

TOGETHER AGAIN FUND GUIDELINES 2020 / 2021

Bringing communities together through the arts

PURPOSE – WHAT WE WANT TO SUPPORT

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” Helen Keller

Together Again is a new, dynamic season of cultural events and activities that will take place across Dumfries and Galloway from June 2021 to March 2022. It aims to stimulate creative activity for a positive impact on the wellbeing of people and communities. This will be achieved by supporting the production and delivery of new creative events/activities, or sharing existing creative work, through (but not limited to) concerts, workshops, performances, exhibitions, film screenings and literary readings.

Combined, all supported activities will become bigger than the sum of their individual parts and collectively will be recognised and promoted as the Together Again Season. Other activities not in receipt of Together Again funding will also be encouraged to badge themselves as being part of the Together Again Season by using its bespoke logo.

Together Again acknowledges the vital role that creativity and culture plays in our lives, how it connects people, contributes to the region’s economic recovery, and promotes community cohesion and individual wellbeing.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

All funded projects will be asked to deliver at least one of the following social outcomes:

1. Combat loneliness and contribute to wellbeing and happiness
2. Events and volunteers skills – pre and post event evaluation
3. The inter-generational value of events
4. Festivals and events create an affinity with local communities
5. Attendance at events inspires behaviour change e.g. deciding to volunteer for a project, or take up a creative activity
6. The common sense proposal – fund recipients identify social impacts their project makes

WHO CAN APPLY & VALUE OF AWARDS

A total of **£27,000** is available.

DGU is seeking applications from creative practitioners and cultural organisations from all artform specialisms based in Dumfries and Galloway. We also welcome applications from non-cultural sector organisations that have a track record of including high quality creative activities / events within their wider work.

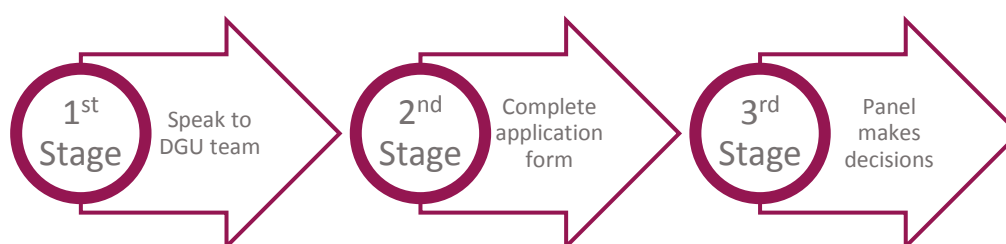
- **Creative practitioners** can apply for **up to £750** for the creation of new work. Practitioners who wish to share existing work with new audiences can also apply. You must be able to evidence how it will be publicly shared, for example provide email confirmation from the organiser delivering the event, festival, concert, community gathering, or series of workshops.
- **Cultural and non-cultural organisations** can apply for **up to £3,000 or 70% of project costs**, whichever is the lesser amount. Please note: a minimum of 75% of the requested amount must be

allocated for creative practitioner's commission fees for the creation of new work or their costs for sharing existing work to new audiences. Commissions can contribute to your existing programming plans or for a stand-a-lone Together Again Season event.

Please note:

- All awards must be fully spent by 31 March 2022.
- If you apply to the Together Again Fund you cannot apply to the [Community Events Fund](#) for the same project
- Successful applicants must follow the current Scottish Government guidelines on social distancing at the time for project development and delivery.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND KEY DATES



1st Stage

- Read these guidelines.
- **Contact the DGU team (comms.dgu@gmail.com) to arrange a time to chat about your proposal.**
- If you are eligible and your proposal meets the fund's purpose we will email you an application form.

2nd Stage

- Completed application forms should be submitted by **5PM, Monday 10th May 2021**

3rd Stage

- Awards panel will meet the week beginning **Monday 24th May 2021**
- Award decisions will be communicated on or before **Monday 31st May 2021**

A second deadline date will be set if all funds aren't allocated

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