Traineeship grants available

Cultural organisations are invited to apply for funding to host a 12-month opportunity for a young person.

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A total of £100,000 being made available to support traineeships in the arts, screen and creative industries.

The Creative Scotland initiative is to mark the Year of Young People 2018 and the programme aims to support employment prospects for young people aged 16 to 24.

Organisations can apply for up to £10,000 for a full-time, year-long traineeship and it is anticipated that up to ten initiatives will be supported.

Colin Bradie, youth arts manager for Creative Scotland said: "The traineeship scheme will offer young people the opportunity to develop the skills and professional experience needed to progress in their chosen profession by removing barriers to paid work experience.

"At the same time, organisations will benefit from fresh, innovative ideas and enthusiasm of the trainees."

The fund will prioritise organisations whose traineeships will focus on, and develop, a recognised artistic or creative skill base – as opposed to more administrative or support roles.

This can include an artistic or creative traineeship across a range of art forms or creative fields, including but not restricted to film, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, music and digital arts.

Two of the traineeships will specifically support arts/creative organisations to host creative opportunities for young Gaelic speakers to help them develop their creative work.