveloped site.

Urban Development Music (UD)

Grant amount: £200,000

Grant duration: 48 months

Location: England

Project: UD Music - Core Funding

Description: UD is a music organisation bringing communities together around Black music and Black music culture. This grant provides core funding for UD's ambition to create a new National Youth Music Organisation for Black music, anchored in the London Borough of Newham with national profile and reach.

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.

BLINK Dance Theatre Community Interest Company

Grant amount: £114,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: East Midlands, London, North West, South East

Project: NURTURE: National neurodiverse-led education programme in SEND settings

Description: BLINK are a group of four neurodiverse artists who produce accessible multi-sensory participatory projects in diverse education and community settings. They also offer employment and training opportunities that support the needs of individual artists to reach their potential. This grant would enable BLINK to grow their neurodiverse- and disabled-led education programmes in SEND schools in England, working with school staff to develop pedagogy, and training artist practitioners, amongst whom are learning disabled artists.

Bow Arts

Grant amount: £268,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: London

Project: Bow Arts: Equitable arts-based learning for children and young people

Description: Bow Arts creates opportunities to work, learn and enjoy affordable, lifelong access to the visual arts. This grant will support the Bow Arts Learning team to continue to build their core learning programme, bringing accessible arts learning to London schools and professionalising the work that a representative range of Artist Practitioners do in school settings, delivering in-school projects and teacher development programmes.

Creative Briefs

Grant amount: £100,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: Yorkshire and the Humber

Project: Creative Thinking in Your Classroom

Description: Creative Briefs work with young people with special educational needs to build and develop creative skills. This grant will support their work with Year 5 pupils in three Hull primary schools. Working collaboratively with teachers, they plan to develop their inclusive arts and design-based approach to engage and support the learning of dyslexic children in a whole-class setting.

Electric Medway

Grant amount: £82,000

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: South East

Project: Digital Arts and Immersive Technology Programme in Medway Secondary Schools

Description: Electric Medway's goal is to foster a sense of community in Chatham and the wider Medway area, giving locals access to digital technology, art and a vehicle to share stories. This grant enables Electric Medway CIC to test the use of digital art and immersive storytelling to support pupil engagement in art, history and geography in non-selective schools in Medway, Kent.

Grimm & Co

Grant amount: £196,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: Yorkshire and the Humber

Project: A Call to Create

Description: Grimm & Co are a literacy charity that champions the writer in every child. They build confidence, self-esteem and skills in both workshops for schools and in out of school and holiday clubs. This grant will support Grimm & Co to work with 17 primary schools in Rotherham and Sheffield, further developing and embedding their high-quality drama-based storytelling and creative writing practice. Grimm & Co will work responsively and collaboratively with schools to meet needs and priorities and develop teachers' Literacy teaching practice and curriculum approaches.

S.M.I.L.E-ing Boys

Grant amount: £280,000

Grant duration: 48 months

Location: London

Project: S.M.I.L.E-ing Boys Project Scaling

Description: S.M.I.L.E-ing Boys project is a research-led arts and wellbeing organisation working with Black and Global Majority boys in London. The project was created as a direct response to the rise in youth violence, working directly with schools using photography, poetry, creative writing and film to empower participants to explore themes around race, identity, masculinity and mental health. This grant supports the organisation to sustainably scale up their offer to meet the increased demand for the programme in 20 more boroughs of London. They will also work to co-design the S.M.I.L.E-ing girls programme in readiness for a pilot in 2024.

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

Teacher Development Fund

Derby Theatre

Grant amount: £165,000

Grant duration: 24 months

Location: East Midlands

Project: Speaking Out

Description: Derby Theatre is a producing house that combines their professional programme with undergraduate and postgraduate courses, as well as an emerging talent programme aimed at developing the next generation of artists. Their community engagement programme reaches out across the Derbyshire region including people of all ages and from all backgrounds in the work of the theatre. Through this grant, teachers, support staff and senior leadership teams from six Derby primary schools will partner with artists from Derby Theatre to learn and embed drama-based and creative approaches to enable students to develop language skills as well as building confidence and interpersonal skills.

Other grants

Development Fund

Future Foundations UK (FFUK) - Hosted by Ten Years Time

Grant amount: £20,000

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: England

Project: Future Foundations UK

Description: Future Foundations UK is a community of People of Colour working in philanthropy in the UK. This grant will support FFUK to grow and develop their membership offer through delivering wellbeing and networking activities, reviewing their strategy and goals in close collaboration with members, and further develop the network, including longer-term fundraising.

Hajar Press

Grant amount: £20,000

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Core Support

Description: Hajar Press is an independent anti-racist publishing house. This grant provides core funding to enable them to achieve their aim to open a space for writers of colour to create experimental work, and to build political community through subscriptions, events and partnerships.

ShareAction

Grant amount: £7,000

Grant duration: 1 month

Location: London

Project: Supporting Professor Oliver Hart's Lecture on Fiduciary Duty

Description: ShareAction exists to make investment a force for good. Their vision is of an investment system that truly serves savers and communities, and protects our environment for the long term. This grant will allow ShareAction to host a guest lecture from Professor Sir Oliver Hart, Nobel Laureate for Economics, on the social responsibilities of financial institutions in the modern economy.

Social Justice Collective Ltd

Grant amount: £20,000

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Equality, Disability and Inclusion Practitioner Circle

Description: Social Justice Collective (SJC) are a women and non-binary people of colour collective of organisational change professionals, bringing together their values, expertise, and experiences to build social justice. This grant will fund SJS to pilot an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Practitioner Circle to build and accelerate sector-wide capacity for EDI and social justice. This will be achieved by providing a programme of learning, expert support, resource, action learning, and collective strategizing for people doing EDI work across civil society.

The Social Change Agency

Grant amount: £10,000

Grant duration: 4 months

Location: England

Project: Payment for involvement for People with Lived Experience

Description: The Social Change Agency works to support people and organisations focused on social impact. Through the Social Change Nest, they help new grassroots movements grow by providing essential start-up support to unconstituted and people-powered networks. This grant will support them to examine possibilities for better outcomes for people on benefits around

payment for involvement. It will also allow them to build out a community of practice and improve the action of payment for involvement going forward.

Evidence and Learning Fund

New Constellations - Hosting the Decelerator

Grant amount: £30,000

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Designing a civil society decelerator - infrastructure for better endings

Description: The Decelerator will support civil society organisations to design closures, mergers, CEO transitions, programming ends, and all sorts of endings as part of the everyday life of organisations. New Constellations is hosting this work in its initial testing phase. The intention is to show funders and partners how better endings can make a world of difference.

Strategic Interventions Fund

Civic Square

Grant amount: £625,000

Grant duration: 36 months

Location: West Midlands

Project: Civic Square 2.0

Description: Civic Square is a Birmingham based organisation with a bold approach to visioning, building and investing in civic infrastructure for neighbourhoods of the future. They build on Impact Hub Birmingham and deliver programmes to reimagine the Public Square, host a Neighbourhood Economics Lab and nurture a creative and participatory ecosystem. This grant provides core support for Civic Square's second phase of development.

Voice, Influence and Partnerships

Enact Equality Ltd

Grant amount: £15,000

Grant duration: 12 months

Location: UK Wide

Project: Policy advocacy, strategic influencing and national campaigns for racial justice

Description: Enact Equality are a non-profit organisation working to advance racial justice and equality in the UK. This grant supports their work fostering race equality and anti-racist education, increasing and enhancing arts access and participation, improving migration policy and supporting Windrush communities, and empowering young people, especially those who are marginalised, or whose voices are often erased or ignored.

Public Interest News Foundation

Grant amount: £50,000

Grant duration: 18 months

Location: Northern Ireland

Project: Economically and socially sustainable media in Northern Ireland

Description: Public Interest News Foundation (PINF) works in partnership with colleagues in the UK and around the world to understand the unique contribution that independent news providers make to society. They use this research to design and deliver programmes that build

the capacity of independent news providers and improve public understanding of their work. This grant supports a new model of local media that speaks to, for and with communities across Northern Ireland. Building on a pilot project in Newry, PINF will work with local communities to shape and support their vision for local media that is both economically and socially sustainable.