

Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Minutes of the meeting of the Tasgadh Panel held on Monday 23 July 2018 from 12.00 noon via telephone conference

T1-201819-01 PRESENT

Arthur Cormack (AC), Martin Hadden (MH), Mairi McFadyen (MM), Dave Francis (DF), Fiona Campbell (FC), Michelle Kelly (MK), Brian Ó hEadhra (BOH), Moreen Pringle (MP) (Minuting)

T1-201819-02 APOLOGIES

Everyone was able to take part in the conference so no apologies were recorded.

T1-201819-03 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PANEL MEETING

The minutes from the panel meeting held on 22 February were approved as a true record of the meeting.

T1-201819-04 UPDATED GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

Prior to the first round of this year's Tasgadh scheme the guidelines and application form had been amended and sent round the panel for comment. The new forms have been approved by all.

T1-201819-05 MAP OF LOCATION OF APPLICANTS

Arthur had circulated the map which Dave Francis had put together showing the location of all applicants for Tasgadh grants. It was agreed that it was really useful to see the areas covered and also the areas from which we do not seem to have received applications. Dave agreed that he would do this after each meeting in future.

It was noted we have never received an application from Orkney or Shetland. Arthur tags organisations in those areas in publicity but it may be that there just aren't any organisations/projects in need of Tasgadh funding. Efforts would be made before the October round to contact organisations in the area to try and promote it further.

T1-201819-06 AGREEMENT ON GRANTS TO BE OFFERED

Where interests were declared, these are noted below in the table of decisions and those involved took no part in the decision-making relating to those grants.

17 applications had been received for this round of grants amounting to a total of £14,671. Prior to the meeting the panel members had the opportunity to score them based on various criteria. Following careful consideration and discussion the following grants were awarded:

			Interest Declared
The Storyteller's Apprenticeship	Mentoring Programme for apprentice Storytellers	£600	MK, DF
Jenni Wren	Week long artistic residency at Annat Hall	£800	MK
Comunn Gàidhealach Mhuile	Two Gaelic song workshops and a concert	£460	
Elaine Robertson	Develop a storytelling performance piece	£0	
Beth Hamilton-Cardus	Storytelling project in Fife with people with ASD	£920	
Kae Sakurai	Slanjavyah Danza and Sound of Dance Project	£740	MK
Fèis Obar Dheathain	Establish Fèis Bheag Bhìodach and Fèis Bheag	£700	AC
The Rockfield Centre	Mini Music Club – monthly trad music workshops	£726	
Fèis an Tairbeirt	Adult groupwork/band sessions/workshops	£300	AC
Fiona J NicChoinnich	Waulk on the Wild Side	£600	
Patrick Geddes Centre	Patrick Geddes Centre public sessions	£520	
Scots Fiddle Festival	Youth Engagement Programme	£845	DF, FC
Scots Language Café	Scots Language Café	£700	DF
Sutherland Sessions	Great Big Easter Weekend	£0	
Hecla & Sian	Western Isles Tour	£1,000	AC, BOH
SNH/An Comunn Gàidhealach	Commission for new music piece for Mod Fringe	£0	AC
Islay & Jura Highland Dancers	Develop Dances and go to Euro Disney	£900	

Letters of offer to successful candidates, and letters to the unsuccessful candidates, would be issued as soon as possible after the meeting to meet the one-month turnaround promised.

T1-201819-07 AOCB

Brian spoke about the new Creative Scotland Traditional Arts Officer post which is currently being advertised and said it would be good if everyone could promote/share information on it to try and get this vital post filled.

The next Tasgadh closing date is 26th October. Moreen would send a Doodle Poll round panel members to try and identify a suitable date for us to meet in November and also in February 2019 following the final round.

(Tasgadh Panel 23.7.18)

