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## CONNECTIONS THROUGH CULTURE

### UK-SOUTHEAST ASIA MOBILITY GRANTS

#### Notes for Applicants

Connections Through Culture was established to provide small grants to assist residents of the UK and six Southeast Asian countries from the following groups:

- Individual artists
- Creatives, cultural and arts professionals
- Representatives of art collectives, networks or organisations

The Connections Through Culture grant is provided in order to further face-to-face discussions needed to develop projects beyond initial expressions of interest.

August 2019 is the pilot call of Connections Through Culture in Southeast Asia.

#### What is the value of each grant?

- Up to £2,500 development grant for individual artists or professionals from the UK
- Up to £3,500 development grant for individual artists or professionals from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand or Vietnam
- Up to £5,000 collaboration grant for representatives of groups in Southeast Asia: Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand or Vietnam

#### What is the grant for?

The grant will enable the participant to

- Execute face-to-face project development with potential collaborators or arts organisations, e.g. contractual negotiations
- Scope and do research trips, “go look” visits
- Observe and evaluate practice of partner/s in the country of visit
- Be assisted financially if another fund (e.g. an art residency grant) has minimal or no budget for travel

**Please note - applicants will need to make their own travel, visa and insurance arrangements.**

#### What is the grant *not* for?

- Not for work placement trips
- Not for funding bodies
- Not as additional funding for participants of other current British Council programmes
- Not for academic institutions
- Not to be used for overhead costs, general running costs, professional fees or production costs - such as the purchase or hire of materials, equipment, venues, goods and/or services

- Not for Southeast Asian nationals living outside of the six countries mentioned in this pilot call. Currently, Connections Through Culture in Southeast Asia is not available for residents of Singapore, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, and Timor-Leste.
- Not for UK individuals based (living) outside of the United Kingdom, unless temporarily living outside of the United Kingdom but retaining a home address in the United Kingdom and defined by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs as 'resident the in the UK' for tax – see [here](#).

### **Can I apply for more than one grant?**

Each applicant can only receive a grant once.

### **How will my application be assessed?**

Applications will be evaluated by the Connections Through Culture committee, drawing on input from your Southeast Asian or UK partners and contacts where appropriate. Applications will be scored on:

- Evidence of activity outline and developed discussions
- Evidence of a sound partner
- Usefulness of the grant to further development of the activity
- Evidence of estimated cost breakdown and timescales

### **What other support can I expect?**

The mobility, upon confirmation, is expected to be self-directed, but staff based in local Southeast Asia offices of the British Council may provide some logistics support subject to early notification and availability. Grant notifications, disbursements and monitoring will be done online.

### **Priority will be given to:**

- New partnerships
- Artists or arts groups that have not previously received a development grant
- New projects which have not previously benefited from a development grant

Please note that successful applicants will be required to share feedback on their visit.

### **How to apply?**

Complete the online application form [here](#) and upload your CV and a letter of support from a confirmed host arts group or artist.

General inquiries can be sent to [ctc@britishcouncil.org](mailto:ctc@britishcouncil.org).