



Theatres Trust launches new grant scheme supported by The Linbury Trust

The national public advisory body for theatres, Theatres Trust, has announced details of its new Small Grants Programme supported by The Linbury Trust. The new partnership, worth £100,000, will provide grants of up to £5,000 for essential works to enable not-for-profit theatres across the UK to be viable and thrive in the future.

The grants will support small projects that make a big impact to a theatre's resilience, sustainability or accessibility. Eligible projects include small capital works, the installation of key plant and machinery and works that make theatre buildings digital-ready. Applications are also welcome for projects that help theatres reopen as Covid-secure.

Theatres Trust Director Jon Morgan says, *After the devastating past year, theatres are desperate to welcome back existing audiences and reach out to new ones, but there may be small capital works that need to be done to make this possible. Theatres Trust is therefore delighted to partner with The Linbury Trust on this much-needed grants scheme. Together we hope to support more of the UK's wonderful theatres to come back stronger and continue to play a vital role within their communities.*

Stuart Hobley, Director of The Linbury Trust, comments, *We're delighted to be working in partnership with Theatres Trust; the creative economy is key to places right across the UK, and theatres play a vital role in community engagement. In the year ahead, theatres will want to reopen with confidence and creativity, and these grants for focused capital work – from improving access to digital readiness – will help to welcome back a wide range of audiences, supporting our much-loved local theatres to thrive.*

The first round of the scheme is now open for applications, with a deadline of Monday 7th June, 2021. This will be followed by a second round later in the year. Further details are available on <http://www.theatretrust.org.uk/smallgrants> .

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Theatres Trust

Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. They believe that current and future generations should have access to good quality theatre buildings where they can be inspired by, and enjoy, live performance. They champion the future of live performance by protecting and supporting excellent theatre buildings which meet the needs of their communities. They do this by providing advice on the design, planning, development and sustainability of theatres, campaigning on behalf of theatres old and new and offering financial assistance through grants.

During the pandemic Theatres Trust has supported theatres with advice on building maintenance, funding applications and business planning, as well as organising free webinars. Its previous grant scheme, the Theatre Reopening Fund, awarded more than £300k to 75 theatres to help prepare for reopening.

The Linbury Trust

The Linbury Trust is an independent grant-making Trust established by Lord Sainsbury and his wife Anya, Lady Sainsbury CBE. The Trust funds compelling projects in the areas of culture, environment, social and community welfare; the Trust also funds work benefiting young people, older people and overseas humanitarian aid. www.linburytrust.org.uk

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