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No Strings Attached

a grant scheme for young theatre makers

What is it?

'No Strings Attached' is a grant scheme to help young people make their first piece of theatre. Grants of between £500 and £1,000 are available to young people from across the South East region.

The scheme is managed by Farnham Maltings.

Who is it for?

The grant is for anyone aged between 18 and 25 who hasn't previously received a 'grant for the arts'. You can apply as an individual or as part of a group.

You must live in one of the following counties: Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, Berkshire or Buckinghamshire.

What can the grant be used for?

Applicants will need to demonstrate that they have a new idea for a piece of theatre which could include other art forms such as dance, puppetry, music or film.

The grant can be used to help you to pursue a creative idea, eg. to attend professional training or to put on a performance of your work, eg. you might use the grant to buy materials for costumes or props, or to get professional help with your production.

The scheme is designed with flexibility in mind; the funding is there to help you make the kind of theatre you would like to make. If you are unsure of the suitability of your project, then please phone to discuss it.

Is there anything the grant cannot be used for?

The grant can be used to buy in professional help but cannot be used to pay yourself or a member of your group.

The grant can be used to pay for rehearsal space, materials or the cost of editing but it cannot be used to buy assets or equipment such as computers or cameras.

If your project is the practical element of an examination you cannot apply for funding from No Strings Attached.

Stuff To Do...

- Have an idea for a new piece of theatre
- How much money do I need and what's it for?
- Call Fiona Baxter for initial chat about my idea
 - Book an appointment at the panel meeting → 01252 745411
 - Prepare my Presentation
 - Turn up for my appointment
- **GET GRANT!!** ←
- Meet with my mentor 
- Make theatre 
- Go to meeting at Farnham Maltings when I've finished.

How do I apply?

To apply for the grant you will need to talk about your idea to a panel of arts practitioners and young people.

Your presentation should last no more than 15 minutes and should include a breakdown of how much you are requesting and how it will be spent. You can supply supporting paper work but we really want to hear you talk about your ideas. Your presentation may have an element of performance and could include video or photographs.

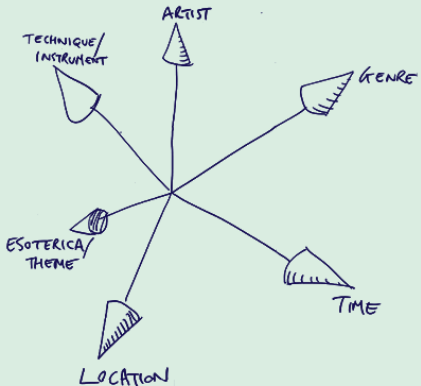
The meeting of the grant giving panel will take place in October at Farnham Maltings.

Please contact Farnham Maltings for the exact dates for the panel meeting and the deadline for registering your application.

To register your interest and to book an appointment you will need to contact Fiona Baxter:

t: 01252 745411

e: fiona.baxter@farnhammaltings.com



Will I get any help with preparing my presentation?

When you phone up to register your interest you will be offered advice about how best to present your idea to the panel. You will also be offered help with planning your budget.

It would also be a good idea to talk to other people about your project, such as your tutor, youth worker or work colleagues. It would be helpful to practise your presentation on your friends and family.

Will my travel expenses be paid?

You can claim travel expenses for up to two people in your group to attend the panel meeting.

This will be based on a standard rail fare and will only be available on production of original receipts.

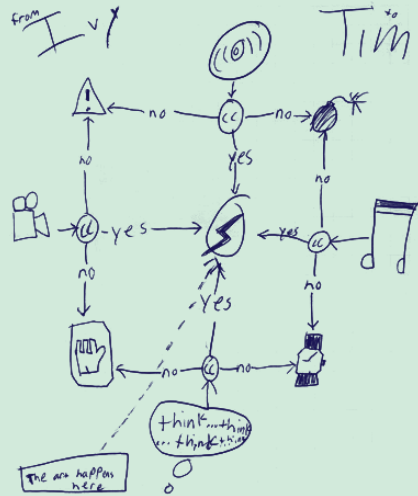
What will happen if I get a grant?

If you are successful you will be notified within two days of the panel meeting and receive a cheque for the full amount of your grant within 14 days of the meeting with the panel.

You will receive support throughout the creative process and will also be paired with a professional mentor. The mentor will be a member of the Regional Producers' Group and will be selected because they have expertise relevant to your project. The Regional Producers' Group is made up of artistic directors and producers representing all the major theatre and arts venues in the South East.

Your mentor will meet with you to discuss the progress of your work, offer networking opportunities and help with finding a suitable venue for your performance.

Applicants who wish to follow a Gold Arts Award as part of their project will be offered additional support from an Arts Award Adviser.



What opportunities will this create?

This is an opportunity to get your work noticed by arts professionals and other funding bodies as well as your local community. It could be the start of your career in the theatre industry and might help you take the first steps towards the formation of a new theatre company.

What do I need to do first?

Firstly you should discuss your ideas with the people around you. Once you have a clear idea of what you would like to do and what you might use a grant for, you will need to phone Fiona Baxter at Farnham Maltings for an initial chat about your idea. If your idea fits the aims of the grant scheme you will be offered an appointment at the panel meeting.

What will be required of me if I get a grant?

You will need to keep Farnham Maltings informed of your progress throughout the project.

You will be invited to an informal meeting on completion of your project, where you will be offered feedback and your future plans can be discussed. You will need to keep all your invoices and receipts and have these available for the final meeting.

How can I find out more?

If you need any further information please contact Fiona Baxter at Farnham Maltings:

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