Creative Environmental Project Opportunity
Dynamic Dunescapes Fund

We are helping Cornwall Wildlife Trust find artists who are passionate about working with and for the environment and communities. A number of Dynamic Dunescapes Small Grants are available, to artists who have great ideas about how to increase public interest in, and support for, one of the most threatened habitats in Europe: sand dunes.

Dynamic Dunescapes is an ambitious conservation project funded by the EU LIFE Programme and the National Lottery Heritage Fund, to restore sand dunes across England and Wales for people and wildlife. This involves, crucially, keeping the dunes moving. It is led in Cornwall by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, who are working in two locations: The Towans, near Hayle and Penhale Dunes, near Perranporth. We want artists who can devise community projects, involving the general public and visitors - but particularly people local to these locations - which help build long term understanding and appreciation of these special habitats and landscapes.

This is an opportunity to get people excited about the vast landscapes, the shifting sands and open skies, the rare or charismatic wildlife and the people that make these places unique. We hope that the Dynamic Dunescapes Community Art Projects will between them reach across generations and demographics and involve people of differing abilities. People living with dementia and local young people are two groups we are particularly keen to engage with.

**Themes**
Events and activities should be inspired by the project interpretation themes:

1. **Dunes move**
   - Dunes move and experiencing dunes changing shape is a sensory experience. This naturally dynamic habitat requires conservation interventions and we want the public to understand that.

2. **Dunes are beautiful**
   - Dunes are beautiful places to enjoy views and unique surroundings.

3. **Dunes are homes**
   - Dunes are homes and help create safe places for special plants and animals.

4. **Dunes are for play**
   - Dunes are for playing in which is good for our health, so go and explore!

5. **Dunes are still a mystery**
   - Dunes are still a mystery - find out more about how they behave and what wildlife lives there.

6. **Dunes are good for you**
   - Dunes are good for you and spending time in nature can help improve mental and physical wellbeing.

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Dynamic Dunescapes is a partnership project rejuvenating sand dunes across England and Wales, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the EU LIFE Programme. Partners are Natural England, Plantlife, Natural Resources Wales, National Trust and The Wildlife Trusts.

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**Legacy**
Most importantly, we want these projects to affect people’s fondness for the dunes in Cornwall in a way that lasts on a personal level. Also, the artwork produced will be digitised for posterity, and for wider online access. There will be a central gallery of art interpretation/community art engagement projects from around the country hosted on the national Dynamic Dunescapes website.

**What we are looking for**
Artwork should be temporary, have minimum impact on the environment and encourage others to safeguard their local greenspace. We have no preference as to the format this takes - it could be achieved in a wide variety of ways including, but not limited to, installations. Events may take place in the dunes, but do not have to; they can potentially take place in surrounding local communities.

We are envisaging these as light touch but informed, small scale but meaningful projects that genuinely engage people with the magic of the natural world. On this basis, we are running the Dunescapes Fund as an additional strand in our Open Smaller Grants rounds, with an invitation in year one to pitch for up to £1,000. Please find additional match if you can.

If a grant can deliver more than one event that would be welcome; potentially similar events at different sites or the same site at different times. As the project goes into year two, we may exceptionally open the pot up to requests for larger sums, but we would want you to have a discussion with us before applying for a larger amount. Of course, applications will still be part of a competitive process.

**Support available**
The Dynamic Dunescapes team in Cornwall will support the commissioned artists with information and advice, and may be able to support delivery of events via their paid staff or volunteers. Their communication and social media channels will promote the events and help spread the word to potential participants. Cornwall Wildlife Trust itself has very effective communication channels with the public, supporters and volunteers. There is an option to use the Dune Den (below) as a ‘base camp’ on the dunes or use it to help bring the dunes to the community.
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Good first sources of information include:
The Dynamic Dunescapes project website
  o https://dynamicdunescapes.co.uk/
Cornwall Wildlife Trust’s webpage
  o https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/dynamicdunescapes
The Cornwall Facebook page
  o https://www.facebook.com/dynamicdunescapescornwall

Below are some other reference sources you may find useful:

General
  o https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/habitats/coastal/sand-dunes
  o https://www.instagram.com/cornwalldynamicdunes/
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Penhale Dunes

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penhale_Sands
- https://eunis.eea.europa.eu/sites/UK0012559
- https://sac.jncc.gov.uk/site/UK0012559
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aXExaqvPOQ&t=8s
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The Towans

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Towans
- https://friendsofthetowans.co.uk/
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOl17mQrido

To Apply
Download the Dunescapes application form from the FEAST website. Application deadlines will be the same as for the Open Smaller Grants rounds. For more advice on an application please speak to the FEAST office or, for more specialist information about the project speak to Andy Nelson, Dynamic Dunescapes Cornwall People Engagement Officer: andy.nelson@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk