

Living Communities Participation Fund

Culture Perth and Kinross is delighted to announce the launch of a new fund for schools in Perth and Kinross, generously supported by the Gannochy Trust. The Living Communities Participation Fund will be open for applications in the 2016/17 academic year.

Background

Culture Perth and Kinross is a new, dynamic Trust which officially came into being on 1 April 2016, taking responsibility for the delivery and development of museum and library services in Perth & Kinross. The purpose of Culture Perth and Kinross is to advance the visual and applied arts, heritage and culture within the Perth and Kinross region. It will administer and support the Living Communities Participation Fund. The Living Communities Participation Fund is a key legacy of the Living Communities project which ran from 2011-2015. It was the largest cultural participation project delivered to date in Perth & Kinross, and one of the largest in Scotland. It was pupil driven, meaning that the Living Communities team worked with children and young people to develop projects based on topics which they decided, and from which they developed work in a wide range of media. The LCP Fund will enable schools to continue to deliver projects in the Living Communities model.

The Fund

The LCP Fund is available to primary and secondary schools in Perth and Kinross to support projects exploring their local heritage.

You can apply for up to £1200, or up to £5000 if working in partnership with another school, and the money can be used to:

- Employ artists and creative practitioners (from any discipline, including emerging disciplines such as digital art) to deliver future projects in schools based on the Living Communities model.
- Help with venue and other project costs which enable sharing and celebration of project outcomes (exhibitions, shows, talks, printed materials etc.).
- Assist with transport or other costs to enable pupil participation in heritage learning opportunities.

Projects can be delivered over more than one academic year. Schools may make only one application per year and preference will be given to applications which can demonstrate they support one or more of the following criteria:

- Benefits for marginalised or vulnerable children and young people and/or addresses inequalities
- Intergeneration projects
- An exploration of local heritage and culture at the heart of the project
- Strengthened school/community partnerships

Heritage Learning Officer Rebecca Berger will mentor schools through the process of applying for the fund and delivering the projects.

Deadline for Applications

Applications will be available in three rounds in 2016/17 with deadlines on **16 Sept, 9 Dec and 24 Feb.**

To register initial interest email Rebecca McClune at RBerger@CulturePK.org.uk. Application forms can be downloaded online at www.culturepk.org.uk.