



Celtic Connections in the Community 2020

BEMIS Scotland in partnership with Unison, Celtic Connections and the Scottish Government are delighted to offer a new opportunity for Glasgow's communities to programme a bespoke *Celtic Connections in the Community* celebratory event, with grants available of up to £1,500.

As part of your successfully funded event,

- **Celtic Connections will send an artist to your celebration to perform a 30-minute set, and to host a musical workshop for a group of performers.**
- This group will then perform a short set at the 'BEMIS and Unison present Les Amazonas D'Afrique & special guests' event in the Tramway Theatre on Saturday 25th of January.
- Please note that we expect the programme to be significantly over-subscribed. In 2020 we will fund 5 events across Glasgow.

The *Celtic Connections in the Community* events can involve music, song, dance or food or other cultural celebrations. We want to support exciting, innovative, diverse events that will celebrate the best of our communities but also give us an opportunity to for skilled community musicians, singers, dancers and others, who may not have had the opportunity to do so before to perform as part of this world-famous international music festival.

Workshop

As part of the event, Celtic Connections will send an artist to your celebration to host a musical or singing workshop with up to 10 individual performers (musicians, singers, dancers etc.) or a larger block group like choirs, community bands, pipe bands, school bands etc.

This workshop group will then perform a 10-minute set in the first half of the 'BEMIS and Unison present Les Amazonas D'Afrique & special guests' show in the Tramway Theatre on Saturday 25th of January.

Ensuring diverse ethnic and cultural minority participation

The Scottish Government, Celtic Connections and BEMIS Scotland believe that in order to fulfil our potential as individuals and communities of place, culture and ethnicity that we should celebrate and promote our diversity together.

This reflects our shared objective to build an '**Inclusive National Identity**' which celebrates Scotland's vibrant, diverse, confident and dynamic people.

Racial minority communities in Glasgow/Scotland are defined in international and domestic human rights and equalities law as being individuals or communities identifiable by 'colour, nationality, citizenship, ethnic or national origin'. Thus when it comes to cultural recognition and celebration of minority communities BEMIS leave it to communities themselves to self-define under the broad terms of this definition. In Glasgow, for example, that could mean Pakistani, Indian, Irish, African,

Scottish Gypsy Traveller, Gaels, Roma, Polish and others. Our city is magnificently diverse with fantastic community cultural assets and we want to showcase them.

How much funding is available?

Constituted, charitable and non-profit organisations or community groups can apply for grants up to **£1,500**.

It is very important that in your budget response in the application form you outline clearly what each cost is related to. We expect that this programme will be over-subscribed. Therefore, we will need to prioritise what we can fund for each event.

What can and can't we fund?

- We can't fund Pre-existing events. I.e. events that are already taking place. The CitC small grant fund is for one-off, bespoke, Celtic Connections events.
- We can't pay salary costs for employees
- All events must take place within the city of Glasgow.
- We know that some organisations have members from across the central belt or Scotland more generally. So, groups can apply who are from outwith Glasgow but must outline how their membership is connected to the city

What can we do to celebrate Celtic Connections in the Community?

Event example*¹

| Event Title | Location / event blurb | Date / Time / event | Workshop details |
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| Celtic Connections in Govan: A Celebration – Our Shared Community | The Pearce Institute "A celebration of Govan's historical and contemporary diversity with music, songs, food and art". | Sat 16th of January 3pm – 6pm Music, song, dance and food. | Karine Polwart will work with the Govan Community Choir on two songs to perform at the finale event on sat 25th of January. |

Glasgow's diversity is rich, and we want to showcase you and your community as part of this dynamic living culture.

Our objective is to show Scotland, Europe and the rest of the world that our country, city and communities are linked, share common characteristics of song, dance, music, language, food and drink and that our diverse cultural characteristics combine to reflect our shared society.

Think about how you could celebrate this diversity by combining different aspects of Scotland's cultural characteristics. You may choose to combine two or a series of communities, groups or neighbours.

¹ Please note that events detailed are hypothetical and to be used only as suggestions of how you might adapt this idea to your local area / community. Areas, artists, locations provided are hypothetical suggestions to help groups generate ideas.

Aims/Objectives

Where you can link your application to key objectives. Applications will be assessed on where and how they can demonstrate enhancement of key objectives.

Aim

To showcase and celebrates Glasgow's cultural diversity as part of the Celtic Connections music festival.

Objectives

- To bring the diverse people of Glasgow together to celebrate Glasgow and our shared communities in 2020 via the medium of the arts.
- To ensure that events are spread as much as possible across the city
- To ensure that we have a diverse representation of Glasgow's cultural population

Diversity

Celtic Connections in the Community will celebrate the cultural diversity of Glasgow and Scotland.

In light of this we will expect successful applicants to articulate how they will engage the broader community in any event. It is recognised that ethnic minority communities and others including cultural and religious minorities, people with a disability, LGBTI communities, women, and elderly groups and populations can face barriers to participation, recognition and inclusivity.

We would urge applicants to consider the broader populace when planning an event and ensure the nature of any celebration is inclusive and welcoming.

This may be by formally inviting another organisation or group to participate in an element of your activity or by sharing this activity with the wider community ensuring that they are aware of it and its inclusive nature.

Citizenship

Citizenship in practice is a core philosophy of the programme. Like diversity, we are keen that applicants demonstrate how they will engage with the broader community and civic Scotland. Your event in its entirety is an example of active citizenship, showcasing your community's strength, diversity and inclusivity.

Home

Scotland / Glasgow is a diverse country / city and we want you to show in your application how you choose to celebrate Scotland as **home** as part of Celtic Connections. Most importantly we want you to celebrate **home** using your community's cultural characteristics.

Who Can Apply?

- You must be a community group, unincorporated association, charity or not-for-profit organisation working in, with, or for Scotland's diverse communities.

- You must have at least one of the following governing documents: a constitution; management committee; foundation document; charitable status or demonstrate that you are a not-for-profit organisation.
- You must have an independent organisational (i.e. not personal) bank account **or your application will not be considered.**
- Be committed to submit an evaluation report and evidence of event

How to apply

- Please ensure you have referred to the above criteria when submitting your application.
- Please complete and send an application form including your budget.

When completed please send your application to festivals@bemis.org.uk.

- We may contact your organisation to discuss your application, so please provide contact details for an appropriate person.

Criteria for assessment of your application

BEMIS Scotland will assess the following:

- Your event's accessibility
- Your group's experience of, or commitment to working with diverse communities
- Your group's skills and experience in running events previously:
 - Evidence of financial planning/budgeting
 - Evidence of publicising/marketing
 - Evidence of organisational/planning skills
- The feasibility of your budget
- How your event will appeal to other communities and the general public and how you will involve them.

Next Steps (successful applicants)

- Please note we may not award the full amount applied for.
- Payment will be made by cheque. Please ensure the address on your application form is the address where you want the grant cheque to be sent.
- Your organisation must have an independent bank account. Your application should include the organisation's bank details including who to make cheque payable to on your application form.
- We will ask you to send us a short (50–100 words) description of your event for BEMIS and Celtic Connections promotional purposes.
- On acceptance of a grant from BEMIS Scotland, we ask that your organisation keep us informed about the event and any changes that happen during planning.

- **We require that you complete an event organiser evaluation form, which will be sent to you in advance, and return this within 1 month of your event**

Submission of Application

We prefer applications to be sent to us by email. Please return your completed application form to: festivals@bemis.org.uk

If cannot return your application by email and need to send it by post please send it to the following address:

BEMIS Scotland, 70 Hutcheson Street, Glasgow, G1 1SH

We are not responsible for any application sent to us by standard post that is not delivered.

Contact

If you have any queries please get in contact by emailing festival@bemis.org.uk or calling the office on **0141 255 2133**.

You can also follow us on Twitter ([@bemis_scotland](https://twitter.com/@bemis_scotland)) and Facebook (facebook.com/bemisscotland) to keep up to date with news about funding.