

Youth Arts Open Fund Awards

Organisation/Artist	Local authority	Art Form	Awarded Amount	Description
Touch of Love Outreach	Aberdeen City	Multi-art form	£7,910	This project introduces young people from Minority Ethnic Groups to dance, music. and various art forms as a means to explore creativity and cultural heritage. The project aims to increase self-confidence and encourage self-expression.
Other Ways to Care	Aberdeenshire	Music	£13,650	Music workshops for autistic young people. The workshops will be co-designed with the young people with the aim of fostering creativity, communication, empowerment and self-expression through music.
Digital Maker	Aberdeenshire	Digital	£14,451	Providing care-experienced young people aged 11-16 with interactive technology skills. Participants will create self-directed sculptures using electronics kits and components. The project aims to empower participants with digital skills while fostering creativity and self-expression.
Templar Arts and Leisure Centre Trust	Argyll and Bute	Multi-art form	£12,990	Art workshops addressing gaps in artistic provision for children and young people. The project focuses on fostering 3D creative skills, printing techniques, outdoor workshops, and sound recording, aiming to engage children who face barriers to artistic opportunities.
Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust	Argyll and Bute	Multi-art form	£15,000	"Odyssey" is an innovative project aimed at enriching the lives of disadvantaged young people through visual art, design, dance, theatre and performance. The project will enable young artists to gain valuable skills whilst increasing confidence and wellbeing.

Barnardo's	North/South Ayrshire	Multi-art form	£15,000	After-school, holiday and community based creative opportunities culminating in a summer showcase. The project aims to foster creativity and wellbeing and to address mental health issues and social isolation.
WHALE Arts	City of Edinburgh	Visual Arts	£14,959	The SmARTies Art Club offers young people aged 6-12 a space for creative expression, skill-building, and communication. Offering various visual arts activities and exhibitions, the project fosters confidence, fun, and community integration.
The BIG Project	City of Edinburgh	Theatre	£8,019	This drama programme provides young people with drama skills and life lessons through regular sessions, rehearsals, and performances. Participants gain confidence, communication skills, and positive relationships while exploring various drama techniques.
Scottish Youth Film Foundation	City of Edinburgh	Film	£15,000	This project engages care-experienced and at-risk young people in film-making workshops, providing them with skills and empowerment. Through sessions and hands-on film creation, participants gain technical expertise, communication skills, and expanded horizons.
City of Edinburgh Council	City of Edinburgh	Multi-art form	£14,535	An initiative to provide young people with opportunities to express themselves through various art forms. Local venues will host "Creative Hubs," allowing participants to collaboratively create digital and physical artwork, fostering connections to their personal situations and the community.
The Rock Trust	City of Edinburgh	Visual Arts	£14,956	Supports homeless young adults through art therapy, talking therapy, creative groups, and peer mentorship. This project proposes artist-led workshops and open studios using various sculptural materials and processes, providing creative opportunities and social connection.

The Young Women's Movement	National	Multi-art form	£15,000	Re-Imagining Scotland: Art as Activism. This project will engage young women and girls across Scotland in collaborative arts workshops exploring the connection between arts and activism, giving participants a platform to express their perspectives on re-imagining a fairer Scotland.
Media Education CIC	City of Edinburgh	Film	£14,970	A storytelling and filmmaking project for Ukrainian high school students in Edinburgh that aims to promote understanding and combats bullying by providing a safe creative space for exploring themes while building skills, self-esteem, and camaraderie.
Deaf Action	City of Edinburgh	Multi-art form	£14,639	A youth arts program as part of the Edinburgh Deaf Festival 2024. The project fosters pride, understanding, and appreciation of deaf community assets, enriching lives and promoting inclusivity.
Snap Elastic Ltd	City of Edinburgh	Multi-art form	£16,150	Multidisciplinary sessions in ASN schools. Workshops emphasize voice, sound, costume, movement, and sensory exploration, enabling young people to express themselves and co-create through artistic collaboration.
Spartans Community Football Academy	City of Edinburgh	Multi-art form	£12,916	Funding for a youth-oriented art teacher to lead creative exploration at Spartans Alternative School, empowering students through art.
Canongate Youth	City of Edinburgh	Multi-art form	£13,743	This award funds creative opportunities for young people including art, podcasting, and photography. The program offers young people-led activities, fostering creativity, well-being, and a sense of community.

Starcatchers Productions Ltd	City of Edinburgh	Multi-art form	£15,000	The Baby Studio, an artist-led play space, aims to offer young children a creative haven. Open to children aged 0-5, the space encourages joyful experiences through music, dance, visual arts, and storytelling, promoting creativity in a community with economic challenges.
Axé Boom Boom	City of Edinburgh	Multi-art form	£13,998	A weekly after-school project which will engage young people through capoeira and djembe drumming. The project aims to enhance their health and wellbeing by supporting learning about activity and health.
All or Nothing Aerial Dance Theatre	City of Edinburgh	Other	£15,000	This project, to increase and widen access to aerial arts in 3 different communities, will deliver taster workshops, introducing the art form, giving an opportunity to experience aerial arts.
Lyra	City of Edinburgh	Multi-art form	£14,963	"Lovebomb" provides drama, movement, music, and visual art activities for young people in Greater Craigmillar. Participants will explore different expressions of love and joy through art. The project empowers participants to set the agenda, fostering appreciation, self-expression, and community engagement.
Ochil Youths community Improvement	Clackmannanshire	Theatre	£14,027	A participatory drama youth theatre project designed to build confidence, communication skills, and combat social isolation.
The Stove Network	Dumfries and Galloway	Multi-art form	£11,510	Brings young people into the heart of the region's Wild Goose Festival (WGF). Participants of each session will contribute to a co-created artwork and showcase event, realised through the Stoves award winning practice in community embedded processes and facilitative art practice.

Dundee Rep and Scottish Dance Theatre Ltd	Dundee City	Multi-art form	£14,148	Three-month creative residency in Claypotts Primary School. This project will integrate art, dance, drama, and creative expression into the curriculum benefiting both students and the community.
Yusuf Youth Initiative	Dundee City	Traditional Arts	£10,000	This project teaches and practices Henna/Mendhi, offering young girls from the BAME community in Dundee a creative outlet. Henna, a temporary tattoo art, connects participants with their cultural identity while promoting artistic expression and appreciation of tradition.
Glass Performance	Dundee City	Theatre	£14,944	A theatre project for young people in HMP & YOI Polmont. The project promotes collaboration, creative expression, and social inclusion. Young people have the opportunity to create and perform their own productions, enhancing their skills and well-being.
Ayrshire Film Company CIC	East Ayrshire	Film	£14,945	A 12-month media-based program, this project, supported by Kilmarnock Academy, Grange Academy, and SL33, offers opportunities for film-making, animation, podcasting, and enhancing media skills and personal development.
Kat Healy (freelance)	East Lothian	Traditional Arts	£7,720	"Exploring Land, Sea & Sky through the Seasons": a project designed to engage and support young people in the North Berwick Coastal ward through mixed media art workshops inspired by the local landscape. Participants will observe and reflect on the changing seasons and capture their observations through various media.

Cosgrove Care	East Renfrewshire	Multi-art form	£15,000	An art and drama club for young people with learning disabilities, autism, and additional needs. The club fosters self-expression, well-being, and personal development through art and drama activities. Participants create art pieces and collaborate on an exhibition and performance.
What Moves You CIC	Fife	Multi-art form	£14,610	A project to engage primary school children in creative after-school activities, including performances and exhibitions. Involving local artists and local resources, the project encourages creativity, skill development, and community engagement.
Priya Shrikumar (freelance)	Fife	Multi-art form	£8,000	This project aims to empower young people from traditional South Asian families to address identity, culture, and bullying through performance and film. Collaborating with artists, the project will create a culturally vibrant multi-art form piece, encouraging discussions around racial bias and bullying.
Fleur Darkin (freelance)	Fife	Dance	£8,000	A dance project for young people who are recently bereaved. The project is hosted and supported by three bereavement charities and offers participants fun, non-pressured ways to connect with each other to build ideas and stories together.
PEEK (Possibilities for Each and Every Kid)	Glasgow North East	Multi-art form	£15,000	A multi-tiered creative arts program for young people aged 5-18. Through theatre, visual arts, photography, and dance sessions, participants will develop skills, and express their unique perspectives. The project will culminate in a community arts festival, fostering intergenerational engagement.

Toonspeak Young People's Theatre	Glasgow North East	Multi-art form	£15,000	Young people, including young carers, will collaboratively create a one-hour pantomime production. This transformative experience fosters creativity, teamwork, self-confidence, and discipline. Participants contribute to scriptwriting, design, and performance, launching a potential career path while establishing an annual tradition.
YDance (Scottish Youth Dance)	Glasgow North East	Dance	£13,500	A holiday programme empowering young people (age 14-21) with disabilities and learning difficulties through multidisciplinary workshops. These workshops build creativity, skills, health, and wellbeing, fostering personal growth and friendships.
LGBT Youth Scotland	Glasgow North East	Multi-art form	£12,533	"The Drag Project" engages LGBTQ+ young people in various creative activities associated with Drag culture. With workshops in performance, hair & makeup, costume, dance, and singing, the project enhances self-confidence and self-expression. Sessions aim to inspire, empower, and provide a safe space for creative exploration.
SiMY Community Development	Glasgow North East	Multi-art form	£14,768	A workshop-based, learner-led residency centred around the practice of journaling. Journalling fosters creative autonomy and improved mental health in young people: an intimate, safe, and judgement-free space to record and explore their thoughts, emotions, and creative development.

Haver Quartet	Glasgow North East	Multi-art form	£7,782	The "Rhythm of the Rain" project brings interactive multi-art form workshops to additional support needs schools in Scotland. The project involves introducing a book to children, collecting their ideas and audio, composing a soundtrack, and conducting workshops incorporating music, visual art, storytelling, and sensory activities.
Intergenerational Mentoring Network	Glasgow North East	Multi-art form	£15,000	Three art projects designed to provide an inclusive space for young people and their families to socialize, and create art. Each program consists of art sessions that incorporate various media and techniques, promoting self-expression, confidence, and literacy engagement.
Halo Arts (Education) Ltd	Glasgow North West	Theatre	£9,690	Youth theatre project in Drumchapel providing three terms of workshops with the aim of nurturing confidence and self-expression as well as providing an alternative to risk behaviours.
SambaYaBamba	Glasgow North West	Multi-art form	£15,000	Offers vibrant Brazilian dance, brass, and drum lessons. Traditional rhythms and movements are taught, culminating in carnival street dances and performances.
The National Autistic Society	Glasgow North West	Multi-art form	£8,424	An Arts Group for autistic young people offering fortnightly group sessions at an art studio. Over 12 months, participants will develop artistic skills, social connections, and create individual art projects. An end-of-year exhibition will showcase their achievements.
The Pearce Institute	Glasgow South	Multi-art form	£14,440	A youth arts hub offering workshops in drama, dance, visual arts, music, photography and writing with the aim of healing social divisions

Hayley Earlam (freelance)	Glasgow South	Dance	£8,000	Overdrive Dance engages male-identifying young people with dance and creative movement, offering a safe space to explore their creativity and reduce the stigma of boys dancing.
Jhankar Beats	Glasgow South	Dance	£11,252	This project addresses under-representation by offering dance activities to young people from minority communities. The project uses traditional music and fusion styles to build self-esteem and confidence.
Govanhill Baths Community Trust	Glasgow South	Crafts	£1,298	A series of craft workshop for children to make bunting, masks and costumes for this year's Govanhill International Carnival and Parade and giving them a chance to get involved in this year's Carnival and see the role they too can play in community activism.
The Wee Retreat CIC	Glasgow South	Multi-art form	£12,859	A collaborative arts after-school club for young carers. The project aims to nurture creativity, mindfulness, and storytelling through performing arts, building skills, confidence, and community. A flexible approach accommodates their commitments while empowering young carers.
Spider Arts (SCIO)	Glasgow South	Multi-art form	£14,790	A multi-arts project supporting young people to develop their creative skills. Young participants gain confidence, skills, and work experience through volunteer opportunities.
Vanilla Ink Jewellery School CIC	Glasgow South	Crafts	£13,600	A 12-session skills development program for young people. Participants learn jewellery-making techniques, culminating in creating their own pieces. The program fosters achievement, creativity, and self-expression, instilling a sense of accomplishment.

High Life Highland	Highland	Multi-art form	£7,197	A Trash Fashion and Upcycling project. Young people will explore creative expression, upcycling, and craft making, fostering skills, confidence, and environmental awareness.
Connecting Young Carers	Highland	Multi-art form	£13,762	Supporting unpaid Young Carers through inclusive creative workshops. Collaborating with creative partners, workshops provide expressive outlets social opportunities and enhance Young Carers' access to artistic experiences.
Lyth Arts Centre	Highland	Multi-art form	£14,380	Engaging children and young people in inclusive creative projects. Themes of place, identity, and community are explored through expressive art. Collaborations with artists and local projects aim to promote self-esteem, confidence, and well-being.
High Life Highland	Highland	Visual Arts	£8,926	a Graffiti Art Project in Alness. Workshops focus on design and graffiti skills, boosting self-confidence and mental well-being. The project builds on previous successes and aims to empower young people through creative expression.
Cromarty Arts Trust	Highland	Multi-art form	£3,813	A youth-led mosaic art project. Young people collaborate with an artist to create a large-scale public artwork reflecting their values and aspirations. The project promotes creativity, self-expression, and skills development.
Eden Court Highlands	Highland	Dance	£12,800	"Expanding Horizons" addresses the lack of access to creative activities for disabled young people. Through dance, movement, and drama, the project offers inclusive activities, promoting well-being, confidence, and creativity.

Julia McGhee (freelance)	Highland	Multi-art form	£4,914	Local young people collaborate with artist Julia McGhee to explore their local environment through underwater video, photography, and soundscape design. The project encourages self-expression, community engagement, and creativity, resulting in multimedia creations that celebrate Ullapool's natural surroundings.
Magic Torch Comics CIC	Inverclyde	Literature	£14,500	Supports young people to create inclusive and accessible publications. Using storytelling, illustration, and other sensory experiences, they develop comic anthologies and folktales that are accessible to individuals with print disabilities or sensory challenges.
Cutting Edge Theatre	Midlothian	Theatre	£15,000	This project offers drama sessions to disabled young people in Edinburgh/Midlothian promoting equal access to the performing arts
The Loft Youth Project	Moray	Other	£9,162	This project uses graffiti as a means for young people to express their ideas about mental health and well-being, fostering open conversations about mental health and boosting self-confidence.
M:ADE	Moray	Digital	£13,728	Multi-arts activities to engage young people referred by the Moray Council Justice Team. The project, involves film making, video editing and music production promoting skills acquisition, personal growth, and meaningful engagement.
Ron Jappy (freelance)	Moray	Music	£7,869	Traditional music project engaging young people through workshops and Gaelic song. The project focuses on building connections with the local community, imparting traditional music, history, and culture while fostering personal development.

Elgin Youth Development Group	Moray	Multi-art form	£14,340	A project to support young people, ages 11 to 18, from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds through a variety of artistic mediums. The project will comprise four blocks of 12 workshops in subjects that could include theatre, music, digital art, and visual art.
Getting Better Together Ltd	North Lanarkshire	Multi-art form	£8,295	Using graffiti art as a means to engage and support young males in deprived areas. Through expressive arts sessions, including graffiti lessons and skateboard workshops, the project aims to improve mental health, reduce anti-social behaviour, and enhance community contribution
Pier Arts Centre	Orkney Islands	Visual Arts	£14,994	A series of outreach projects that take creative activity across the small, but widespread island communities and engage with children and young people, who, through a number of barriers have less opportunities and access to high-quality arts provision
Soulisquoy Printmakers	Orkney Islands	Visual Arts	£15,000	This project offers printmaking experiences to children, families, and local young artists. 'Peedie Printers' portable workshops expand access to creative opportunities, while young associates lead experimental printed textiles projects, fostering creativity and nurturing artistic growth.
Esolperth	Perth and Kinross	Traditional Arts	£4,800	This initiative supports young Ukranian refugees to explore their emotions related to migration and adapting to a new country, helping them communicate and cope through art.

Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise (KYTHE)	Perth and Kinross	Traditional Arts	£9,000	Weekly art drop-ins, workshops, and woodwork projects for young people. Focusing on ceramics, painting, and photography, the project provides opportunities for personal and professional development, emphasizing engagement, creativity, and skill-building.
Waterbaby Arts SCIO	Renfrewshire	Dance	£9,180	The award funds additional hours for a freelance disability dance practitioner. Apprentices, young people who transitioned from participants to teachers, will assist. Workshops span three locations and cater to different age groups, focusing on dance and creativity, enhancing skills, and enriching lives.
Oor Space Youthy	Scottish Borders	Multi-art form	£14,947	The "Mare Than Gid Fir Nowt" project, developed with input from young people, offers creative workshops using upcycled bike parts. The project aims to bridge generational gaps, empower young people, and develop meaningful relationships while encouraging artistic expression.
Cheviot Youth	Scottish Borders	Multi-art form	£12,694	A multi-art program for young people with limited access to art experiences. Using film, animation, sculpture, painting, and drawing, the project aims to boost confidence, well-being, and social skills.
Interest Link Borders	Scottish Borders	Theatre	£11,209	A theatre project for young people with learning disabilities. Involves three drama productions: a radio play, a summer performance, and a pantomime. Participants will lead the creative process, exploring themes like friendship and summer experiences.

Jane Cockayne (freelance)	Shetland Islands	Multi-art form	£7,940	This project supports a group of young people from Short Breaks (respite service for young people with additional support needs & disabilities) to make a short film about what they like to do in Shetland. The young people will be involved in every aspect of the project from storyboarding, filming on location, editing and the promoting of the film.
David Boyter (freelance)	Shetland Islands	Multi-art form	£7,301	Engaging young people in the Northern Shetland Islands in free stop-motion film workshops, enhancing self-expression and imagination. The project aims to bring communities together and showcase young people's perspectives.
Crag Community Arts SCIO	South Ayrshire	Multi-art form	£15,000	This project focus on Animation, Sculpture, Textiles, and Creative Play. Young participants create art with sustainable materials, enhancing creative skills and showcasing their work through exhibitions. The project fosters personal development, self-expression, and community engagement.
Stirling Champs	Stirling	Digital	£9,661	Stirling Champs, a group of young care experienced young people, want to create their own short films and podcasts to share their experiences and stories with a wider audience. This project offers a safe space for self-expression, allowing them to control their narratives and contribute positively to their mental well-being.

Creative Stirling	Stirling	Multi-art form	£15,000	Empowering LGBTQIA+ young people in Forth Valley, this project offers creative opportunities to raise awareness about equality, diversity, and inclusion. Artistic activities, animations, and podcasts highlight experiences, aiming to create change, empowerment, and a safer community for LGBTQIA+ individuals.
Clifftop Projects	West Dunbartonshire	Multi-art form	£14,695	Youth arts clubs for young people aged 5-18, providing the opportunity to explore various art forms. The project will culminate in public showcases and aims to strengthen community bonds.
Passion4Fusion	West Lothian	Multi-art form	£14,666	Offers ethnic minority young people access to music tuition, creative expression, and exploration of their heritage. By engaging in music, dance, drama, and spoken word activities, participants can build resilience and positively explore their emotions.