



# Stòras Leasachaidh nam Fèisean 2023-24

## Fèis Development Fund 2023-24

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## STÒRAS LEASACHAIDH NAM FÈIS | FÈIS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Tha sinn air stòras a stèidheachadh airson taic a chumail ri Fèisean a dhol an sàs ann an obair, a cuireadh ris a' phrògram àbhaisteach aca, ann an 2023-24. Tha £10,000 ri sgaoileadh le tabhartas cho àrd ri £1,000 - £1,500 sa chumantas. Gabhaidh sinn ri iarrtas aig àm sam bith gus an tèid an t-airgead a chosg, le prìomhachas air obair ag amas air:

- Àireamhan chom-pàirtichean a mheudachadh
- Taic a chumail ri teaghlachan aig a bheil dùbhlann pàigheadh airson com-pàirteachas an cuid cloinne
- Obair a chur air dòigh le daoine, no buidhnean, nach do ghabh pàirt roimhe
- Cothroman cosnaidh a chruthachadh airson luchd-ealain

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- Taisbeanaidhean a chur air adhart de dh'obair a chaidh a chruthachadh tro na Fèisean.

We have established Development Fund to support Fèisean to engage in work, to augment to their normal programme, in 2023-24. £10,000 is available to disburse with a typical maximum grant of £1,000 - £1,500. We will accept applications at any time until the fund is spent, with priority given to work which:

- Increases numbers of participants
- Assists families who are finding it difficult to fund their children's participation
- Includes new people, or groups, which have not participated previously in Fèis activities
- Offers employment opportunities to freelance artists and
- Showcases work initiated through the Fèisean.

## DÈ GHABHADH A MHAOINEACHADH? | WE CAN BE FUNDED?

The following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of the kinds of projects the Development Fund could support:

- Free music-making sessions open to all as a way of promoting a Fèis to young people in the community it serves
- Promotional visits to schools by musicians to inform pupils about the work of their local Fèis and attract participants
- Engagement by Fèisean with sections of their communities which have not enjoyed wide access previously: refugees, cared-for children or young people living in areas of socioeconomic deprivation
- Short-term residencies for musicians, drama or dance artists which offer regular cultural activities for young people and sustained employment for artists
- New work in music, drama or dance delivered through the medium of Gaelic particularly, though not exclusively, in island-based Fèisean
- Inter-Fèis activities with two or more Fèisean working together to deliver work which will re-engage young people in cultural activities
- Regional showcase concerts featuring young people from local Fèisean
- Other proposed additional and/or sustained activity which would attract young people back to Fèisean while offering employment opportunities to freelance artists.

## DÈ NACH GABHADH A MHAOINEACHADH? | WHAT CANNOT BE FUNDED?

- Competitions
- Work funded through the Grants Scheme for Fèisean
- Capital projects including equipment purchase.

## CÒ DH'FHAODADH TAIC IARRAIDH? | WHO CAN APPLY?

- The fund is open to any Fèis which is a paid-up member of Fèisean nan Gàidheal
- The applicant Fèis must be fully compliant with Fèisean nan Gàidheal's Safeguarding and Gaelic Language policies before a grant is made
- Applications can be made for up to 80% of the total project costs
- All projects must be completed by March 2024.

## AG ULLACHADH IARRTAS | PREPARING AN APPLICATION

- If you require clarification on eligibility of a potential project, or assistance to complete your application, please contact your Fèisean nan Gàidheal Lead Officer.
- If you would like some general information on writing a successful funding application you may find [this](#) briefing from Creative Lives helpful
- If known, please provide the names of artists you expect to work with, even if their involvement is dependent on availability and/or securing funding. This will help us assess your application in terms of artistic and creative quality.
- Fèisean nan Gàidheal is committed to fair pay for artists and you can download guidance [here](#) which applies to applications to the Development Fund. Industry standard rates at least (Musicians Union, Equity etc) must be offered to artists and reflected in your budget.
- Please think carefully about your budget and the amount for which you wish to apply. Ensure you submit a balanced budget, i.e. income - including any expected contribution from the Fèis Development Fund - must match expenditure.
- Please do not send additional materials by e-mail but list, in your form, material being submitted with a Dropbox, MailBigFile (or similar) link where the material can be accessed.

## CO-IONNANACHD, IOMADACHD & IN-GHABHALAS | EQUALITIES, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is committed to ensuring equality in all its activities and has a contractual obligation to monitor that commitment. Therefore, we need to collect information on age, gender, ethnicity, disability, and sexual orientation - all defined protected characteristics in The Equality Act 2010 - as well as on Gaelic language. It is important you provide this information which will be used for statistical reporting only. It is managed confidentially, not personally attributable and will not be shared with any third party for marketing purposes. The information provided will have no bearing on your application for funding and will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and our Privacy Notice.

You can access the questionnaire [here](#).

## TAGRAICHEAN SOIRBHEACHAIL | SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- Decisions will be made by Fèisean nan Gàidheal officers expect where the grant to be offered exceeds delegated limits, in which case Fèisean nan Gàidheal's Board will be involved.
- Fèisean nan Gàidheal will notify all successful applicants within 4 weeks of receipt of an application.
- Successful applicants will be notified in writing with a letter of offer detailing any conditions attached to the award. Any subsequent changes to project plans must be agreed with Fèisean nan Gàidheal before proceeding.
- On receipt of acceptance to the letter of offer 80% of the grant will be paid to the Fèis.
- The remaining 20% will be paid out at the end of the project, on submission of a short report and a statement of income and expenditure for the project.
- If there is evidence that the project did not proceed as expected, the Fèis will be required to return any funds already paid out by Fèisean nan Gàidheal.

**Once you have read the guidance and considered your application, you can access the online application form here.**