



## Wellingborough Stories Community Grant Scheme - Round 2

### Call for Expressions of Interest



### *Can you help share Wellingborough's untold stories and celebrate your community?*

As part of our Wellingborough Stories programme, we are offering grants of between £250 and £750 for local communities to share their own stories as part of the Wellingborough Stories Festival in May 2023.

#### **The brief**

Wellingborough Stories is a community heritage project that aims to capture untold stories from the town's diverse communities, and represent them through a number of artworks, activities and events engaging local people. So far we have gathered over 35 local stories in partnership with a wide range of community groups and organisations. We have now commissioned three artists to bring these stories to life in new and innovative ways.

The project is funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund and supported by Support Northamptonshire, Greatwell Homes, Teamwork Trust, Northamptonshire Libraries, and the Chester House Estate.

Made With Many are seeking local community groups/organisations that want to be involved in delivering events and activities during the festival itself. These need to be open, accessible events that share real life experiences and stories of Wellingborough. We'll be looking to fund a range of activities to create a varied and diverse festival programme, that offers opportunities for engaging both individuals and families, and include a variety of art forms.

Three artists have already been commissioned to create work for the festival:

- **Ruth Pigott** makes puppetry films using found objects.
- **Kremena Dimitrova** makes large scale collages that often take the form of maps.
- **Makers of Imaginary Worlds** make mixed reality interactive installations.

Through the years, Wellingborough has seen the exciting development of communities, and we are particularly interested in hearing from under-represented communities, who might not have seen their local stories documented elsewhere, including:

- Black, Asian and other minority communities
- Organisations that support Disabled adults or older residents.

For the purpose of this project, we define Wellingborough using the old borough boundaries (including Finedon, Earls Barton, Wollaston and surrounding villages) and all activities must take place within these boundaries and be primarily aimed at local residents.

The grant can cover any of the following activities:

- Events or activities that gather local people together to share their own stories
- Events or activities that share previously collected stories

The grant can be spent on any costs needed to run your event/activity including venue hire, artist fees, refreshments and project management. There is a limited amount of funds available so please only apply for the amount of money you need.

Made With Many will promote the activities as part of the wider festival programme through leaflets, our website and social media channels. Event organisers will be required to collect monitoring and evaluation data (templates will be provided) at each of their activities and submit these to Made With Many, as well as attend an evaluation meeting after the festival.

This grant scheme is open to both organisations/groups who received a grant for oral history gathering in 2021 and to those new to the project.

### **About us**

Made With Many is a programme of new arts activities focusing on working with local communities, artists, arts and voluntary organisations, businesses and the public in Corby and Wellingborough to ensure that the arts are at the heart of positive change.

To find out more visit [www.madewithmany.org](http://www.madewithmany.org)

### **Key dates**

Deadline for grant applications: 9am Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Decisions on the community grants Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Grants awarded: Monday March 27<sup>th</sup>

Activity takes place: May 2023

Evaluation meeting: June 2023

### **Grant amount and eligibility**

Community groups and organisations can apply for between £250 and £1,000 to run their activities and events.

You will need:

- Experience of working with the community and producing community events
- Connections with the community you are proposing to share stories from.
- An interest in sharing untold stories in Wellingborough.
- To be able to attend regular meetings about the festival until May 2023.

To apply please:

- Complete the Monitoring form
- Complete the Expression of Interest form – including details of a referee (organisation or community representative) who you have been linked to in a voluntary or professional capacity.

Please email applications to: [info@madewithmany.org](mailto:info@madewithmany.org)

For an informal discussion about the project, please contact: Myrle Roach on [myrle@madewithmany.org](mailto:myrle@madewithmany.org)

### **Equal Opportunities**

Made With Many is committed to equal opportunities. We are working to achieve diversity and welcome applications from all sections of the community. In support of this, we have an access budget available to disabled artists delivering aspects of our programme. If you require additional support to complete this contract, please outline these in your application. Any such requests will not affect the outcome of our decisions. If you require additional support in making an application, or would like this information in an alternative format, please contact the office on: 01536 267895 / [info@madewithmany.org](mailto:info@madewithmany.org)