



Andrew Lloyd Webber
Foundation

Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation launches new funding to support access to the arts

Today, Friday 26 April 2019, applications open for the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation's new funding framework to champion access to arts and heritage across the country. Offering grants of up to £25,000, the three new strands will *Unlock*, *Enhance* and *Empower* all areas of arts, culture and heritage to enrich lives, support potential, improve skills and reach diverse communities.

Since the launch of its active grant giving programme in 2011, the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation has awarded over £20 million to support high quality training, personal development and projects that make a real difference to enrich the quality of life both for individuals and communities. In a challenging climate of budget cuts the funding will ensure sustainable access to the arts and arts education, with an emphasis placed on projects reaching diverse communities and enabling career development through the provision of professional education, training, apprenticeships and work place experience.

Andrew Lloyd Webber said

'Music and the arts can empower and liberate, which is why it's so important to encourage participation and nurture talent. If you empower children and young people through the arts, the return on investment is huge. I don't think there's ever been a time when the arts have been more important. I really, passionately, believe that.'

The three new funding strands are:

- **UNLOCK**

Grants for up to £5,000 will be awarded to projects that increase diversity in the arts by breaking down social, economic and geographical barriers, encouraging engagement and providing high quality training to young people aged under 25. Examples include youth theatres, youth orchestras, side-by-side music initiatives, music therapy groups, music in prisons and heritage skill training.

- **ENHANCE**

Grants for up to £10,000 will be awarded to projects that provide specialist training and work place experience and apprenticeships for emerging artists and newly graduated professionals. Examples include theatre director schemes, actor mentoring and training, heritage building craft apprentices and training schemes, young composer schemes and writer's workshops.

- **EMPOWER**

Grants for up to £25,000 will be awarded to projects that allow practitioners to apply resources widely, unlocking access to high quality arts and heritage education and training for a significant number of people.

To apply for funding, visit: www.andrewlloydwebberfoundation.com
where further information and guidance for applicants is available

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About the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation was set up by Andrew in 1992 to promote the arts, culture and heritage for the public benefit; since inception Andrew has been the principal provider of funding for all its charitable activities.

In 2011, the Foundation embarked on an active grant giving programme and has now awarded grants of over £20 million to support high quality training and personal development as well as other projects that make a real difference to enrich the quality of life both for individuals and within local communities. Significant grants include £3.5m to Arts Educational Schools, London to create a state of the art professional theatre, £2.4m to the Music in Secondary Schools Trust, £1m to The Architectural Heritage Fund, \$1.3m to the American Theatre Wing and over £350,000 annually to fund 30 performing arts scholarships for talented students in financial need.

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