



Creative Europe's 2019 Cooperation Projects results show UK-European cultural partnerships continue to flourish

Creative Europe, the European funding programme to support creative sectors, has published its Cooperation Projects results for 2019. It shows the UK is in **the top five European countries** again this year for cross-border cultural collaborations, with 32 UK cultural organisations awarded the Creative Europe funding, ranging from theatre companies to arts festivals:

- **32 UK organisations** will benefit from funding for Cooperation Projects to run joint initiatives with other European countries.
- **1 in 4** of all selected projects this year **have a UK partner**.
- The UK was the **joint most-partnered country**, alongside Germany, with European nations actively seeking UK project partners.
- UK organisations were **awarded €3,880,819 in funding** from Creative Europe to be involved in joint projects with other European organisations
- This is an **increase of 25% on last year's** grants results.
- Cultural organisations in the UK remain engaged in forging partnerships, submitting the **third highest number of applications to lead projects**.

The results of this year's funding call, which covered 41 European countries, show that **UK cultural and heritage organisations continue to be viewed as valued partners** by other European countries despite political uncertainties. The application success rate of UK beneficiaries was also higher than the European average.

Christoph Jankowski, Head of Culture for Creative Europe Desk UK says:

"We are delighted that this evidence confirms that UK cultural and creative organisations remain one of the most involved across Europe. This demonstrates that their engagement is met with a strong commitment from European partners to respond to shared challenges. Despite uncertainties around Brexit, creative solidarity remains strong across UK and rest-of-Europe."

32 SUCCESSFUL ORGANISATIONS IN 2019

With **62% of awards going to organisations based outside of London**, the UK has also achieved a better geographical distribution of awards this year. Funded partners include: Newcastle-based artist organisation **D6: Culture in Transit**; **The Scottish Sculpture Workshop** and **Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru** in Wales which

are both part of cross-border Large Projects; and PRS Foundation continues to champion gender balance in the music industry through their 'Keychange' project.

Leicester-based cultural development agency **ArtReach** was awarded €1.3 million by Creative Europe to deliver a €2.6 million Europe-wide arts project LIBERTY aimed at engaging young people on issues of cultural identity.

David Hill, ArtReach Founding Director and Chairman says:

"ArtReach is delighted that our large-scale Cooperation Project, LIBERTY, will be supported by Creative Europe funding until 2022. European artistic collaboration has been a vital component of our development and delivery over the last five years, and with valued ongoing advice from [Creative Europe Desk UK](#) we are ambitious to make more great and stimulating art for UK and partner communities."

Artsadmin, an organisation providing support and advice to artists across disciplines, were successfully awarded funding across two Cooperation Projects this year and have received funding previously.

Judith Knight, Director of Artsadmin says:

"We are now working on three Cooperation Projects, which enables Artsadmin to remain close to our artistic allies across Europe, produce exciting and relevant projects, and keep an outward facing focus to our work despite the anxieties about Brexit. This includes funding for Art Climate Transition, which allows us to continue to work with our long-standing partners across Europe on artists projects about the most important issue of our time – the climate crisis."

More information can be found at:

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Creative Europe Desk UK

In each country that takes part in Creative Europe, there is an information and promotion office which supports potential and current stakeholders with their applications. The team members of Creative Europe Desk UK are based across the UK, in London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff. Creative Europe Desk UK is led by the British Council and the British Film Institute, in partnership with Arts Council England,

Creative Scotland, Welsh Government, and with support from the UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the European Commission.

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Creative Europe

[Creative Europe](#) is the European Union's programme to support the cultural, creative and audiovisual sectors. From 2014-2020, the EU is investing €1.46 billion in the creative industries through one unified programme, Creative Europe. Creative Europe supports European projects with the potential to travel and find audiences beyond their national borders. Launched in 2014, Creative Europe brings together a Culture sub-programme, which provides funding for the cultural and creative sectors to collaborate across borders, and a MEDIA sub-programme, which invests in cinema, television, new media and games. Match funding is required by participating organisations. Creative Europe is open to all EU Member States plus 11 non-EU countries.

Cooperation Projects

There are two types of [Cooperation Projects](#). Small Cooperation Projects involve a partnership of at least three organisations from different eligible countries and up to €200,000 can be applied for. Large projects bring together a partnership of at least six organisations from different eligible countries and up to €2 million can be applied for. The Cooperation Projects strand supports cross-border projects between cultural and creative organisations within the EU and beyond, which can cover one or more cultural and creative sectors and can be interdisciplinary. These projects must be shown to support capacity building, audience development or cross-border mobility, and achieve results that are more than the sum of the activities in the different countries.

Creative Europe and Brexit

In the run up to the UK's exit from the EU, Creative Europe Desk UK advises UK lead and partner organisations, and other European partners, to continue applications as normal for forthcoming Creative Europe calls. See the [Creative Europe Desk UK Brexit update](#) for full details.

FULL LIST OF UK ORGANISATIONS AWARDED COOPERATION PROJECT FUNDING 2019

LARGE COOPERATION PROJECTS – UK BENEFICIARIES 2019

Beneficiary Organisation	Project	Nation	Region
ARTREACH (EVENTS) LTD	LIBERTY - New European Generation - Exploring Freedom and Identity through Creative Integration	England	Midlands
ARTSADMIN	Art BEyond PARTicipation. Towards a better understanding of the entanglements between power, politics, place and publics in arts practice	England	London
ARTSADMIN	ACT : Art, Climate, Transition	England	London
CRAFTS COUNCIL	Crafting Europe	England	London

Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival	Sounds Now	England	North
MA Music, Leisure & Travel Ltd	MOST - The Complex Strategy to develop the Balkan World Music Scene	England	London
PERFORMING RIGHT SOCIETY FOUNDATION	Keychange	England	London
PILOT THEATRE LTD	PLAYON! - New Storytelling with Immersive Technologies	England	North
Scottish Sculpture Workshop	Art BEYond PARTicipation. Towards a better understanding of the entanglements between power, politics, place and publics in arts practice	Scotland	
THE YORK EARLY MUSIC FOUNDATION LBG	EEEmerging+	England	North
Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru	ConnectUp - The Life of the Others European Theatres for Young Audience in a Union of Diversity	Wales	
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE	TAKING CARE_Ethnographic and World Cultures Museums as Spaces of Care	England	South East
University of Derby Theatre Ltd	ConnectUp - The Life of the Others European Theatres for Young Audience in a Union of Diversity	England	Midlands
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD	TAKING CARE_Ethnographic and World Cultures Museums as Spaces of Care	England	South East
University of Wolverhampton	Inclusive Theater(S)	England	Midlands
UNIVERSITY OF YORK	PLAYON! - New Storytelling with Immersive Technologies	England	North

SMALL COOPERATION PROJECTS – UK BENEFICIARIES 2019

Beneficiary Organisation	Project	Nation	Region
ACTA COMMUNITY THEATRE LTD	Refugee Arts with Participants and Practitioners Open to integRaTion	England	South West
Contemporary Dance Trust (The Place)	Shape It	England	London
Youth Theatre Arts Scotland	BUZZ Network	Scotland	
Off-Centre Productions Limited	Paint the Change	England	London
WALK THE PLANK	European Outdoor Arts Academy: School of Participation	England	North
Coventry City of Culture Trust	European Outdoor Arts Academy: School of Participation	England	Midlands
CURATED PLACE LTD	Moving Classics Sonic Flux	England	North
Transform Theatre Projects	FESTIVALS OF THE FUTURE	England	North
Take Me Somewhere Festival Ltd	FESTIVALS OF THE FUTURE	Scotland	
D6 CULTURE LIMITED	CONTESTED DESIRES	England	North
UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID ROYAL CHARTER	The Ulysses' Shelter: Building writers-in-residence network 2	Wales	
Skyway Programs C.I.C.	Creative Accessibility Network	England	London
CRAFTS COUNCIL	FUSION: Fashion Up-Skilling Innovation Network	England	London
A Greener Festival	GREEN EUROPE EXPERIENCE	England	London
UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN	Out of War Experiences – Hope for the Future	England	Midlands

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THRESHOLD STUDIOS LIMITED	Out of War Experiences – Hope for the Future	England	Midlands
Full of Noises	Acoustic Commons	England	North
Soundcamp	Acoustic Commons	England	London

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