

Froebelian Network Grants – Guidance for Applicants

The Froebel Trust recognises the importance of educator-led networks.

The Council of the Froebel Trust is pleased to announce a new fund to provide small grants (up to £1,000) for established Froebelian networks. The grants are intended to contribute towards the cost of activities that will advance and promote Froebelian education and learning. Priority will be given to groups who are not already in receipt of Froebel trust funding.

Established Froebelian networks are those that have been formed and were active prior to the submission of an application for a network grant. This includes those that have been set up recently and are seeking support to grow and develop.

To be eligible to apply for this fund, the aims and activity of an applicant's network must be Froebelian – that is, inspired by the principles of Friedrich Froebel and / or Froebelian philosophy, history or practice.

Funding is limited and the Froebel Trust cannot guarantee to fund all applications or to provide the full amount requested by all successful applicants. The Trust's decisions about funding will be final and non-negotiable.

Please read the following guidance notes carefully.

If you have any questions or any problems with access to the online application form, please contact us by emailing office@froebeltrust.org.uk

1. The network grants will be awarded from two separate funds, which relate to the timing of the planned network activity. A network may apply for support from either Fund 1 **or** Fund 2.

Fund 1: For activity taking place before 31 March 2024.

Successful applicants to Fund 1 will receive payment of their grant before 31 March 2024, subject to completion of due diligence (see below), verification of bank details, and submission of an invoice to the Froebel Trust.

Fund 2: For activity taking place between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Successful applicants to Fund 2 will receive payment of their grant after 1 April 2024, subject to completion of due diligence (see below), verification of bank details, and submission of an invoice to the Froebel Trust.

Note: If your activity will start before 31 March 2024 but will continue beyond 1 April 2024, please apply for Fund 2, and only include costs occurring after 1 April.

2. **The deadline for applications is 13.00 hours (UK time) on Wed 10 January 2024.**
Please email office@froebeltrust.org.uk to request an online application form for your network.

3. The application form has 14 questions and a space at the end for any additional information that you'd like to share. You will be asked:
 - your name and email address
 - whether you are applying for Fund 1 or Fund 2
 - a few details about your network;
 - what you plan to do and hope to achieve;
 - how you would spend the grant;
 - when the activity would start and finish;
 - which organisation would receive the funds on your behalf - if your network doesn't have a bank account.

4. Please ensure that you submit your application when you have answered all the questions. You will see the following message if your application has been submitted successfully:

Thank you for your application for a Froebelian network grant from the Froebel Trust. This is your confirmation of submission.
You will NOT receive a separate email acknowledgement of submission.

5. **We will send you an email on 24 January 2024 to let you know whether your application for a grant was successful.**
6. The maximum grant available per network will be **£1,000**. Funds will be paid to a verified bank account in GB £. There is no restriction on the kinds of activities that networks choose to promote and advance Froebelian education. But the grant may not be used to support profit-making ventures.
7. **The Froebel Trust cannot pay grants to personal bank accounts.** Payments can only be made to an organisation. The funds must be ring-fenced for your network's activity.
8. Payment will be made on completion of the Trust's standard due diligence procedures and receipt of an invoice.
9. Payments for grants from Fund 1 will be made before 31 March 2024. Payments for grants from Fund 2 will be made after 1 April 2024.
10. All successful applicants will be required to write a short report (up to 4 sides of A4) about the activity that was supported by the network grant, including details of how the grant was spent. Grant recipients are asked to honour the principles of the Froebel Trust's Charter for Inclusive Practice and to share our Equalities Monitoring Survey with network members / those who take part in the funded activity. The survey is anonymous and the answers we receive form a vital part of our efforts to improve equality, diversity and inclusion in the Froebel Trust's charitable work.
