William Morris Craft Fellowship Trust Hardship Fund

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AIMS

WMCFT Trustees have been considering establishing a hardship fund for several years, and the recent pandemic and consequences for our working lives have made it an urgent priority.

Acknowledging that a building craftperson's career can be especially vulnerable to economic uncertainty, it is important that our charity provides what financial support it can, in order to keep the programme running. In addition, via the Hardship Fund, we hope to support Fellows and craftspeople with a proven commitment to hosting Fellows, to enable them to continue to pass on their knowledge and skills in the future.

GRANTS

If you are struggling financially and the hardship is affecting your ability to work (or return to work in the future), we would urge you to apply. The fund is envisaged in particular to help the current and recent Fellows whose first few years back at work can be tough, but all Fellows are eligible and encouraged to apply if in need. We also invite applications from craftspeople and those that have supported the Fellowship with placements and visits, as this is a vital and valued contribution without which the Fellowship could not run in the future.

DONATIONS

If you have found yourself in a more fortunate position at this time, we would very much appreciate donations to the fund, which we are happy to receive and redistribute according to need. To donate for this purpose please go to our Just Giving page or contact Thom Kinghorn-Evans and Lizzy Hippisley-Cox (2016 Fellows and WMCFT Trustees)

APPLICATIONS

A small committee of WMCFT Trustees will review applications and grants will be awarded at their discretion. We are aiming to keep the application simple, and to give a response swiftly.

Who can apply	WMCFT Hardship Fund is intended to ease financial strain for craftspeople working in the historic built environment, who do not have sufficient savings or other incomes sources (including from covid-19-related government schemes) to fall back on. It is intended that a small one-off payment will continue to support their development and practice in the profession. You are eligible to apply if: • You have completed the Fellowship programme OR • You can demonstrate support of the Fellowship programme i.e through hosting visits and placements for Fellows. AND • You intend to stay in the industry
What	One-off grants of £500 for continued professional practice.
When	We are inviting applications continuously for the time being, but this is subject to change in the future.
Applications open	Monday 1st June 2020 until Friday 31st Dec 2021

For more information and to apply please visit the WMCFT Website

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