



CALOUSTE
GULBENKIAN
FOUNDATION

UK BRANCH

IN **2010**

THE MAJORITY OF
OUR FUNDING WILL
BE PROACTIVE

OUR ONLY RESPONSIVE PROGRAMME
IS AN INNOVATION FUND,
DETAILS OF WHICH CAN BE FOUND
ON OUR WEBSITE

WE WILL IDENTIFY AND
WORK WITH PARTNERS
WHOSE ACTIVITIES WILL
BEST MEET OUR AIMS

We aim...

...to help improve people's perception of each other by providing opportunities for interaction through culture and between cultures...

...to help build relationships and reduce social exclusion in order to assist individuals, families and communities to fulfil their potential and contribute to society...

...to support imaginative interventions that contribute to an increased understanding of the importance of habitat conservation for the protection of the environment...

...to support exceptional ideas and unusual partnerships between people and organisations that might not otherwise come together.

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We are part of a charitable foundation established in Portugal in 1956 with cultural, educational, social and scientific interests. The Foundation's headquarters are in Lisbon with offices in London and Paris. Its founder, Calouste Gulbenkian, was an Armenian born in Turkey who worked in Britain and became a British citizen, lived in France and settled in Portugal. He was multicultural and multilingual and spent his career bringing people from different cultures and nationalities together.

OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to help enrich and connect the experiences of people in the UK and Ireland and secure lasting and beneficial change. We have a special interest in supporting those who are most disadvantaged.

Three key issues concern us:

Cultural Understanding How we encourage understanding between people of different cultures

Fulfilling Potential How we assist individuals, especially the vulnerable, to fulfil their potential and contribute to society

Environment How we protect and care for the environment

The values that characterise all our work include aspiring to be:

Innovative

International

Independent yet involving

The UK Branch has a history of being innovative. As a small organisation we can be nimble but cannot provide continuous large-scale funding. As part of one of the largest European foundations we are well positioned to address transnational issues and act as an 'exchange' for ideas that can benefit the work of the Foundation as a whole.

HOW WE WORK Our approach

To achieve a greater impact, we are supporting fewer organisations with larger amounts of money.

We work proactively by identifying needs and collaborating with a number of key organisations to help meet them.

We support projects, partnerships and, indirectly, people.

These partnerships and activities are selected by the Foundation and are time-limited from one to four years.

Occasionally, we will invite new funding proposals for specific initiatives.

We will work to achieve our aims by:

Exploring Gathering evidence from research, identifying what works

Exchanging Connecting to practical experience and building coalitions

Explaining Advocating and communicating the outcomes of work to those who can effect change

Exiting Ensuring a legacy and moving on when the time is right.

WHERE WE FUND UK & Ireland

Please note this leaflet describes only the work of the Foundation in the UK. The funding channelled through the UK Branch is exclusively intended for organisations based in the UK and Ireland. We will support projects outside London in preference to those based in the capital. Although funding at national, regional and local levels, we want to ensure that we support projects that have a benefit beyond the locality in which they are situated. And, as part of remaining grounded in the realities of life in communities, we will support a limited number of projects local to our new office in Hoxton.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

In 2010 a fund is available to support genuinely innovative ideas and unusual partnerships across our cultural, educational and social interests. To find out how to apply to this **Innovation Fund** please refer to the guidelines on our website: www.gulbenkian.org.uk/innovation-fund

Please note this is currently the only funding stream open for applications.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Strategic Aim 1: Cultural Understanding

To help improve people's perception of each other by providing opportunities for interaction through culture and between cultures...

we will support **one major annual international arts project** in a UK region (the final year of support for Liverpool Biennial) and two high-profile interactive projects (the development of the Photographers' Gallery Olympics project and the Dialogue Café international network) that seek to connect people of different cultures;

we will support strategic arts initiatives which promote new international arts practice, particularly **work from Portugal** that has had insufficient exposure in the UK, implementing year two of our three-year visual arts strategy, and supporting the City of London Festival's Lusophone theme in 2010;

we will undertake initiatives to promote **literature in translation** for adults and children, primarily Lusophone, but also in collaboration with other international literary agencies;

we will develop our thinking around new areas for intervention specifically looking at the **issues of migration** and the need for greater cultural understanding.

Strategic Aim 2: Fulfilling Potential

To help build relationships and reduce social exclusion in order to assist individuals, families and communities to fulfil their potential and contribute to society...

we will support secondary schools to provide improved educational experiences for larger numbers of young people through our support to the re-launched **Human Scale Education** charity and their programme of seminars, visits, development of model projects and consultancy, and a research and publication programme;

we will help improve the quality and coherence of services for individuals with complex needs through support of a strong, geographically representative network of intergenerational practitioners, identifying, supporting and evaluating pilot **intergenerational projects** that better connect services and can be replicated more widely;

we will provide opportunities for social connections across all ages including through support for a strong, geographically representative network of intergenerational practitioners, identifying, supporting and evaluating pilot **intergenerational projects** in the UK, Ireland and Portugal;

we will support initiatives that address isolation and loneliness in old age through a coalition of practitioners and experts, and projects identified through the Independent Age–Gulbenkian report into the **use of new technology** among older people, and related initiatives.

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Strategic Aim 3: Environment

To support imaginative interventions that contribute to an increased understanding of the importance of habitat conservation for the protection of the environment...

we will promote initiatives that develop an increased understanding of the economic value of habitat conservation to influence decision-makers through partnerships with a limited number of major organisations;

we will promote public understanding of issues of habitat conservation with a view to increasing political engagement, for example, with Botanic Gardens Conservation International and the Natural History Museum;

we will help highlight the challenges, local and global, faced by sites of conservation and natural heritage through the Gulbenkian Galapagos Artists' Residency Programme;

we will research and scope new areas of need that will help us meet our strategic aim.

Strategic Aim 4: Innovation

To support exceptional ideas and unusual partnerships between people and organisations that might not otherwise come together...

we will support an **open fund** through which we will remain alert to new ideas and areas of intervention;

we will support the voluntary sector in developing the capacity for **maximising social return through innovation, leadership and influence**, particularly in those areas that touch on our strategic interests, including through the ACEVO–Gulbenkian project looking at how voluntary organisations influence public policy through their practical experience and through support for the Clore Leadership Programme and possible support of older social entrepreneurs in partnership with UnLtd;

we will encourage interdisciplinary engagements which **bring together expertise from different sectors** so all partners may benefit from taking new approaches.