

# Prògram Ealain na Gàidhealtachd | Highland ARts Programme

## Sgeama Thabhartasan Litreachais

### Literature Grants Scheme

#### Dè tha san Sgeama Thabhartasan Litreachais?

##### What is the Literature Grants Scheme?

Creative Scotland, The Highland Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise have established a new Highland ARts Programme to support and invest in the creativity of artists in the Highlands. The Highlands ARts Programme will provide support across six strands of the creative industries, including; theatre, literature, visual arts, crafts, music and dance. Creative organisations and individuals throughout the Highlands will be encouraged to commission new work, develop strategic partnerships, review current practice and build on existing projects.

For literature, we would welcome applications from individuals or organisations proposing creative new ways of increasing the audiences for reading and writing in the Highlands. We will offer grants for projects or proposals that will help to promote the growth of the literature sector, including publishing, selling, promoting, writing and reading. We will also provide support for projects that build upon existing literature initiatives undertaken by HI-Arts and The Highland Council Library Service and which help to foster an integrated and sustainable network of Highland based writers, readers and publishers.

While not an exhaustive list, the kinds of activities the grants might cover include:

- Projects generating new partnerships of people and organisations who have not previously worked together in literature, and encouraging more people to read and write.
- Projects focusing on groups or people not already involved in any kind of literature activity.
- Creation of online readers and writers groups.
- Establishing a Highland literature magazine.
- Events with participation by authors, readers, publishers and booksellers, for example at a words festival.
- Establishing and promoting online writing competitions on topics of interest to young people.
- Projects involving social media to extend the appeal of literature, encouraging new audiences to read and write.

Note:

- It is likely that grants awarded will be no greater than £5,000 per project but this amount may be increased for exceptional proposals.
- Additional funding support from other organisations is not a requirement for your application. However, if your project is fortunate to have support from other sources, this will be viewed positively by the assessment panel.

#### Cò a dh'fhaodas tagradh a chur a-steach?

##### Who may apply?

Any individual or organisation living, based, working or studying in The Highland Council area may apply for a grant.

## **Pròiseas tagraidh**

### **Application process**

It is recommended that all applicants to the Highland Arts Programme contact Fiona Hampton before submitting a completed application form.

Applications must be submitted to Fiona Hampton at the address below by 4pm on Friday 27 August 2010 with decisions advised in mid September.

### **Airson Ceistean Coitcheann agus Foirmean-iarrtais Crìochnaichte**

#### **For General Enquiries and Completed Applications**

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