

## 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020 – NEWS AND EVENTS IN NORTH WEST EDINBURGH

### CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL:

Please check out the City of Edinburgh Council coronavirus update page, which can be found here, and which contains regularly updated information on services: [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you use social media, you may also want to follow us on twitter (@edinburgh\_cc) or on facebook (City of Edinburgh Council) for more information.

### NHS Lothian:

You will find guidance on COVID-19 here.

This is a rapidly changing situation which is being monitored carefully by NHS Lothian.

[www.nhslothian.scot/HealthInformation/Coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.nhslothian.scot/HealthInformation/Coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx)

Make sure you stay up to date with the latest advice and information by checking [NHS Inform](http://NHS Inform).

A free helpline has been set up for those who do not have symptoms but are looking for general health advice: 0800 028 2816.

[www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus)

## THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL - COUNCIL RESILIENCE CENTRES - 23 MARCH 2020

To enable the Council to continue to support the most vulnerable members of society at a time of significantly reduced resources due to the coronavirus outbreak, five Council Resilience Centres (CRCs) have been established. The CRCs will be open from 10:00 to 16:00 on weekdays. They are based in the following locations:

- North East locality office, 101 Niddrie Mains Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4DS
- North West locality office, 8 West Pilton Gardens, Edinburgh, EH4 4DP
- South East locality office, 40 Captain's Road, Edinburgh, EH17 8QF
- South West locality office, 10 Westside Plaza, Edinburgh, EH14 2ST
- Leith Community Centre, 12A Newkirkgate, Edinburgh, EH6 6AD

The CRCs will focus on urgent needs that can only be delivered in-person. Customers are asked to attend the CRCs only for the following issues:

- Support for those experiencing homelessness;
- Emergency cash payments; and
- Critical presentations around harassment cases (where imminent and real threat exists).

Customers should not attend CRCs with regards to any other issues. Customers wishing to raise any other issues with the Council are requested to use the Council website, email, or phone. Information on contacting the Council can be found at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/contact-us](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/contact-us).

Access to the CRCs will be controlled for the safety of customers and staff.

Customers with symptoms of coronavirus are asked not to attend the CRCs.

Partner agencies such as Police Scotland will be able to use the CRCs if needed

Everyone is requested to support the CRCs as much as possible by encouraging people with routine and less urgent needs to use other channels to contact the Council rather than visiting the CRCs.

Thanks to you all for your understanding and for not overwhelming Council services at this time. Please check out the City of Edinburgh Council coronavirus update page, which can be found here, and which contains regularly updated information on services:

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## CORONAVIRUS - HOW YOU CAN HELP

[Edinburgh partners](#) are supporting residents, businesses, communities and working hard to sustain essential and lifeline services at this incredibly challenging time.

Helping this is a growing army of volunteers from across the city.

- Neighbours
- communities
- voluntary organisations
- businesses

are doing what they can to direct support to those most in need.

Look within your own street and community first. See what your local charity is already doing. Just being a good neighbour will be a lifeline to many older, vulnerable or isolated people.

### What else you can do

If you're already a volunteer or want to know how you can volunteer, contact [Volunteer Edinburgh](#) for information and advice.

Voluntary organisations responding to COVID-19 in their communities should contact [EVOG](#) for advice and support.

We'll also keep sharing the advice and support being offered from other organisations on Twitter at [@Edinburgh\\_CC](#)

## COMMUNITY FOOD INFORMATION

This is an update on the rapidly evolving community food work that we know of going on across the NW of the city just now.

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[SPARTANS ACADEMY](#) are acting as a distribution hub for packed lunches. We should emphasise that in order to keep the distribution area clean and safe, collections are being made by organisations who will distribute to individuals and families. Therefore, only the collecting organisations have access to the Spartans Campus.

Starting on Monday 23rd a professional catering company has offered their services for free and supplies 1,000 packed lunches per week. These have been distributed in the Granton area by the Granton Community Gardeners/Spartans and in the Muirhouse area by Muirhouse Community Centre/LIFT.

As of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March Social Bite will be delivering 800 packed lunches every week to Spartans for further distribution. It is anticipated that these packed lunches will be distributed in West Pilton and Drylaw.

There is a commitment to keeping this supply going as long as the caterers stay healthy.

Local organisations can contact Douglas Samuel at [douglassamuel@spartanscfa.com](mailto:douglassamuel@spartanscfa.com) or phone 0131 552 7854 for more info

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**GRANTON GARDENERS** are collecting pre-packed lunches from Spartans and delivering throughout the local area.

Local individuals or families that need a packed lunch can contact them by private message on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/grantoncommunitygardeners/> or through the form on their website below

<https://www.grantoncommunitygardeners.org/>

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**SCRAN ACADEMY** are making and receiving prepared meals at their base in Fetlor youth centre as part of their community meal scheme. At present this is on Mondays/Wednesdays and Fridays and being collected and distributed by Pilton Equalities Project (PEP) using their mini buses.

Local organisations can contact Charlie at [hello@scranacademy.com](mailto:hello@scranacademy.com) or by phone on 07496 850591 you can also sign up to receive meals through their website at

<https://www.scranacademy.com/shop>

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**CYRENIANS** are now making prepared meals from their Jane street kitchen and delivering directly to local families and individuals throughout the NW area as well as city wide.

Local individuals can contact Amanda Law at [amandalaw@cyrenians.scot](mailto:amandalaw@cyrenians.scot) or by phone on 07891 840411 to be added to be included in meal deliveries.

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Pilton foodbank centre is now based in **FET LOR YOUTH CENTRE**, 122 Crewe Road South EH4 2NY. They will be open Monday 13:00-15:00, Wednesday 13:00-15:00 and Friday 10:00-12:30.

To get in touch call **07794 850 009**

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The food work is constantly changing and evolving in the area, so we will aim to update and share this info regularly. If you know of any other food related work happening, please share it across the network.

## **FUN FREE OR CHEAP ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME WITH YOUR KIDS**

One of our CEC Lifelong Learning Officers has put together a document listing online links that people might find useful.

The last page gives some emergency contact details but the others are full of links for things to do at home - with your kids, other family members, or just on your own.

Please feel free to use, circulate, or even suggest how it could be improved or added to with other sites that you'd like to recommend.

Take care and stay safe!

Callum McLeod, CEC Lifelong Learning.

### **Activities for Parents, Babies & Infants:**

- <https://themummybubble.co.uk/40-fun-activities-baby-home/>

- <https://theeducatorsspinonit.com/babies/>
- <https://www.funathomewithkids.com/.../50-creative-activities-...>
- <https://busytoddler.com/2016/03/easy-baby-activities/>
- <https://www.zerotothree.org/.../167-play-activities-for-12-to...>
- <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- <https://adelady.com.au/top-10-activities-for-kids-ages-0-5/>

#### **Activities for parents and young children (under 5's):**

- <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/.../fun-ideas.../fun-ideas-ages-4-5/>
- <https://www.learning4kids.net/play-activities-by-age/>
- <https://www.google.com/search...>
- <https://handsonaswegrow.com/indoor-kids-activities/>

#### **Activities for parents and children (5-12 yrs):**

- <https://parenting.firstcry.com/.../top-30-activities-for-5-y.../>
- <https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/f.../things-to-do-with-kids-66855>
- <https://www.care.com/.../101-awesome-activities-for-kids-age.../>
- <https://www.kidspot.com.au/.../games-crafts-and-activities-fo...>
- <https://www.kidspot.com.au/.../games-crafts-and-activities-fo...>
- <https://parenting.firstcry.com/.../top-20-activities-for-you.../>
- <https://www.jumpstart.com/.../activities/activities-7-year-old>
- <https://picklebums.com/activities-for-6-10-year-olds/>
- <https://theartofsimple.net/20-indoor-activities-for-kids-b.../>
- <https://www.toucanbox.com/.../fun-things-to-do-at-home-with-y...>
- <https://liveboldandbloom.com/.../lif.../fun-things-to-do-at-home>
- <https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/topics/read-write-count>
- <https://theeducatorsspinonit.com/tag/grade-school/>
- <https://parenting.firstcry.com/.../top-20-activities-for-8-y.../>

#### **Activities for 12+ yrs:**

- <https://www.momjunction.com/.../indoor-activities-for-your-t.../>
- <https://kidactivities.net/50-fun-games-to-play-with-friends/>
- <https://www.prisonerofclass.com/fun-games-to-do-with-frien.../>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://www.ted.com/recommends...>

#### **Sports:**

- Set4Sport <https://www.facebook.com/set4sport/> (Inspired by games that Judy Murray played with sons Jamie & Andy when they were young and helped develop the skills needed for playing sport)
- Epicdash <http://www.epicdash.com/100-workouts-you-can-do-without-eq.../> (Adult No Equipment Home Workout)
- Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBu-pQG6sTY>(30 days of Yoga course)
- Whatmomslove <https://whatmomslove.com/.../active-indoor-games-activities-.../> (87 Energy-Busting Indoor Games & Activities For Kids)
- Mommy Poppins <https://mommypoppins.com/.../25-exercise-games-indoor-activit...> (25 Exercise Games and Indoor Activities to Get Kids Moving)

#### **General Activities for Families/Multiple Age Groups:**

- <https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/indoor-family-games/>
- <https://familyguide.com/boredom-busters-110-fun-at-home-a.../>
- <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/.../a.../what-to-do-when-bored/>
- <https://www.childfun.com/.../developmentally-appropriate-act.../>
- <https://www.buzzfeed.com/.../20-insanely-simple-party-games-t...>

#### Film:

- Into Film <https://www.intofilm.org/...>  
(Into Film puts film at the heart of the educational and personal development of children and young people across the UK)

#### Library Resources & Online Books:

- Edinburgh Libraries Online Resources:  
<https://yourlibrary.edinburgh.gov.uk/w.../arena/a-z-eresources>  
<https://yourlibrary.edinburgh.gov.uk/>
- National Library of Scotland eResources: <https://auth.nls.uk/eresources/>
- Audible <https://stories.audible.com/discovery> (Instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids).
- Worldbook (3000 Children's Ebooks online):  
<https://worldbook.kitaboo.com/reader/worldbook/index.html...>

#### Adult Online Learning & Activities:

- <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/>
- <https://www.futurelearn.com/>
- <https://www.open.edu/openlearncreate/>
- <https://chatterpack.net/.../list-of-online-resources-for-anyo...>
- <https://liveboldandbloom.com/.../lif.../fun-things-to-do-at-home>
- <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/.../a.../what-to-do-when-bored/>
- <https://www.wisebread.com/50-fun-things-to-do-when-youre-st...>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://www.ted.com/recommends...>

#### Other Useful Sites:

- BBC Learning <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>
- BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- CBeebies Radio <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>
- Listening activities for children Under 5s
- Nature Detectives <https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/NATUREDETECTI...>
- Activities that can be done in garden as a family All
- Mystery Science <https://mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning>
- Home science ideas All The kids should see this <https://thekidshouldseethis.com/>
- Child friendly science videos that does not underestimate their ability KS1+
- Operation Ouch <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQJDFI9j8UeNoqra37p50kA>
- Engaging science and medical (STEM) videos for all ages – filter by topic All
- Crash Course Kids <https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>
- Educational videos – filter by age Primary level (EYFS – KS2)

- Crash course <https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse>
- Educational videos – filter by age Secondary
- KS3+
- Geography Games <https://world-geography-games.com/>
- All National Geographic Kids <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
- Activities and quizzes Primary level and EYFS
- Duolingo <https://www.duolingo.com/> Learn a language for free All ages
- Blockly <https://blockly.games/> Educational games that teach programming For children new to computer programming
- Scratch <https://scratch.mit.edu/>
- Computer programming KS1+
- Future Learn <https://www.futurelearn.com/>
- Free site – different courses All
- DK Find Out <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>
- UK version – lots of games and quizzes. KS1+
- TinkerCad <https://www.tinkercad.com/>
- Free app for 3D Design, electronics and coding KS1+
- Prodigy Maths Games <https://www.prodigygame.com/>
- Free online maths KS1+

#### Emergency Contacts:

- Children 1st – 0131 446 2300
- NSPCC – 0808 800 5000
- Samaritans – 116123 or [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- Parent line Scotland – 08000282233
- Home Link – voluntary agency offering advice or support for families – 0131 661 0890
- Home Start – voluntary agency offering advice or support for families – 0131 564 1540
- Cedar – voluntary agency offering advice or support for children affected by domestic abuse – 0131 315 8116/ 07850515283
- Circle – voluntary agency offering advice or support for families – 0131 552 0305
- CHAI- voluntary agency offering advice, housing support and employability support – 0131 442 1009
- Domestic abuse helpline – 0808 802 3333
- Social Care Direct - 0131 200 2324 (Opening hours Monday-Thursday 8:30am-5pm, Friday 8:30am-3:55pm) or [socialcaredirect@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:socialcaredirect@edinburgh.gov.uk)
- Emergency Social work service – (out of hours) – 0800 731 6969
  - Police Scotland Edinburgh – 01786 289070
- Emergency police – 999
  - Police text phone – 18000
  - Police 101

## THE DARED CHALLENGE

A unique fundraising challenge event designed by school staff to support vulnerable children across Edinburgh and the Lothians is back for 2020

A fundraising event that inspires school staff and individuals from across Edinburgh and the Lothians to lace up their running shoes in support of a leading children's charity is back for 2020.

The DARED Challenge – Do A Run Every Day – encourages participants to complete either a 1 mile or 5km run every day throughout the month of June in support of Edinburgh-based charity, Circle.



Devised in 2018 by Broughton High maths teacher, and keen runner, Mark Fletcher, the DARED Challenge has continued to grow and last year saw more than 150 school staff from across Edinburgh and further afield raise more than £14,000 for the charity.

This year, as well as again looking to school staff from across the region to support the event, Mark and his organising team are appealing for members of the public to get involved. Circle's patrons, David Tennant and Arabella Weir, will be joining the campaign to recruit participants in the coming months. David Tennant's previous video statement can be seen [here](#).

Alongside the fundraising element, the aim of the challenge is to encourage as many people as possible to enjoy the physical and mental benefits of daily exercise, as well as spending time with colleagues away from the desk and work. The choice of different distances enables both experienced and beginner runners to feel included and challenged.

Although the premise of the event was built on getting school staff and teachers exercising regularly, organiser Mark hopes that the health benefits that arise as a result of this type of challenge will inspire anyone – not just teachers – to get involved.

He said: "Incorporating exercise into our daily lives has countless benefits to our physical and mental health. If we can do this while raising money for an extremely deserving cause, everyone's a winner."

Funds raised through the DARED Challenge will go directly to supporting Circle in its aim of improving the lives of children by strengthening families. The charity works at the heart of deprived communities across central Scotland, supporting the most disadvantaged children and families to improve their lives, promote their healthy development and reach their potential.

Participation in the DARED Challenge will help strengthen the charity's family outreach work, help children and their families communicate, repair relationships and develop skills that enable them to lead more fulfilling lives.

Social inequality and poverty lead to some of the many reasons that a family may need the support of Circle including alcohol and substance misuse, imprisonment and young or lone parenting.

Many of the pupils in participating schools from previous DARED Challenges are supported by Circle.

Mark Kennedy, Chief Executive of Circle, said: "We are incredibly grateful to everyone who is taking part in The DARED Challenge as their dedication, passion and enthusiasm will directly enable Circle to continue our vital work supporting vulnerable children and families in Edinburgh and beyond."

Early bird entry for the DARED Challenge is now open with participants able to choose to run one mile or 5km a day in June. Participation costs £10 per person. Participants are asked to fundraise a minimum of £50. Participants who do not wish to fundraise can pay an additional £20 to secure their position on the challenge.

Full details can be found [here](#).

## LIVING IN WEST END OR STOCKBRIDGE?

Initially taking place in West End / Stockbridge areas, this initiative is hoping to spread wider with more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Carol on the number below.

Here to support you during the coronavirus crisis



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**ARE YOU  
A SELF-ISOLATING  
ELDERLY PERSON  
OR HAVE UNDERLYING  
HEALTH CONDITIONS?**

[www.ukcommunitynetwork.com](http://www.ukcommunitynetwork.com)

- We can do shop errands for food and essentials for you
- If you live alone and feel lonely, we can give you a call to check how you are doing

**Sign up on the website or email  
[ukcommunitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ukcommunitynetwork@gmail.com)**

Alternatively, please contact your local area manager Carol Garvie on 07710 156356



## SHAW TRUST DELIVERED BY FORTH SECTOR

We just wanted to make you aware that our teams are still working with clients across the city, offering employability support and we also have access to our in-house Welfare Rights service who can help our clients to access appropriate benefits.

All of our support is currently being undertaken remotely. We are open for referrals so if you have any individuals who have recently lost their jobs due to the current crisis, please feel free to signpost those clients to us.



1:1 Tailored Support Including:



- Job Searching
- Job Applications
- Source Training
- Contacting Employers
- Interview Coaching
- Work Trials
- Benefit Advice
- Voluntary Placements
- In-Work Support
- Mediation with Employers



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## WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE DURING CORONAVIRUS

Coronavirus  
Covid-19



Residents self-isolating due to Coronavirus symptoms in their household are being urged to dispose of their waste as carefully as possible to keep Edinburgh's bin crews safe.

The advice comes as part of an update from Transport and Environment Convener Lesley Macinnes on how the Council is adapting in the context of the pandemic to deliver core services such as waste management, roadworks and parking to keep the city working as best it can.

Another waste-related update is the suspension of kerbside glass (blue box) collections from Monday 23 March until further notice to free up collection crews. Communal glass bins used in flatted and tenement areas will continue to be serviced, but should only be used by those properties.

[More info here](#)

## APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE THIRD SECTOR RESILIENCE FUND (TRSF).

Part of a £350m support package by the Scottish Government for the sector in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Third Sector Resilience Fund will support organisations across the third sector who are at risk of closure due to a sharp decrease in income or that are unable to deliver their services directly as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. The fund's primary intention is to help these organisations to stabilise and manage cashflows over this difficult period.

The TRSF is delivered by [Firstport](#), [Social Investment Scotland](#) and [Corra Foundation](#) and it offers charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises grants of £5,000-£100,000. In addition there will be up to a further £5m available in fully flexible, 0% interest loans starting at £50,000.

All information about the TRSF, including an eligibility check and links to apply, can be found on the [SCVO Coronavirus Third Sector Information Hub](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Dance Base Peer Group of Arts Organisations Dealing with COVID-19 Staff Issues

The newly appointed Chief Executive of Dance Base, Jim Hollington is looking to set up a peer group to exchange challenges and approaches to tackling COVID-19 related staff issues. For example, anything from financial challenges to how you help people set up a home office. Given how quickly things are moving, it may take the form of a WhatsApp group to share questions and requests. If this is something you would like to participate in, please contact Jim by email at: [jim@dancebase.co.uk](mailto:jim@dancebase.co.uk).

## FUNDING

### Self-employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)

**Cash grants for self-employed individuals (including members of partnerships) whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19.**

Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

#### Background and Objectives of Fund

This programme is provided by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC). The Self-employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) will support self-employed individuals (including members of partnerships) whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. The scheme will be open for an initial three months with people able to make their first claim by the beginning of June 2020.

#### Who Can Apply and Further Information

The scheme will be open across the UK for those whose majority income comes from self-employment and who have profits of less than £50,000.

To be eligible, applicants must meet all the criteria below:

- Be self-employed or a member of partnership.
- Have lost trading/partnership trading profits due to COVID-19.
- File a tax return for 2018-19 as self-employed or a member of a trading partnership. Those who have not yet filed for 2018-19 will have an additional four weeks from this announcement to do so.
- Have traded in 2019-20; be currently trading at the point of application (or would be except for COVID-19) and intend to continue to trade in the tax year 2020 to 2021.

- Have trading profits of less than £50,000 and more than half of their total income come from self-employment. This can be with reference to at least one of the following conditions:
- Trading profits and total income in 2018/19
- Average trading profits and total income across up to the three years between 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19.

### How to Apply

**Applicants cannot apply for this scheme yet.** HMRC will contact those who are eligible for the scheme and invite them to apply online. Individuals **should not contact** HMRC now. HMRC will use existing information to check potential eligibility and invite applications once the scheme is operational. HMRC will then pay the grant directly to eligible claimants' bank account in one instalment. HMRC is publishing guidance on the scheme, [available here](#). This guidance will continue to be updated.

### Third Sector Resilience Fund

**Emergency funding to support charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations delivering services and projects in Scotland who find themselves in financial difficulties directly as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.**

Maximum value:	£100,000
Application deadline:	None specified

### Background and Objectives of Fund

The £20 million Third Sector Resilience Fund (TSRF) is part of a £350 million support package for the sector as a response to the Coronavirus pandemic. The Fund will be delivered by Firstport, Social Investment Scotland and Corra Foundation. The Third Sector Resilience Fund (TSRF) will support charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises across the third sector who are at risk of closure due to a sharp decrease in income or that are unable to deliver their services during this difficult period. The fund will distribute £20 million of emergency funds over the coming months to third sector organisations working in Scotland. The fund will support organisations that already deliver services and products but find themselves in financial difficulties directly as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The primary intention of the fund is to help third sector organisations to stabilise and manage cash flows over this difficult period.

### Who Can Apply and Further Information

To be eligible, interested organisations must be:

- A charity, social enterprise or voluntary organisation based in Scotland and/or primarily delivering services/activities in Scottish communities.
- Already delivering those products or services prior to March 2020.
- Needing funding to stabilise cashflows directly as a result of the impact of COVID-19, as opposed to pre-existing financial difficulties.

[Guidance notes](#) and [FAQs](#) are available along with further details on the fund on the [SCVO website](#).

### How to Apply

The first step in the application process is for applicants to complete a short [eligibility checker](#) which will determine whether your organisation meets the criteria for funding. Based on the answers provided, interested applicants will be directed to the correct application form depending on their needs or signposted to other sources of relevant funding/support.

### Help Musicians Coronavirus Financial Hardship Fund

**Funding is available for professional musicians in the UK who are suffering significant financial hardship owing to the coronavirus pandemic.**

Maximum value:	£500
Application deadline:	None specified

### Background and Objectives of Fund

This programme is provided by Help Musicians UK (HMUK). HMUK is an independent charity providing help, support and opportunities to empower musicians at all stages of their lives. HMUK has launched the Coronavirus Financial Hardship Fund specifically to alleviate some of the immediate financial pressures that many professional musicians may currently be facing. HMUK recognises that the impact of the coronavirus on musicians' lives and careers is unprecedented, and the charity's normal person-centred approach of health and welfare support needs to be boosted in this exceptional period to give as many musicians as possible immediate financial relief. HMUK encourages musicians only to apply if they are indeed suffering significant financial hardship to enable the charity to provide help quickly to those who need it the most.

### Who Can Apply and Further Information

The Fund is open to anyone who satisfies HMUK's general criteria for support:

- A professional working musician (performer, composer/creator or directly involved in the production of music, or in work for which the main qualification is a high level of musical training).
- Self-employed or currently unemployed.
- In need of financial help.

### How to Apply

Further information on the fund can be found on [HMUK's website](#). Applications should be submitted at the applicants' earliest opportunity. HMUK is unable to take telephone calls or correspond about individual applications due to the high level of demand for its services. Those who have any issues in filling out the [online application form](#) should email [hardshipfund@helpmusicians.org.uk](mailto:hardshipfund@helpmusicians.org.uk).

### PRS Coronavirus Emergency Relief Fund

**This emergency fund is open to Performing Right Society (PRS) members who are music creators (songwriters and composers) from around the world, to help them during the coronavirus pandemic.**

Maximum value:	£1,000
Application deadline:	None specified

### Background and Objectives of Fund

This programme is provided by PRS for Music, in partnership with the PRS Members' Fund and PRS Foundation. The PRS Emergency Relief Fund has been set up to provide immediate financial support to Performing Right Society (PRS) members during the coronavirus pandemic. Funding is being offered to songwriters and composers from around the world who are facing significant financial pressure as the global battle against the virus continues. Coronavirus has caused the live industry to be halted, television and film production put on hold and businesses closed down, causing a dramatic reduction in music used. Collectively, the livelihoods of creators, many of whom are freelance or small businesses themselves, are at risk during this crisis. Money has been diverted to the PRS Emergency Relief Fund from paused, cancelled or postponed activities. Support has also been identified from the PRS Members' Fund and PRS Foundation; two organisations with experience in helping those starting out in their creative careers and those in need.

### Who Can Apply and Further Information

The Fund is open to all PRS writer members around the world who are suffering genuine hardship from loss of work due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The applicant must have been a member for at least two years and earned over £500 of PRS royalties in the last two years. Further information on this fund can be found via the [PRS for Music website](#).

### How To Apply

Applications should be made via the PRS for Music [website](#).

## Nesta Arts & Culture Impact Fund

**Repayable loans of up to £1,000,000 available to support the UK's arts, culture and heritage social enterprises.**

Maximum value:	£1,000,000
Application deadline:	None specified

### Background and Objectives of Fund

The Arts & Culture Impact Fund brings together a mix of public, private and philanthropic investors – Arts Council England, the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Big Society Capital, Bank of America, the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and Nesta. The fund is the world's biggest impact investment fund for the creative arts. The fund builds on the success of the Arts Impact Fund, a pilot initiative launched in 2015 to demonstrate how impact investment could transform the arts and cultural sector. The Arts & Culture Impact Fund sets out to achieve several objectives for the arts, cultural and heritage sectors:

- Provide organisations with appropriate and bespoke repayable finance
- Develop the financial resilience of borrowers
- Support organisations to better monitor, evaluate and communicate their social impact
- Attract additional investment into the sector to help organisations thrive
- Promote the wider positive impact the arts, culture and heritage have on society and support more organisations to benefit individuals and communities through their work.

### Who Can Apply and Further Information

Eligible organisations must:

- Be registered and operating in the UK. Digital organisations will need to demonstrate their primary audiences are based in the UK.
- Have core operations or primary activity in the arts, culture and heritage
- Have a clear social mission, reflected in its structure and governance
- Be able to demonstrate measurable social impact on individuals or communities in the UK.

Further details on this fund can be found on their [website](#).

### How to Apply

Applications can be submitted at any time. For fund-specific enquiries, please contact [Seva Phillips](#).

## Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust

**Grants are available for charities for general charitable purposes in Great Britain.**

Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	None specified

### Background and Objectives of Fund

The Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust offers grants to registered charities active in Great Britain. The Trustees have complete discretion as to the type of charitable work supported, however the Trust has focussed on supporting projects relating to young people, people with disabilities, the environment and the arts over the last few years.

### Who Can Apply and Further Information

Eligible organisations must be charities registered with one of the following:

- Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.
- Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Applications from and for Scotland will receive favourable consideration, but not to the exclusion of applications from elsewhere. Email enquiries on this fund to: [enquiries@gfct.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gfct.org.uk)

### How to Apply

Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered quarterly in January, April, July and October. Application forms are available to complete online at the Trust's [website](#).

## Deadline Approaching for Final Applications Under Esmee Fairbairn Foundation's Current Strategy

Grants are available for UK charities working within the Foundation's funding priorities in the arts, children and young people, the environment, food or social change until early April.

Maximum value:	Discretionary
Application deadline:	03/04/2020

### Background and Objectives of Fund

Funding is provided by the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation which was established in 1961 by Ian Fairbairn as a memorial to his wife Esmée. Today it is one of the largest independent grant-making foundations in the UK. It aims to improve the quality of life throughout the UK and takes pride in supporting work that might otherwise be considered difficult to fund. The Foundation aims to improve the quality of life throughout the UK and takes pride in supporting work that might otherwise be considered difficult to fund.

The Foundation offers grants to organisations doing legally charitable work in the UK across the following range of priority areas:

- The arts.
- Children and young people.
- The environment.
- Food.
- Social change.

### Who Can Apply and Further Information

Charities and not-for-profit organisations with a regular annual turnover of at least £50,000, that are properly constituted and involved in legally charitable work in the UK. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a track record to successfully deliver the work. The Foundation is in the process of revising its grant making strategy. First-stage applications under the current strategy can be made any time until 3 April 2020. Applications under the new strategy will open in May 2020. The Foundation operates a two-stage application process. First-stage application forms are available to complete online at the Foundation's website. Successful applicants will then be invited to complete a second-stage application form. The Foundation receives about 2,000 first-stage applications each year, of which only one in ten is successful.

### How to Apply

Applicants are advised to complete the [online eligibility quiz](#) before applying. All enquiries regarding this fund to: [info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk](mailto:info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk)

## CAHSS Knowledge Exchange and Impact Grant – University of Edinburgh

This grant allows academics to engage with policy, practice, industry or community audiences to increase the impact of research through mutual exchange.

Maximum value:	£5,000
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Application deadline:	16/04/2020
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### Background and Objectives of Fund

Please note - Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Edinburgh have decided to cancel the current CAHSS Knowledge Exchange and Impact Grant funding call. This is due to Government advice about social distancing as well as the need to prioritise resources both within professional services teams and among academic staff in the coming months.

However, the University of Edinburgh welcomes time sensitive proposals that can be conducted under the circumstances. This includes proposals that:

- 1) Are directly related to the COVID-19 crises
- 2) Can be done without face to face interaction and needs to be done within the next few months (eg: developing materials related to planned an external event/process that will most definitely still take place).

### How to Apply

If your proposal falls into one of these categories please contact [KE.office@ed.ac.uk](mailto:KE.office@ed.ac.uk) in the first instance. The University will then work with the Schools, and assess whether/how they can support. They welcome applications in those categories any time until further notice. There are two calls per year for this grant and they are hopeful the Autumn call will go ahead as planned.

### Radcliffe Trust

**Funding is available for UK registered charities working in the areas of music, especially chamber music, composition and music education, or in heritage and crafts.**

Maximum value:	£5,000
Application deadline:	31/07/2020

### Background and Objectives of Fund

The Radcliffe Trust is one of Britain's oldest charities, founded in 1714 by the will of Dr John Radcliffe, the most eminent physician of his day. The Trust makes grants principally in two sectors: Music and Heritage & Crafts.

### Who Can Apply and Further Information

Registered charities, exempt organisations and not-for-profit organisations that are based in the UK are eligible to apply. Further information on the terms and conditions and also restrictions and [Guidelines](#) of this fund can be found via the [Radcliffe Trust website](#).

### How to Apply

Application forms are available to complete online at the Trust's [website](#).

### Edinburgh University Community Grants Fund

**Providing funding for community projects across Edinburgh.**

Maximum value:	£5,000
Application deadline:	17/04/2020

### Background and Objectives of Fund

Since 2017 Edinburgh University has provided more than £180,000 to over 40 incredibly worthwhile community projects across the Edinburgh City Region. The purpose of the scheme is to:

- Bring value to new or existing partnerships between the University and local communities.
- Have a positive social impact.
- Create learning opportunities (including informal and non-traditional forms of learning).

### Who Can Apply and Further Information

Edinburgh University award grants of up to a maximum of £5,000 per project, but welcome applications for less. Applicants may only receive one grant per project. We award grants for up to £500 at any time; again, they welcome applications for less. They do not fund projects that have already been completed.

### How to Apply

The application process is simple and a member of the Edinburgh Local team will be on hand to support you if you have any questions, just contact [local@ed.ac.uk](mailto:local@ed.ac.uk). Application forms, Guidance Notes etc are available to complete online from the Edinburgh University [website](#).

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Please email [elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk) if you have any community news to share. Preferred format is a jpeg or word document if possible. We will only use any data to provide you with updates associated with the North West Locality and your data will not be shared. This is in line with the City of Edinburgh Council's Privacy Notice. You can opt out at any time by using this link to unsubscribe. If you unsubscribe, we will not retain any contact details you have provided.



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**Use a tissue for coughs and sneezes.**



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