

My Place Mentoring, Supporting local heritage

The Scottish Civic Trust is delighted to be able to offer community groups across Scotland the opportunity to build their skills and capacity through our free mentoring programme.

If your group would like to develop its knowledge and skill in areas from sourcing funding to using social media and everything in between, you may be eligible for our support, which ranges from 8-20 days of our time per project.

What is My Place Mentoring?

My Place Mentoring is a programme designed to help community groups develop their skills, knowledge and connections. Our priority will be helping groups who traditionally experience difficulties accessing support for their heritage projects due to their remote location or because they serve areas of economic disadvantage.

Our mentoring can help groups to:

- develop sufficient skills to govern themselves in a robust and sustainable way
- gain a clear understanding of the stages and timescales involved with their project
- learn how to manage their project, engage professionals and guide the design process (if relevant)
- prepare briefing documents such as design briefs and business plans
- prepare applications for funding
- undertake community consultation
- develop new and existing audiences
- and make contacts with relevant stakeholders in local authorities and funding organisations

Who is eligible to apply for My Place Mentoring?

Our priority will be helping groups in remote communities (for example the far north or far south Scotland or island communities) and groups serving areas of economic disadvantage (as recorded by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation). However, we will give consideration to supporting groups that don't fall into either of these categories. All groups applying for mentoring will be asked to provide information on the scale and nature of their project, the existing experience of their group and their location. Our mentoring programme will run for three years. We aim to support between 15 and 20 groups per year.

What do I Have to Do?

Applications for mentoring in 2020 are now open. Give us a call to discuss if you're eligible on 0141 221 1466, or drop us a line at jamie.mcnamara@scottishcivictrust.org.uk please complete our Expression of Interest form and return it to jamie.mcnamara@scottishcivictrust.org.uk or The Scottish Civic Trust, 42 Millar Street, Glasgow G1 1DT.

How will groups be selected for mentoring?

Our priority will be helping groups who traditionally experience difficulties accessing support for their heritage projects because of their geography or because they serve areas of economic disadvantage. We will also look at civic and community benefit, project timescales, the stage your project is at and the capacity within our mentoring programme. We aim to support between 15 and 20 groups per year for three years.

What's the Offer?

We will come to your group meeting to assess what your needs are and how we can best support you. We'll come up with a plan and, with your agreement, we'll deliver it through a combination of face to face meetings and remote support. You will receive mentoring for a period of between 6 and 12 months.

Additional Information

My Place Mentoring is delivered by the Scottish Civic Trust and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, the Scottish Government and the William Grant Foundation.