

Expressive Arts Competition Fund 2016-17

Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) is inviting applications from schools and community-based organisations working with children aged 10 - 11 in Scotland. The application deadline is extended to Thursday 26 January 2017.

About the Funding

VAF are delighted to have been asked by American Mothers to pilot this scheme for the first time outside the USA. Using a variety of mediums, we would like to invite children to explore the theme “What my mother* means to me...” * ‘Mother’ in this context is not gender specific and therefore could mean anyone that undertakes this role and espouses these values to the children – whether a teacher, an older brother/sister, parent, grandparent.

Children may choose to work individually, in pairs or small groups to produce their chosen art. They can choose to:

- Write a 500 word essay
- Make a short film
- Write a poem
- Use photography
- Produce artwork

The fund outcome is to:

- Raise awareness of the values associated with nurturing and building the capacity of humankind

Aligned to this we aim to:

- Celebrate diversity;
- Recognise societal values;
- Enable children to come together from a diversity of areas and backgrounds.

Who can apply?

This is an open and competitive fund for:

- Third sector organisations (voluntary organisation or community group) whose Board of Trustees or Management Committee are predominantly volunteers;
- Schools or parent councils;
- Organisations must have a bank account in their own name;
- We are particularly targeting organisations across the Central belt but will consider applications to participate from across Scotland. Please note however that the exhibition and prize-giving events will be held in Glasgow and Edinburgh in March 2017.



How much can organisations apply for?

Grants of up to £400 are available to schools and third sector organisations to cover related costs e.g. tutors, sessional workers, art materials, equipment or transport. Two final exhibition events and prize-giving ceremonies will be organised by VAF.

How will the competition operate?

We would like fund recipients to exhibit the artwork produced and select two pieces to put forward to represent the school/organisation at the regional events in March. The children producing these pieces will be invited to attend this exhibition and celebration. A judging panel will select the final 6 winning entries. Prizes will include gift vouchers for the winning individuals/groups and a small monetary donation will be made to the school/organisation.

More information including the application form are now available to download from our website below.



About Voluntary Action Fund

Voluntary Action Fund (www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk) is a long-established, independent grant maker in Scotland. VAF distributes over £17 million annually to over 500 organisations in Scotland: from grassroots community groups with limited income to national organisations with income in excess of £5 million per annum.

Voluntary Action Fund manages the Expressive Arts Competition on behalf of American Mothers, which funds it.

About American Mothers

American Mothers, was established in 1935 by Eleanor Roosevelt, Sara Delano Roosevelt, Mamie Eisenhower, JC Penney, and Norman Vincent Peale. American Mothers is dedicated to improving the lives of mothers and children in the US and around the world. As a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) centered at the United Nations, and leader of the Global Motherhood Coalition, American Mothers organizes annual panel discussions and participates in high level meetings focused on addressing global struggles for mothers and children. (<http://www.americanmothers.org/>).

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