

Nurturing Talent Fund: New Routes

Are you a young person with a disability and a passion for the arts?

Who are we?

Children in Scotland is a Scottish charity working to improve children's lives. We believe it is important to listen to children and young people about issues that affect them. We work to make sure that children's voices are heard by people who make decisions.

What is the Nurturing Talent Fund: New Routes project?

This is a brand-new project to support disabled children and young people and those with additional support needs to access creative opportunities. We're looking for children and young people aged 11-25 to join our project. If you have a disability or additional support need and you are passionate about children and young people's access to the arts we'd love you to join our panel.

The panel will work with us to create a new fund for young people with a disability or additional support needs so they can get financial support to do creative projects. The panel will help us design the application process and make decisions about who receives funding.

Why is it important to hear your voices?

We believe the arts (things like drawing and painting, making music, creative writing and acting) are for everyone. Creative activities like this are great fun and they can help people express themselves. But we know that there can often be barriers to young people getting involved in arts projects and activities.

We want to hear your thoughts and ideas, and together we can design a fund to make it easier for more children and young people to get involved in the arts.

How will I take part?

We will be running 4-5 online workshops between May and September, each lasting between 1-2 hours.

We'll work as a team to come up with an application process, launch it across Scotland and then choose which projects to fund. We'll fit the online sessions around any school, college or work commitments people have. We can also provide support if you need help to take part.

You don't have any experience with any of this sort of thing. Passion matters more than experience and we'll be here to help you at every step of the way.

What if I want to stop taking part?

This is a voluntary project and it's okay if you want to stop being involved at any point. However, if there is something you think we could do differently then let us know.

Who will I be working with?



My name is Dana and I will be working with you on the project.

I love learning about the experiences of different young people.

I love art, though don't ask me to draw anything!



Hello, I'm David.

I think art and creativity are so important in helping children, young people and adults to be healthy and happy.

I'm really looking forward to working on this project!

What do I need to do if I want to take part?

All you need to do is return the consent form and answer these four questions by **Friday 23 April 2021**.

1. Why do you want to get involved?
2. Why is art and creativity important to you?
3. Why is it important that all children and young people have the chance take part in arts activities?
4. What is your favourite art piece and why? This can be a piece of music, a play, a painting, a movie or anything!

You can send us your answers however you wish (written, video, pictures). Whatever you decide, keep them short and snappy!

Please send your answers to beheard@childreninscotland.org.uk

If you want more information about the project, please get in touch with Dana (dvreeswijk@childreninscotland.org.uk)

Thank you!