

## Future Proofing Training Fund

### About the Fund

Future Proofing is a partnership project between Federation of Scottish Theatre (FST) and Scottish Drama Training Network (SDTN) which aims to offer a sustainable solution to the personnel shortages in Scotland. The Training Fund, which is administered by FST, aims to provide assistance to enable freelance and casual staff as well as full time and part time employees working in technical theatre and production roles in Scotland to access training and professional support.

The fund can support professional development opportunities or training in technical and production skill areas including:

- Stage/production/technical management
- Lighting
- Sound
- Audio Visual
- Stage and flies
- Wardrobe and wigs
- Set construction
- Scenic art
- Prop making

The fund will award small amounts of money to help with the costs incurred when attending training, including the cost of the course itself, travel or accommodation. The fund will not cover any loss of earnings.

We do not hold a list of preferred training providers. You may source training from any providers as long as your application offers justification for your choice.

### Who Can Apply

Individuals who are freelance or who work as a casual member of staff in a technical theatre or production role can apply for up to £350 of funding. Individuals who are employed full or part-time in a technical theatre or production role can apply for up to £200.

You may be eligible for up to £350 of financial assistance from the Future Proofing Training Fund if:

- You are self employed or work as a freelancer in a technical theatre or production role in performing arts, live events or other relevant creative industry in Scotland
- You are working for an organisation as a casual member of technical or production staff
- You are not currently a full time student or receiving any other forms of training allowance, including a student grant or loan
- You are not eligible for a Skills Development Scotland Individual Training Account (ITA)

You may be eligible for up to £200 of financial assistance from the Future Proofing Training Fund if:

- You are employed full or part time in a technical theatre or production role in performing arts, live events or other relevant creative industry in Scotland
- You are not currently a full time student or receiving any other forms of training allowance, including a student grant or loan
- You are not eligible for a Skills Development Scotland Individual Training Account (ITA)

To find out more about the Skills Development Individual Training Account go to the My World of World website: <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/learn-and-train/sds-individual-training-accounts-ita>

Please note: where an individual is employed full or part time we will expect their employer to contribute 50% of the cost of the training.

You can apply for funding as many times as you wish throughout the year, claiming up to your maximum entitlement. For example, if you are eligible for £200 of funding, you could apply for four lots of £50 to fund four separate courses. Alternatively, you could use the entire allowance to fund a single training event, if the cost can be justified. Please note that the amount applied for must only be used to cover the cost of the training specified in your application.

### How to Apply

Applications are currently open for 2017-18 funding. The fund has a rolling application process with no fixed deadlines, but applications must be made a minimum of two weeks before the training is due to take place.

To apply send a completed Future Proofing Training Fund application for to Fiona McCurdy, Training and Development Manager at FST on [fiona.mccurdy@scottishtheatre.org](mailto:fiona.mccurdy@scottishtheatre.org).

Successful applicants will be notified by email and paid in arrears on completion of a short survey about their training experience.