

ROSS & CROMARTY EDUCATIONAL TRUST SCHEME 1961

Since 1975, this Authority has operated the Sections of the Ross and Cromarty Educational Trust Scheme 1961, which relate specifically to the Isle of Lewis. These Sections are operated in agreement with Highland Council, which is responsible for the Capital of the Trust Fund.

The Trust Scheme regulates endowments for the provision of school prizes, various specified bursaries and a variable amount of free income, which can be allocated for prescribed uses within a number of Sections in the Trust Scheme.

Trust Sections to which application can be made are:

- Section 13 – Post Graduate Scholarships
- Section 15 – Special Grants
- Section 16 – Assistance in Obtaining Practical Experience of Trades, etc.
- Section 19 – Travel Grants
- Section 20 – Educational Excursions
- Section 21 – Educational Travel
- Section 22 – Special Equipment
- Section 23 – Sports Facilities
- Section 24 – Support of Clubs, etc
- Section 26 – Adult Education
- Section 27 – Promoting Education in Visual Arts
- Section 28 – Promoting Education in Music
- Section 29 – Promoting Education in Drama

Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar has powers to operate the Trust Scheme under Section 112 (4) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and to make grants from the Trust's free income under Section 24 of that Act.

Each application for grant must be supported by cost estimates as all awards will be based on the cost of activities, projects or intended purchases.

In view of the very small sums available for disbursement (average sums awarded vary between £30 - £200), intending applicants must determine their own priorities very carefully. Applications must be restricted to one trust section at a time.

Residential Requirements

To be eligible for financial assistance from the Ross and Cromarty Educational Trust, applicants must be ordinarily resident in the Isle of Lewis. This is the area quantified by postal codes HS1 and HS2 (Sector 0 and Sector 9).

Organisations must normally be Lewis-based although mainland organisations may apply for funding for Lewis-based branches.

Application forms and further information can be obtained from:

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SECTION 13 *Post-Graduate Scholarships*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in awarding scholarships for research work or for advanced or special study to persons belonging to the County who are of high attainment and promise and who have graduated at a University or obtained the diploma of a Central Institution or other appropriate institution, provided that such persons require financial aid to enable them to undertake such research work or advanced or special study. Each candidate shall submit for the approval of the County Council a programme of the work or study to be undertaken by him. Each scholarship shall be tenable for one year, and it shall be in the power of the County Council to extend the period of tenure from year to year on being satisfied with the progress made by the holder of the scholarship. In making awards under this section the County Council shall have regard to the records of the candidates at the Universities, Central Institutions or other institutions attended by them. The annual value of each scholarship shall be such as the County Council may fix having regard to the financial circumstance of the holder (including any other bursaries or grants paid to him) and to the expenses likely to be incurred by him.

SECTION 15 *Special Grants*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in making grants to persons belonging to the County of 21 years of age or over who have left school at too early a stage of their education to obtain the qualification necessary to entitle them to enter a Scottish University, Central Institution or College of Education or who since obtaining such a qualification have either been engaged in remunerative employment or been unable for reasons acceptable to the County Council to enter such a University, Institution or College. The said grants shall be awarded only to such of the said persons as are in such financial circumstances as to require aid in obtaining further education and as satisfy the County Council that they are of such promise as likely to graduate at a Scottish University or to obtain a diploma at a Central Institution or a qualification at a College of Education. Each grant shall be payable throughout the period during which the holder is undergoing a course approved by the County Council preparatory to entering a Scottish University, Central Institution or College of Education as the case may be, and while he is attending the said University, Institution or College. The annual value of each grant shall be such as the County Council may fix having regard to the financial circumstances of the holder (including any other bursaries or grants paid to him) and to the expenses to be incurred by him in fulfilling the conditions of the grant, and the value of each grant may vary from year to year.

SECTION 16 *Assistance in Obtaining practical experience of trades, etc.*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in granting assistance to persons belonging to the County who require financial aid while serving apprenticeships or undergoing courses of technical instruction in or gaining experience of the details of any profession, trade or occupation, to enable them to pay any fees which may be charged for such apprenticeship or instruction or practical training, to obtain any necessary books, instruments, tools, kit or personal equipment and to meet any other expenditure necessarily incurred by them. In granting such assistance the County Council shall have regard to the diligence, attainment and promise of the applicants. In determining the amount of assistance to be granted the County Council shall have regard to the financial circumstances of each applicant (including any other bursaries or grants paid to him) and to the expenses likely to be incurred by him.

SECTION 19 *Travel Grants*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in making grants to persons belonging to the County to enable them to travel either in the United Kingdom or abroad for any purpose of an educational nature. The County Council shall require applicants for such grants to submit for their approval a statement of the purposes for which the journey is to be undertaken, the places to be visited and the probable length of absence from home. In making such grants the County Council shall have regard to the diligence, attainment and promise of the applicants. In determining the amount of each grant the County Council shall have regard to the financial circumstances of the applicant (including any other bursaries or grants paid to him) and to the expenses likely to be incurred by him.

SECTION 20 *Educational Excursions*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in defraying or assisting to defray the expenses of organised educational excursions to places in the United Kingdom or abroad for the benefit of pupils attending schools and young persons attending further education centres in the County. Without prejudice to the generality of the powers of the County Council under this section, the said excursions may include visits to places of historical interest, museums, art galleries, zoological gardens, factories, workshops, exhibitions, ships, or any other places, and also attendances at lectures, concerts, performances and displays from which the said pupils and young persons are in the opinion of the County Council likely to derive educational benefit.

SECTION 21 *Educational Travel*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in making grants to persons belonging to the County who are or have been during the immediately preceding session pupils attending secondary schools or young persons attending further education centres or who are members of youth organisations approved for the purposes of this section by the County Council to enable them to become members of parties organised by any body or person approved by the County Council for the purpose of travelling in the United Kingdom or abroad, provided that the County Council are satisfied that the proposed journey is likely to be for the educational benefit of the persons applying for the grants.

SECTION 22 *Special Equipment*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in making grants for improving the efficiency of education in any of the public schools or further education centres in the County by providing or assisting to provide special equipment for such schools or centres in supplement to that which the county council as Education Authority may reasonably be expected to supply.

SECTION 23 *Sports Facilities*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in assisting to provide and maintain playing fields, swimming baths and other accommodation for sports, with any necessary pavilions and other offices, for the benefit of children and young people resident in the county. They may also assist in defraying travelling expenses of school teams and the expenses of inter-school sports meetings, and in providing such apparatus and equipment, including personal equipment and sports clothing, as they think fit. Where provision is made in Part II of the approved plan for a capital grant to be made under this section in any financial year, the County Council may make the said grant in the said financial year.

SECTION 24 *Support of Clubs, etc.*

Where provision is made in Part I of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in making grants to clubs, societies and organisations in the County which include among their activities work of an educational nature. The said grants shall be used for the purpose of promoting or assisting in the promotion of such educational work. Without prejudice to the generality of the powers of the County council under this section, the said grants may be made to assist in the establishment and maintenance of institutes and centres, and to provide or to assist in providing equipment, for such clubs, societies and organisations. Where provision is made in Part II of the approved plan for a capital grant to be made under this section in any financial year, the County Council may make the said grant in the said financial year.

SECTION 26 *Adult Education*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in promoting adult education in the County:

- (1) by organising or assisting to organise lectures or other suitable types of instruction, by paying or assisting to pay the fees, travelling expenses and personal expenses of lecturers or other instructors, and by defraying or assisting to defray other expenditure necessarily incurred in connection therewith, and
- (2) by making grants to persons belonging to the County who require financial aid to enable them to attend any institution or organised course for adult education. In making such grants the County Council shall have regard to the diligence, attainment and promise of the applicant (including any other bursaries or grants paid to him) and to the expenses likely to be incurred by him.

SECTION 27 *Promoting Education in the Visual Arts*

Where provision is made in Part 1 of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in promoting education in the visual arts among persons belonging to the County:

- (1) by establishing and maintaining or assisting to establish and maintain a collection of works of art of which the whole or part shall be available for circulation among the educational establishments in the County.
- (2) by granting assistance to any of the said persons who show exceptional promise in any of the visual arts and who require financial aid to enable them to obtain special tuition or to pursue private study under such conditions as may be approved by the County Council, and
- (3) by organising and defraying or assisting to organise and defray the expenses of art exhibitions and of lectures and demonstrations on any of the visual arts.

Where provision is made in Part II of the approved plan for a capital grant to be made under this section in any financial year, the County Council may make the said grant in the said financial year.

SECTION 28 *Promoting Education in Music*

Where provision is made in Part I of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in promoting education in music among persons belonging to the County:

- (1) by establishing, maintaining and equipping or assisting to establish, maintain and equip choirs, orchestras, bands and instrumental groups, composed wholly or mainly of the said persons.
- (2) by granting assistance to any of the said persons who show exceptional promise in vocal or instrumental music and who require financial aid to enable them to acquire, where necessary or desirable, a musical instrument and to obtain special tuition or to pursue private study under such conditions as may be approved by the County Council, and
- (3) by organising and defraying or assisting to organise and defray the expenses of concerts for the educational benefit of pupils attending schools, and of musical performances and music lectures

Where provision is made in Part II of the approved plan for a capital grant to be made under this section in any financial year, the County Council may make the said grant in the said financial year.

SECTION 29 *Promoting Education in Drama*

Where provision is made in Part I of the approved plan for expenditure under this section, the County Council may in each financial year expend a sum not exceeding the maximum sum so provided in promoting education in drama among persons belonging to the County:

- (1) by establishing, maintaining and equipping or assisting to establish, maintain and equip dramatic groups composed wholly or mainly of the said persons,
- (2) by assisting to establish and maintain a library of plays suitable for performance by such groups,
- (3) by granting assistance to any of the said persons who show exceptional promise in dramatic art and who require financial aid to enable them to obtain special tuition or to pursue private study under such conditions as may be approved by the County Council, and
- (4) by organising and defraying or assisting to organise and defray the expenses of dramatic performances and of lectures and demonstrations in dramatic art.

Where provision is made in Part II of the approved plan for a capital grant to be made under this section in any financial year, the County council may make the said grant in the said financial year.