



Creative English Grant Funding Information

Creative English uses a drama-based method to teach English to those with few or no language skills. Using scenarios inspired by real life, Creative English enables learners to understand and practise the language they need in everyday situations while having fun and making friends!

For a very short period, we are inviting eligible faith-based and community organisations to apply for a grant of £5000 to deliver Creative English in their area. On top of the grant, you will be loaned a Creative English resource kit and have access to support for the funded period. This will be by telephone and visits in person by the Creative English team from FaithAction.

The grant may be used for what you consider as necessary to deliver the course. Some organisations have used it for administrative support to help them to meet their milestone obligations and data uploads, others are considering saving a portion to help them buy a licence to keep going after the funding period.

We will also provide two days of training for your volunteers on dates, arranged by us, at a venue within your region. You will be required to send at least two (and up to four) volunteers to this training to receive your first funding payment.

To qualify for this grant, you must target learners -

- with little or no English language skills (Pre-entry - Entry 1 ESOL)
- isolated due to their lack of English
- have been resident in the UK for a minimum of 12 months
- not in employment and not actively seeking employment (i.e. those not generally eligible for support through the mainstream Adult Skills budget)
- aged 19 and over
- Women

Creative English Programme Delivery-

Creative English classes are designed to be delivered by 2 trained volunteers, and must run for 2 hours.

Based on our experience of successful hubs, you should plan how you will meet the targets and dates in the Milestone schedule (on the form) before application.

You should consider-

- How many learners you can fit in your training room (in a circle with space to get up and move around – no tables)
- How you will retain learners for 10 sessions and how you will manage if people do not attend regularly (extra sessions/ trips etc.)

- The day and time you will meet (unless you have experience of gathering people on a Friday, weekend, or evening, these are less successful for the target audience. Weekday mornings, and afternoons in between the school run work best.)
- Preference will be shown to applicants who can evidence that they have considered how they will meet their targets; it is highly likely you will need to run a minimum of 2 sessions a week.

This funding is dependent on you submitting records of learner data and numbers, providing us with case studies and meeting milestones on dates set by FaithAction. It is important to note that this is a large element of the funded programme and there is an expectation that each Hub will deliver at least 66 learner engagements and 33 completions (learners completing 10 sessions), collecting data using a questionnaire on registration and completion. If the data is not fully uploaded onto our system by the milestone deadline, payments will be forfeited.

You can find out more about the milestone dates and apply for the grant using the application form given to you at the discovery day. You can also access it via this link – <http://www.creative-english.org.uk/grant/>

Please feel free to contact Heather, the Creative English administrator, with any queries you have about this funding opportunity on heather.ratnarajah@faithaction.net or 0845 094 6350