Round 1

The Wiltshire Music Centre Trust Ltd

Grant: £99,931 | Area: South West

Wiltshire Partnership will use an award of £99,931 to offer older people in Wiltshire the opportunity to see live performances in libraries and community centres and take part in music, dance and visual arts activities. The partnership led by Wiltshire Music Centre will develop the programme of work in consultation with groups of older people living in the communities and the charities already working with these groups, to make sure the offer is relevant and meaningful.

Hat Fair

Grant: £75,560 | Area: South West

Hat Fair will use a grant of £75,560 towards a two year programme of arts activity inspired by, and created for, older people in Winchester, Hampshire and Corby. Working with partners including Winchester City Council, Flintlock Theatre and Age Concern, Hat Fair will tour an immersive theatre show based on the real lives of 90 year olds to village halls and arts centres and in the second year will develop a multimedia production.

Independent Arts

Grant: £85,659 | Area: South West

Led by Independent Arts, in partnership with local museums and libraries, Time and Tide will give the Isle of Wight’s older community a ground-breaking opportunity to experience and participate in high quality arts activities through co-production, exchange of ideas and a programme of creative workshops, pop-up exhibitions and cultural site visits.
Wolverhampton Art Gallery

Grant: £90,800  Area: Midlands

Wolverhampton Art Gallery will use this £90,800 investment to work with Choices Housing Association, Staffordshire Arts Services and Creative Health (Arts and Health) CIC to produce Still Lively. This two-year programme of visual art activities, exhibitions and events will be created by and with older people. The gallery and Shire Living Schemes in Staffordshire will become a place to celebrate, create and share their artwork, stories and ideas, inspiring those taking part as well as other visitors.

Stoke-On-Trent and North Staffordshire Theatre Trust Limited

Grant: £99,975  Area: Midlands

The New Vic Theatre will use this £99,975 investment to work with Keele University and Age UK North Staffordshire to produce Meet Me at Live Age. Meet Me at Live Age will build on the success of the established Live Age Festival with a programme of new arts events and performances created by and for older people. The programme will help to make sure more older people in Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire can enjoy professional art commissions, theatre and creative activities in their local community, helping to reduce the risk of social isolation.

Artcore

Grant: £100,000  Area: Midlands

Derby-based Artcore will use this £100,000 investment to give older people at risk of social isolation new opportunities to take part in a programme of artistic and cultural activities shaped by their interests. This citywide programme will use visual art, dance, theatre and music to celebrate older people's talent, experience and enthusiasm, helping them to become part of their local community.

City Arts (Nottingham) Ltd
Grant: £97,200 | Area: Midlands

Using this £97,200 investment City Arts will challenge perceptions of ageing and dementia through a programme of arts and cultural events which help to bring older and young people together. City Arts and its partners will put older people at the heart of shaping this creative programme which will feature literature, music, dance and digital art.

The Posh Club

Grant: £99,173 | Area: South East

The Posh Club is a 1940’s styled event designed by older people, for older people – helping to promote wellbeing and reduce isolation. With the support of £99,173, The Posh Club will pilot two new spring seasons in Hastings and Brighton. Each show brings together ninety older people for a glamorous event featuring showbiz turns, vintage crockery and waiters in black tie.

Originally created by arts outfit Duckie, The Posh Club is specifically aimed at tackling isolation for older people, particularly those living in areas of deprivation. Each club is developed in collaboration with local partners, ensuring that they meet the specific needs of their audiences. All The Posh Clubs are subsidised, ensuring that they are accessible to those on low-incomes, hosted in local community venues, employ local people and take referrals from front-line health providers.

Farnham Maltings Association Ltd

Grant: £62,338 | Area: South East

With the support of £62,338 from the Arts Council, Farnham Malting’s ‘My Shout’ will put older people in the creative driving seat. This new project will bring older people together with professional artists – including Matthew Bourne’s New Adventures - to develop four new art works across theatre, dance, film and sculpture that celebrate long lives. ‘My Shout’ has the ambition to challenge ageism, overcome assumptions around growing old and encourage greater inclusivity.

Cubitt Artists Ltd
Cubitt has been awarded £91,000 to lead Going Places. Project partners All Change, Candoco, Sadler’s Wells, Islington Library & Heritage Service, Notting Hill Housing Group and Alsen Day Centre will present a programme of activity in day centres, homes and residential care settings across Islington, North London. Public art commissions, workshops, exhibitions and performances will take place by, for and with older people with a range of needs, addressing social isolation and loneliness in older generations.

The Albany

The Albany arts centre in Deptford has been awarded £98,665 for its project with Entelechy Arts who have over 20 years’ experience working with older people. The partnership will build on the highly successful Meet Me at the Albany programme, taking activities out to six sheltered housing sites across Lewisham, as part of the Albany’s ongoing partnership with social housing provider Lewisham Homes. It will develop nationally replicable ways to place great art at the heart of community initiatives, and creatively engage many of the area’s oldest and most marginalised residents.

Rural Arts North Yorkshire

Rural Arts will use £89,635 to increase the participation of people aged over 75 in its ‘ON Tour’ and Courthouse creative programmes. The organisation aims to use the outcomes of this project to develop a model of delivering ‘Arts and Culture - On Prescription’ by embedding it in clinical healthcare plans.

Pavilion

Grant: £62, 249 | Area: North
Pavilion will use the investment of £62,249 to work with Touchstone, a mental health and wellbeing provider for vulnerable and isolated people across Leeds, and in particular its Sikh elders service, to address the contributions migrants have made to the Leeds textiles and clothing industries. The activity will include arts-based workshops, the production of a new film and an exhibition at Leeds Industrial Museum.

Hoot Creative Arts

Grant: £99,971 | Area: North

Arts and mental wellbeing charity Hoot will use this investment of £99,971 to work with older artists, providing an outreach programme in sheltered housing and community settings and exploring ageing today through artist commissions.

Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (mima)

Grant: £90,000 | Area: North

mima will use £90,000 to work with Thirteen, one of the North East’s leading social housing companies, to develop a three-year programme for older people. Delivering weekly public sessions within mima and the community, the programme aims to tackle social exclusion and bring arts and culture to the lives of those who are not already engaged in spaces that are familiar and comfortable.

Leeds Theatre Trust Limited

Grant: £99,950 | Area: North

Using an investment of £99,950, Leeds Theatre Trust will produce a Festival of Theatre and Dementia which will explore the experience of living with dementia through creative means. People with dementia will be involved as curators and performers and Leeds Theatre Trust will work with non-arts partners and visiting arts companies.
Round 2

Helix Arts Ltd

Grant: £99,425 | Area: North

Building on the success of its grass-roots dance engagement programme *Falling on your Feet*, Helix Arts will develop seven more programmes across the North East. By encouraging older people to work with artists, arts organisations and community partners, the organisation hopes that older people will emerge with the confidence, skills and motivation to self-manage neighbourhood dance ensembles themselves.

The Bluecoat

Grant: £98,000 | Area: North

The Bluecoat will explore how the arts can be embedded into new care environments working with Belong, The Atkinson and The Williamson. The project will look at how arts practice with and for people with dementia can be developed and it will equip all partners with the skills to support the delivery of this ambition in two new care villages.

FACT

Grant: £100,000 | Area: North

FACT, Open Eye Gallery and Happy Older People (led by National Museums Liverpool), aims to increase the ambition of arts commissioning working with the over-60s through a programme called *Art.Full*. By enabling older people to be active producers and decision makers in their own creative journey it hopes to form a peer-led creative community for older adults.

Gateshead Council Library Service

Grant: £90,000 | Area: North
Gateshead Council Libraries & Culture Team, 64Million Artists and Gateshead Older People’s Assembly will deliver *Art75* - a programme of arts activities targeted at people aged 75+ in libraries across Gateshead. The programme aims to tackle social isolation through creative art challenges, developing arts skills and providing opportunities in a supportive and sociable way, encouraging older people to be part of their local community.

The Midlands Arts Centre (MAC)

Grant: £98,000 | Area: Midlands

The Midlands Arts Centre (MAC) in Birmingham has been awarded a £98,000 grant to embark on a three-year artistic and engagement programme for people aged 70 and over. Combining dance, theatre and visual arts, the project will cumulate as part of a major festival in January 2021. The festival will be co-designed with a newly established older people’s forum and aims to focus on the participation and contribution of older people, their families and carers, and the work of older professional artists. The approach for the project will be collaborative, sensitive and joyful.

Voluntary Arts Network

Grant: £100,000 | Area: Midlands

Voluntary Arts Network has been awarded £100,000 of Arts Council funding for the Age of Creativity Festival – a festival celebrating creativity in later life. It will bring together the experience and expertise of specialists across every region to present a month long programme of accessible, inspirational and challenging creative activity with, for and by older people. Led by Voluntary Arts, Age UK and Age UK Oxfordshire, the festival will draw together a programme of artistic activity that stretches across the country and connects with partners across the UK.

Arts Alive

Grant: £100,000 | Area: Midlands
Arts Alive has been awarded £100,000 for new cross sector, rural partnership project *Creative Conversations (CC)*. *CC* will link experienced agencies for arts -Arts Alive, MediaActive, Qube - and health - Age UK, Shropshire Council, Shropshire Provider’s Consortium members - to create a programme of events that reaches and benefits older people. It will deliver creative workshops, training, residencies, performances and exhibitions for and with older people in the Shropshire region, where participants and carers will be able to share, shape and celebrate elders’ stories and creativity.

**Writing East Midlands**

Grant: £99,531 | Area: Midlands

Writing East Midlands has been awarded £99,531 for The Elder Tree – a scheme to empower groups of older people through story-telling, memoir writing, poetry, group reading and role-play. The three-year project will encourage participants across the region to take inspiration from museums, archives, heritage spaces and professional writers, and to create new work in response to them.

**Ideas: Test**

Grant: £88,855 | Area: South East

Sea Folk Sing will work with older people to explore their local maritime heritage. Over 2 years the project will capture new and existing intergenerational stories, commissioned new composed music in response to the stories, and create a series of choral performances touring the area culminating in an ambitious simulcast at key heritage sites in North Kent.

**Gulbenkian Theatre**

Grant: £99,000 | Area: South East

Still Stomping is a project designed by Gulbenkian, Moving Memory Dance Theatre Company and a range of partners to challenge assumptions about older people. It will achieve this by bringing
together different generations to experience high-quality creative work, all led by and involving older people in partnership with young people.

New Writing South

Grant: £100,000 | Area: South East

Celebrating Our Stories is an exciting new festival of theatre made with and by older LGBTQ people that will take place across the South East. Stories and conversations from older LGBTQ people will be at the heart of this activity, all presented through verbatim theatre. The programme will also include a series of monologues that will tour non-cultural venues, as well as podcast, radio broadcasts, video installations and salons – all created and performed by LGBTQ participants.

Suffolk Artlink

Grant: £100,000 | Area: South East

Make Do and Friends will bring together Suffolk Artlink, DanceEast and Rural Coffee Caravan in an exciting partnership to explore new ways of reaching rurally isolated older people in a way that positively impacts their lives. The work, which includes celebratory dance events, will focus on a high-quality arts outreach programme, led by artists and co-produced by older people. The individual needs of each community will be reflected in the work and the programme will seek to give a voice to local people’s skills and talents, whilst also establishing new networks for the future.

Devon Guild of Craftsmen

Grant: £67,219 | Area: South West

Devon Guild of Craftsman will work in partnership with Libraries Unlimited on a project that will benefit groups of older people from five towns in Devon through a series of craft based workshops. Professional artists and community mentors will work with participants around the theme of ‘Change in my time’. As well as participatory workshops, the five town libraries will host exhibitions of the work alongside commissioned work from five professional older artists.
Cinderford ArtSpace

Grant: £90,000 | Area: South West

Cinderford ArtSpace and a diverse consortium of partners will deliver Branching Out, a quality programme that will increase older people’s participation in arts and culture in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire. Utilising existing cultural spaces and taking inspiration from the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty the project will bring community groups, volunteers and artists together to improve the well-being and quality of life of older participants.

Stratford Circus

Grant: £100,000 | Area: London

Stratford Arts Social offers older adults in Newham opportunities to participate and curate monthly multi-artform activities with specialist artists and attend weekly befriending meet-ups, celebrating their creativity, talents, skills and life experience. The project is supported by London Borough of Newham’s Adult Social Care Service and Age UK East London. There will be a particular focus on Newham’s Asian and Muslim population and vulnerable adults at risk of isolation. Studio 3 Arts

Grant: £100,000 | Area: London

Scaling Up will put older people in Barking and Dagenham in the creative driving seat; to commission, produce and make work that is relevant to their lives. The project has three strands – participants will explore programming and engagement before curating their own work within a borough festival. This is produced by leading arts organisation, Studio 3 Arts, who have a strong exciting relationship with the local community.