

# The Leap - Radical Social Awards

**Young creative entrepreneurs leading change through arts and culture**



The Leap is about community led culture. Our Radical Social Awards are for young people aged 16-25 who want to lead on creating new solutions to social issues through the arts, creativity and culture.

We know that starting something new can be a challenge. We will support your learning journey with training, mentoring and the connections you may need to succeed.

If you live in Bradford or Keighley, tell us about your idea to make change happen.

## **Radical Social Awards of £500 - £1,500**

If you are aged 16-25, you can apply for an Award of £500 - £1,500 to start up new ideas that make a difference in your community.

The Leap Radical Social Awards are for young Creative Entrepreneurs who are motivated to use their time, energy and ideas to tackle social issues in communities through arts and creativity. For example, we're looking for creative ideas that can but not limited to:

- Bring underused or disused spaces back to life for use as arts and cultural spaces.
- Help others improve their skills and employment opportunities.
- Reduce isolation for older people.
- Involve refugee and asylum seeker communities in community life.
- Make and sell creative products or services that benefit others and can make a profit.
- Connect people who face issues or inequality.

Successful applicants can receive £500 -£1,500 project funding either directly to the young person, carer or youth worker and will receive additional training support from The Leap to help you with your project.

**We want young people to be at the forefront of their project. This means you will take a lead on the application process, delivery of your project and reporting back.**

## About The Leap

THE LEAP is the Creative People and Places programme for Bradford District. Creative People and Places is all about getting more people engaged in arts and culture by having local people help shape and lead what's on offer. We are led by Born in Bradford and a consortium made up of Bradford Eid Festival, Mind the Gap and Keighley Association for Women and Children Centre.

## Criteria & eligibility to applying for a Radical Social Award

- You must be 16-25 years old.
- You can apply as an individual or an informal group. If you are a group please nominate one of you to make the application.
- Live in Bradford District. We will prioritise people who are resident in one of The Leap ward areas: Tong, Holme Wood, Manningham, Bradford Moor, City, Keighley Central or Keighley West.
- Projects must benefit people living in one or more of The Leap areas and must have support from local residents.
- This Award must provide a learning or skills development opportunity for you.
- Ideas must be entrepreneurial and creative in their approach to helping solve a social or environmental issue.
- You must demonstrate motivation and commitment needed to deliver your project idea.
- Your project idea must be outside of your paid employment.
- Projects must have the potential to go on beyond our support.
- Your project can not involve activities outside of the law, or anything that encourages ethnic, religious or commercial disharmony.

## The application process

The deadline for applications is **12 noon, Thursday 28th January 2021.**

There are three ways to apply, including a form, a Zoom call, or a phone call:

Online Form		Word Document		Phone / Zoom Call
Fill in online: <a href="#">PLEASE CLICK here &gt;&gt;</a>	or	Download <a href="#">the Radical Social Application</a> and send	or	Arrange a phone / Zoom call with Wendy at a suitable time.  Email:

		to <a href="mailto:wendy@theleapbradford.co.uk">wendy@theleapbradford.co.uk</a>		<a href="mailto:wendy@theleapbradford.co.uk">wendy@theleapbradford.co.uk</a> to arrange this.
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We can help to review your application and answer any questions before you submit your application.

[Download a colour background version of the Radical Social Awards application form >>](#)

**Please note** - If applicants require any access support, please contact Wendy on the information provided to arrange help.

A panel of local young people will decide on the projects that get selected for a Radical Social Award.

### **The Leap support**

To ensure your project has the best chance of success, we will offer you 12 months of support including:

- **One to One Support**
- **A community of like-minded people**
- **Tools and Resources**
- **Training, Mentoring and Pro Bono Support**
- **Connections to others who can help**

We can't wait to hear your ideas! If you have any questions about The Radical Social Awards – get in touch: by email

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## **The Leap - Radical Social Awards - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is The Leap?**

The Leap is a Creative People and Places programme of arts and cultural activities in Bradford and Keighley. We aim to get more local people shaping and leading on a new cultural programme for the district. This is a ten year project and will create experiences for, by and with local communities.

### **Who are The Leap?**

The Leap is led by a consortium of partners: Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Mind The Gap, Bradford Eid Festival and Keighley Association for Women and Children Centre. Our team consists of a Director, a Creative Producer, three Community Development Managers and an Administration Manager.

### **Who funds The Leap?**

We are currently funded by Arts Council England, Bradford District Council, Bradford for Everyone and Bradford 2025.

### **What are The Leap six focus areas in Bradford and Keighley?**

Manningham, Bradford Moor, Tong, City, Keighley West and Keighley Central wards currently.

### **Why those wards?**

These six wards have been identified as engaging less with arts and culture than other wards within Bradford and Keighley. Projects must be delivered in at least one of these wards or involve people from one or more ward areas.

### **Do you need to be Bradford based to be eligible to apply?**

Radical Social Awards are for people living in Bradford District; however we will prioritise people living in one of the six focus ward areas listed above.

### **How old do you have to be to apply?**

You must be aged 16 – 25 years old when you submit your application.

### **What if I have an idea but don't know how to do it?**

Our team can offer a 1:1 chat to talk through your ideas. We are also running an online drop-in sessions on Thursday 7th January at 6pm. Open to anyone to attend, book here: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/radical-social-awards-qa-tickets-129891459853](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/radical-social-awards-qa-tickets-129891459853)

### **Will The Leap support me with my application?**

Absolutely! We are here for you. We can have a chat with you to talk through your idea, budget and any information asked for in the application. You can also submit your application in one of three ways – online, a word document or via a telephone or Zoom call.

### **Will The Leap support me with my project if I am successful in getting a Radical Social Award?**

Yes, The Leap will help you throughout your project from beginning to end. You will have a dedicated Community Development Manager to support you as well access to training and resources to ensure your project is a success.

**What access support is available?**

We are offering application access support when you apply for a Radical Social Award and, if you are successful, we will hold a private meeting with each individual to ensure we provide a safe working space that is accessible for all participants.

**What do you mean when you talk about “using arts and culture for social and radical change”?**

We want to make a significant change in the ownership of arts and culture across the Bradford district. We want to give communities and people of the district the power to shape what the culture looks like for them and their communities. We are looking for people who want to support that change and help us on our journey.

**What happens if my circumstances change during the programme?**

We understand we are living in an ever-changing society and environment, so we will be as accommodating as possible when it comes down to the change in circumstances for individuals. Radical Social is equally a network, a space to be supported, to test ideas, an opportunity to gain experience and a place to be part of a pioneering programme for Bradford District.

**When will you notify applications if they are successful?**

The deadline to apply is 28th January. Shortlisted applications will be contacted by 10th February 2021, as will those who do not make the shortlist. Interviews (digital) will take place in the week commencing 15th February. Radical Social Award winners will be announced following the interviews, in late February.

**Will you notify us to say you have received our application?**

Once the call out has closed, all applicants will receive a confirmation email and we will provide further information on timelines and appropriate updates.

**Can I still get involved with The Leap if I am unsuccessful?**

The Leap has a number of fantastic opportunities and we are looking for a range of people to be part of our programmes. Do look out for other opportunities which we will make available via our website, social media channels and through our local connections and partners.

**Other Leap opportunities** – The Leap Changemakers recruitment – supporting people with creative ideas for social change.

If you'd like to have a chat about Radical Social, please contact France-Leigh on [france-leigh@theleapbradford.co.uk](mailto:france-leigh@theleapbradford.co.uk)

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