Imaginate Ideas Fund 2012



Imaginate would like to invite submissions from artists wishing to apply to the Ideas Fund. The Ideas Fund underlines Imaginate's commitment to empowering individuals and organisations to achieve their artistic aspirations of creating work of the highest quality for children in Scotland.

The aims of the Ideas Fund are:

- To provide a catalyst for the creation of inspirational performances for children
- To provide support to emerging and established children's theatre practitioners
- To give space and time for ideas to flourish
- To promote artistic experimentation
- To encourage collaborative working

How much funding is available?

Imaginate will fund a maximum of £2,000 for each Ideas Fund project.

Submitting a proposal

Within your proposal we would like you to tell us about:

Your idea

A description of your idea, including background information on where this idea has come from and what questions you would like to ask during the development time; **who** you would like to **collaborate** with,

a budget (under the headings; people, venue, materials, travel, other), and a timescale for working on the idea.

You / your team

CVs and/or relevant background material on you/your teams' work to date.

Selection criteria

We will be flexible with the selection criteria to allow the artistic ambitions and creative ideas to take priority.

- The originality and ambition of the ideas will be the key focus of the selection criteria
- Artists from all disciplines are encouraged to apply
- Artists should be currently living in Scotland
- Artist's interest and motivation for creating work for children and young people will be taken into account
- Projects that involve collaborative working are encouraged
- Projects which already have funding will not be considered

Reporting

Successful applicants will be expected to submit a report at the end of their project, including a financial report. It will also be expected that any changes to the project plan, particularly the timescale will be reported and agreed with Imaginate.

Imaginate Ideas Exchange

Recipients of the Ideas Fund will have the opportunity to participate in an Imaginate Ideas Exchange event which would allow them to:

- Share ideas and working practices with other practitioners
- Receive feedback from other artists in a supportive environment
- Develop confidence around discussing work and experimental practice

There will be no pressure to create work to show at this event but artists will be encouraged to share where they have reached with their idea. The event will be fun, sociable, supportive and should help contribute to the development of ideas.

Applications should be sent to: Fiona Ferguson Imaginate, 45a George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2HT or by email to fiona@imaginate.org.uk

The closing date for Ideas Fund applications is Monday 17 September 2012.

To discuss your idea, or for further information, contact Fiona Ferguson, Development Director at Imaginate T: 0131 225 8050 E: fiona@imaginate.org.uk

Did you know?

Applicants can also benefit from a range of support through Imaginate, this may include: mentoring with an established artist during the development time, match making with other artists or a supportive venue, production and financial advice. If you feel you could benefit from this or other support to help your idea develop please include details in your application.

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The Imaginate Ideas Fund is supported through Creative Scotland's Talent Hub.

As part of Creative Scotland's commitment to talent development, the Talent Hubs and Incubators grant is designed to fund programmes that guide and accelerate talent to maximise the potential of artists in Scotland.

