

Leith Chooses meeting, 5 November 2025

Present: Abby, Bruce, Don, Jack, Jason, Naomi, Rachel, Sally, Susan

Apologies: none

Definite actions are green-highlighted.

1 Update on applications

- There are currently 32 applications, 20 of which are in the filestore. The steering group had commented on 12 of these.
- There are ongoing conversations between CEC colleagues and applicants, although there are some issues around comms about these.
 - Steering group members have been contacting those applicants which it spotted wanted to meet the steering group – see next main point.
 - **Action: Naomi to prioritise uploading those that want a meeting with the steering group.**
- Bruce has added a column for 'meeting status notes'
 - For the applicants that have requested meetings with the steering group,
 - Naomi has contacted Forget me Notes.
 - Sally has contacted ELREC
 - Sally and Rachel have contacted Creative Arts. (Sally is meeting CA later today.)
 - EYST and Tidy Scot would also like contact with the steering group.
 - For the applicants that haven't requested meetings
 - Abby volunteered to meet with Norinemindeyes. (**Action: Naomi to facilitate this.**)
- For those who can't access the tracker, **action: people to email their comments to Jack, who will then add them to the tracker.**
- To help understand priorities/applications that need help: **Action: Jack to colour the cells in the steering group columns red, amber, green as appropriate.**
- Some applicants just want to receive an LC grant to subsidise activities by others, i.e. not undertake actual projects?
 - **Action: Naomi to provide CEC.s view on this.**
- There are questions about venues in schools – schools charge organisations for out-of-hours use of school facilities.
- The only application discussed was Nook and Cranny. There was discussion about the principle of LC grant being used by this applicant simply to fund people to do things (in this case subsidising rent for artists using its studio) rather than a distinct project.
 - There are other applications that wish to receive grants to subsidise things in more or less similar ways.
 - The applicants would need to show that grants benefit Leithers.