



## Transnational Funds

In addition to the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIFs), Wales also has access to many other European funding programmes. These usually require an organisation to partner with others from different countries. Unlike the ESIFs the majority are not administered by the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) but by secretariats who administer the funds on behalf of the Commission.

Listed below are some of the transnational funding programmes which are of particular interest to the third sector in Wales.

### Erasmus+

#### What is it?

Erasmus+ is the European programme for education, training, youth and sport.

#### What does it fund?

Exchanges, work placements and innovative projects to improve practice and influence policy.

#### Who can apply?

Educational institutions, local authorities, public or private organisations (such as social enterprises, not-for-profit organisations and SM).

### **Erasmus+ project case study: Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Wales**

The Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Wales has been delivering youth work for 85 years. They are running an Erasmus+ project called 'Not the Usual Suspects', which focuses on involving underrepresented youth in traditional forums with politicians from different tiers of decision making (such as local Councillors, Assembly Members, Members of Parliament etc).

They recently hosted an event 'Not the Usual Hustings' which involved a group of young people aged 16-18. They met and interviewed politicians and discussed subjects of interest, raised pertinent issues and explained their own views and ideas. Through this, the group developed ICT skills, video editing skills, interviewing skills, team building skills and problem solving skills as a result of planning, implementing and running the event.

Although the project is focused around the group of 30 young people, through dissemination plans which include using social media and creating a young

people's manifesto, it is envisaged that over 3000 young people will benefit indirectly from this project, given the wide network of the organisation.

## **Ireland Wales**

### **What is it?**

The Ireland Wales programme aims to:

- support collaboration between research organisations and SMEs
- increase capacity and knowledge of climate change
- support the sustainability of natural and cultural assets

All projects must address challenges which are common on both sides of the Irish sea.

### **Who can apply?**

Educational institutions, local authorities, public or private organisations (such as social enterprises, not-for-profit organisations and SMEs).

## **Interreg Europe**

### **What is it?**

Interreg Europe aims to:

- help SMEs to develop and grow
- support research and innovation, particularly around science and technology
- create a low carbon economy, for example by improving energy efficiency
- protect the environment and improve resource efficiency

### **Who can apply?**

Educational institutions, local authorities, public or private organisations (such as social enterprises, not-for-profit organisations and SMEs).

## **EaSI**

### **What is it?**

The EaSI programme aims to:

- support the promotion of quality and sustainable employment
- support adequate and decent social protection
- combat social exclusion and poverty and improve working conditions

### **Who can apply?**

Educational institutions, local authorities, public or private organisations (such as social enterprises, not-for-profit organisations and SMEs).

## **Rights, Equality and Citizenship**

### **What is it?**

The Programme aims to:

- promote non-discrimination
- combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other form of intolerance
- promote disabled people's rights
- promote equality between men and women
- prevent violence against children and other vulnerable groups

### **What does it fund?**

Training activities, for example staff exchanges, exchange of good practice exercises, awareness raising activities.

### **Who can apply?**

Educational institutions, local authorities, public or private organisations (such as social enterprises, not-for-profit organisations and SMEs).

## **LIFE**

### **What is it?**

The LIFE programme supports resource efficiency, nature, biodiversity and climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.

### **Who can apply?**

Educational institutions, local authorities, public or private organisations (such as social enterprises, not-for-profit organisations and SMEs).

## **Further information**

The programmes described are a small percentage of the total transnational funding streams available to organisations in Wales. For further information on what else is available, visit the European Commission's website ([https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders_en)). This gives detail around the funding rounds, background information on all programmes and how to apply.

