

Ref: NE2620

Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2026/27**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Signpost International The Roundhouse
Activity Title	Café social art club
Grant Requested (£)	£1,000

- The Youth Inclusion Fund is to provide financial assistance for community initiatives aimed at working with Children and Young People. Applications should be for an activity (or activities) focused on including children & young people in activities, diverting young people from an existing undesirable activity or preventing them joining in with such activity. This should reflect a need that children and young people have been consulted on.

- The Small Grants Fund is for other applications that contribute towards achievement of the Dundee City Plan / Local Community Plan, usually up to £5,000, but there may be lower local restrictions on the amount. Therefore, it is important to check with the relevant Community Worker as listed on page 8 for any local restrictions or other requirements.

This application should address needs in one of the below Wards within which the Dundee Partnership supports activity. If an activity covers more than one Ward then an application is required for each Forum, but it is essential that each application can stand on its own if agreed and that the application is not for a city-wide activity, but a local activity that is to take place in more than one Ward.

TICK THE WARD WHERE YOUR PROJECT WILL OPERATE
☐ Coldside
☐ East End
☐ Lochee

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
☒ Small Grant
☐ Youth Inclusion

Maryfield
North East
Strathmartine

Please note that communications regarding this application will be sent to you via email unless you indicate otherwise. All communication for this application should be made to dundee.partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk

Checklist for the DP Community Regeneration Fund Application Form

Before submitting your application form to the Dundee Partnership Team, please use the below checklist to ensure that your form is as fully completed as possible. Please also note that submitting an incomplete form can cause delays in processing or rejection of your application.

Have you:

Read the guidance sections of the form	Y
Fully completed the information on the front of the form	Y
Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)	Y
Checked that your budget adds up properly?	Y
Checked that your start date is after the date at which funds could be available, (see page 6) and that your end date is within the financial year?	Y
Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?	Y
Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?	Y
Sourced and attached all relevant quotes? (multiple quotes are required where >£5,000 is being applied for to ensure value for money is being considered)	Y
Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete?	Y
Signed the form, given accurate contact details and ticked the GDPR box?	Y

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)		Signpost International	
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2025-26? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES / NO
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Please give a description of what you want this grant for - (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)

A community art club within our teen employability café.

Our café works with young people aged 14-18 who face significant barriers to education and employment to develop confidence, employability skills and a deeper knowledge of food education. Young people will attend weekly sessions in groups of 3–6, supported by specialist workers. Each six-week block includes skills development and practical café experience. The café operates a low-cost price point, promoting dignity and access to nutritious food.

This grant would be used to give community members a cosy space to connect with others, reduce social isolation while also receiving a hot meal and drink. This grant would fund a local artist to lead on activities as well as providing income to cover the café costs.

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Which City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome(s) will it address? Addressing the Plan Outcome- Health, Care and Wellbeing. “Populations living in poorer socio-economic circumstances are at increased risk of poorer mental health, depression and lower subjective wellbeing. Those living in the poorest fifth of the population are twice as likely to be at risk of developing mental health problems as those on average incomes.” This project would not only increase community members access to a warm space, nutritious food and activities to help social inclusion and mental wellbeing, it helps build more activities in the community where people can feel more connected to the area they live.

How many people will benefit from this project?	20-30
Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic) People living in an area of high deprivation with limited healthy food outlets.	

Please say why the project is needed (please limit your answer to 500 words or less) Whitfield is represented in the SIMD 2020's highest quintile, ranking among the lowest in Scotland across employment, health, income, crime &

educational indices. One fifth of children live in a 5% most deprived area, and more than ¾ in 20% most deprived areas, with these children more than twice as likely to be obese as those in less deprived households (<https://foodactive.org.uk/>). With only small, expensive convenience shops & fast-food venues within the area, Whitfield can be classed as a food desert, with residents experiencing significant barriers to accessing fresh, nutritious, & affordable food.

Participants will receive fresh, nutritious hot food from the café, while also having the opportunity to take home surplus food when available. This will help support households experiencing food insecurity, improve access to healthy food and reduce food waste within the local community.

Not only will this project provide a warm and welcoming space during the colder months, but the social and creative elements will also help reduce feelings of social isolation. Taking part in relaxed, accessible craft activities will provide opportunities for people to meet others, build connections and enjoy a positive shared experience, while supporting their overall wellbeing.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

During the summer holidays we provided arts and crafts alongside food provisions which was consistently fully booked. Members of the local community have requested more events during term time.

The artist workshop leader currently runs similar activities within The Maxwell Centre in the Hilltown area of Dundee. This is a well-attended class with participants forming new social connections as well as noting improved mental health and overall confidence.

What evidence do you hold that the local community supports this application?

(For example, was it proposed by members of a particular group? Does it directly address need identified by community members?)

Anecdotal evidence from conversations with partner organisations, including parent and family groups, highlights a clear demand for more adult social activities within the local area. We have also identified a waiting list of residents interested in participating in adult social activities. The Roundhouse is situated between three primary schools and one nursery, providing strong links with local families and the wider community. Family Development Workers and other third-sector organisations have also expressed interest in the planned activities and identified them as a valuable opportunity to support local residents to connect, socialise and participate in positive community activities.

How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation? (Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)

Providing healthy nutritious food, a warm space and accessible activities to those experiencing social isolation, deprivation and this will increase the Northeast Wards social activities as outlined in the community plan.

What other sources of funding have you secured / tried to secure for this project?

If none, please state why this is the case (Detail below, including applications that are pending or that have been turned down. We may ask for further evidence of an application for other funding)	
Source of Funding (detail if this funding is for more than 1 year, if applicable)	£
None, this is a pilot project. We have reached out to different community partners who are will to support the project however from this fund we are looking for capital to cover financial costs.	N/A

What are the costs of your activity and how much money is required? Please give specific details (expand list / use an additional sheet if required) and provide <u>all</u> quotes (good practice for applications for over £5,000 is to provide three quotes to ensure value for money is received, and we will require to see these where relevant).		
Cost Heading	Full Costs (£)	DP Aid (£)
Art workshop leader 2 hours per week for 8 weeks	£480	£480
Hot drinks, milk, juice	£150	£150
Food items from café (soup, toasties, home baking)	£250	£250
Marketing and admin costs, printing, event promotion	£50	£50
Core overhead costs, heating, electricity etc.	£70	£70
Totals	£1000	£1000

- All applicants are required to submit a copy of the group's most recent annual accounts with this application. These will be used to help determine eligibility for funding, and WITHOUT THEM AN APPLICATION WILL NOT PROCEED**
 - See additional detail on reserves in the Guidance section below.
- Note that if you have already submitted your accounts within this financial year, further copies may not be needed - please check with the Dundee Partnership Team if unsure

What other documents are you attaching to evidence the budget costs for this application? (e.g. quotes, estimates, projected income and expenditure)

How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes?

Tracking attendances, recording returning participants, food stock being recorded. Feedback questionnaires recording qualitative data.

What is the planned start date of the event/activity?

Please note turn around on applications is 6 - 10 weeks and funding cannot be retrospective (*see section 2 of the guidance notes*)

27th October 2026

What is the planned end date of the event/activity?

15th December 2026

Outputs & Outcomes

It is expected that applicants will have evidence to support performance information when completing returns on the performance against target. Consideration of this should be given when outputs and outcomes are set out.

Applicants will usually refer to one [City Plan](#) / [Local Community Plan](#) Outcome, but the opportunity is given for up to two, if required. **Please refer to section 3 of the Guidance Notes** for examples of outputs and outcomes / indicators.

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome: "We need to tackle social isolation and improve mental wellbeing"

Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:

Outputs

Hold a weekly arts and crafts activity within our café space with hot drinks and food available free to participants. Estimate 5-15 attendances per session.

Target 2026-27

8 sessions

Outcomes / Indicators:	
Feedback from participants indicate feeling more connected to their community and less socially isolated.	20-30 people
Recorded participant attendance indicates a want for the activities.	20-30 people