

Age & Opportunity is celebrating 25 years this year and, as part of this celebration, we have a bursary to recognise the wonderful work that local groups of older people carry out to improve their communities and to contribute to the lives of the people living in them. Older people are often the agents of change in our communities, doing things for people of all ages, not just other older people, and we want to celebrate this.

‘Voltage’ is a bursary to recognise the energy and contribution of older people to communities everywhere in Ireland such as: tidy town and other environmental projects; passing on skills to younger generations; running the local choir or drama group and many other activities.

‘Voltage’ is inspired by the huge amount of volunteering and community contributions carried out by older people, and we would like to share this with the rest of Ireland.

The emphasis is on an older group initiating a project and, in some way - creatively, educationally or environmentally - enabling, supporting and imparting knowledge to the younger group (a younger group may be adults, teenagers or children).

The bursary will fund an innovative, replicable and effective local community intervention. Groups must show that beneficiaries are not only other older people but from younger generations too and that other generations should be involved or have been consulted in project planning where appropriate.

Applicants must be prepared to evaluate and learn from their work as well as share project learning and outcomes.

The winning project will be from one of three areas of community involvement:

- Education
- The Environment
- The Arts

The bursary will be awarded in March / April 2014.

Projects must be completed by the end of September 2014.

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## YOU MAY SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION

**by email to:** [lifeisforliving@ageandopportunity.ie](mailto:lifeisforliving@ageandopportunity.ie)

**or by post to:** Aleksandra Szymbara  
Voltage Bursary  
Age & Opportunity  
Marino Institute of Education  
Griffith Avenue  
Dublin 9

**The deadline is noon on Friday 21st of February 2014.**

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## TELL US WHO YOU ARE

**Name of group:**

**Contact Person:**

**Address:**

**County:**

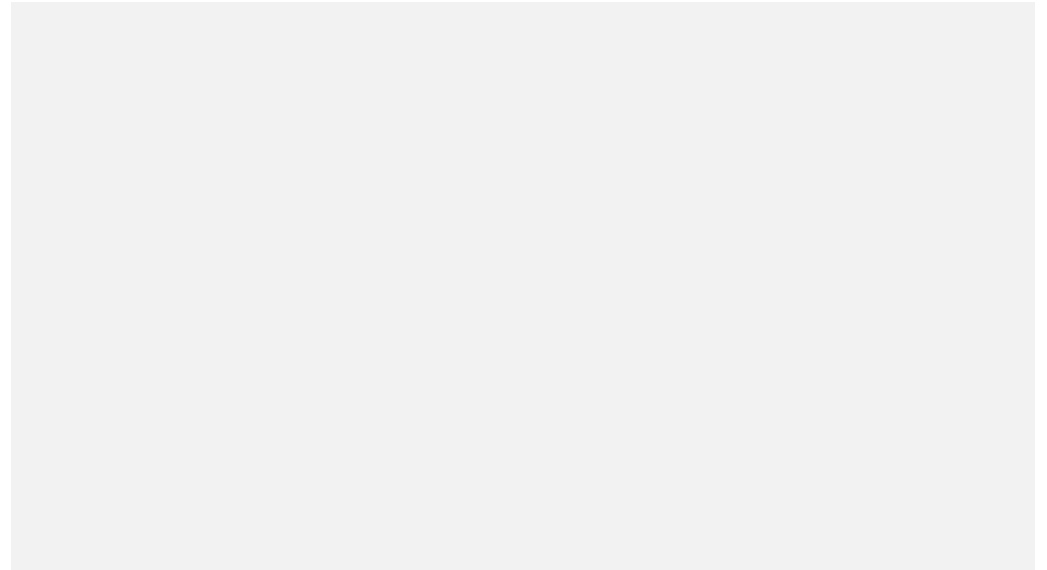
**Contact Telephone:**

**Email:**

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## TELL US ABOUT YOUR GROUP

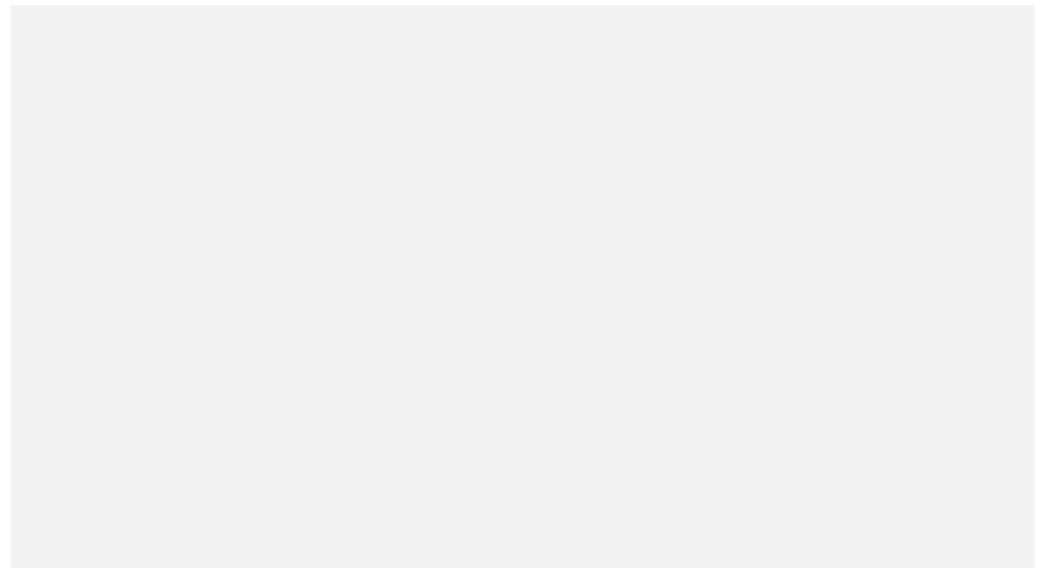
Tell us, for instance, does your group have legal or charitable status?  
How many people are in the group? When was it set up?



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## TELL US ABOUT SOMETHING YOU ARE PROUD OF

For instance, tell us something that the group has achieved that makes  
a difference to the local community



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## TELL US WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO IF YOU ARE THE GROUP CHOSEN TO RECEIVE €5,000?

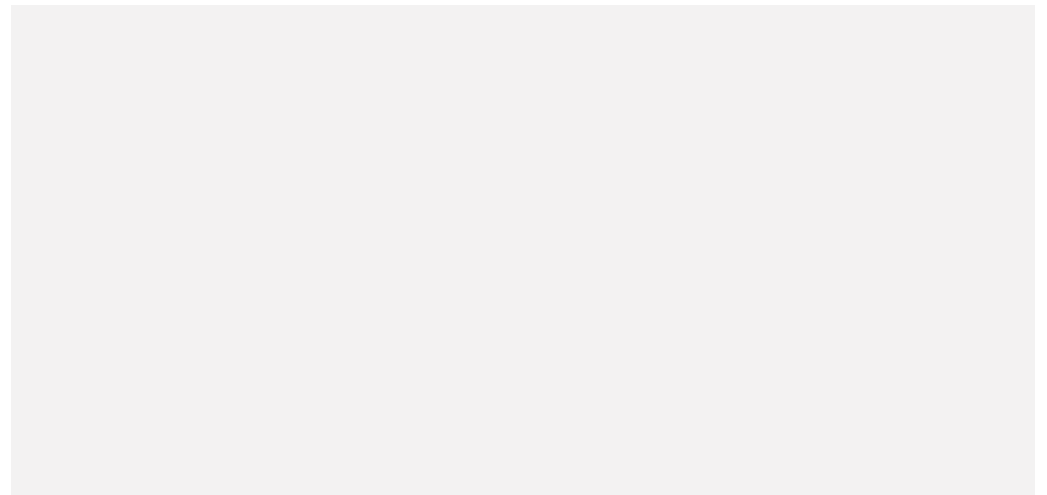
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**Please note that social trips, parties or other primarily social activities will not be funded.**

**The bursary has two components:**

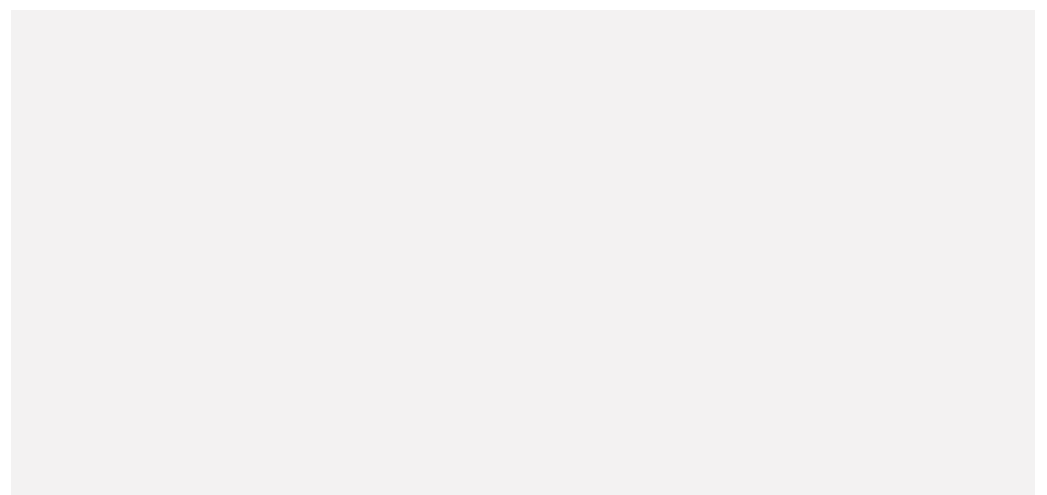
- €5,000 in funding (supplied in staged payments)
- In-kind support of relevant expertise, from Age & Opportunity and/or back-up from the business sector.

Grants will support community-based activities that promote older people as active citizens and demonstrate older people's capacity and potential for taking on roles in their community. Applications are particularly welcome from intergenerational projects where the primary applicant is an older people's community organisation / active retired group working with or enabling, for example, a youth club or parent and toddler group.



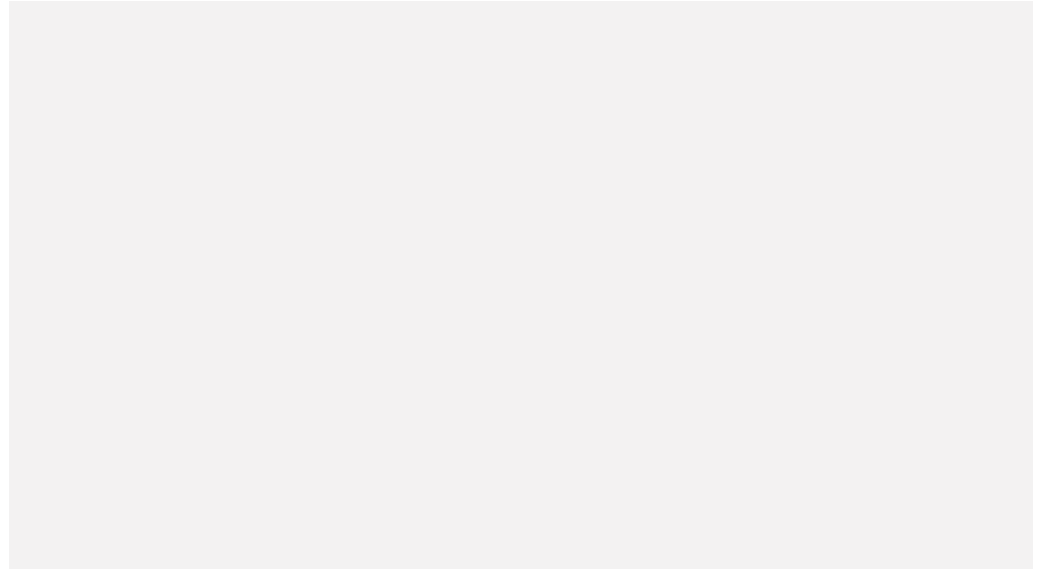
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## TELL US WHAT YOUR PROJECT WILL ACHIEVE



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## **TELL US THE STEPS YOU WILL TAKE BETWEEN APRIL AND SEPTEMBER 2014 IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL ?**

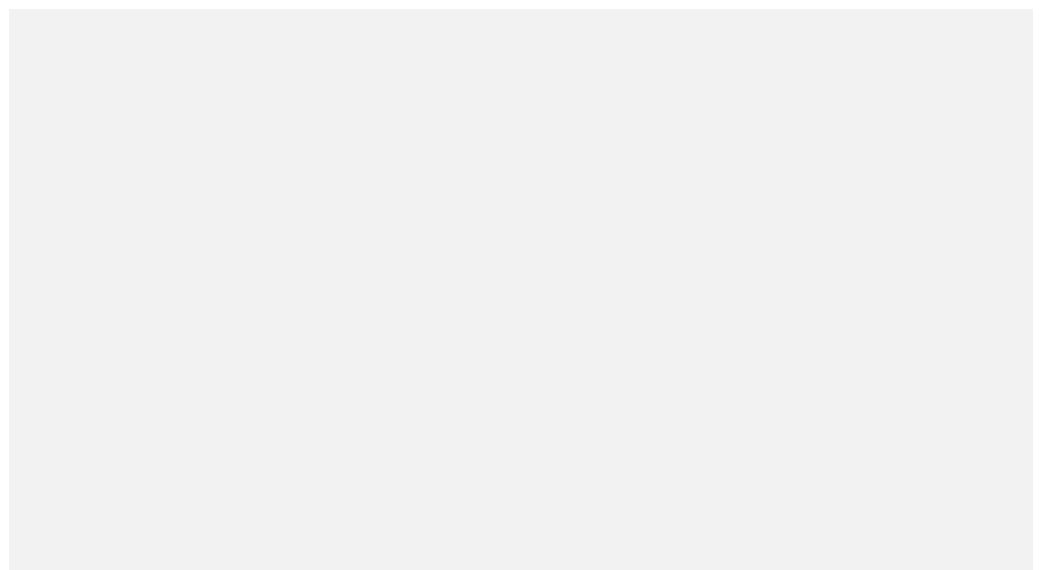


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## **TELL US HOW YOU WILL KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR PROGRESS**

**For instance, you might:**

- Keep a diary
- Use social media
- Make a video
- Take photos



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## PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FULL COSTS INVOLVED

Give a full list of costs for spending the bursary.

For instance, you might need to:

- Hire a venue
- Hire transport
- Provide refreshments
- Buy equipment

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## DECLARATION

I declare that the information given in this form is true and accurate and that I am applying with the knowledge and consent of the group. I confirm that I have read the Terms & Conditions and that I accept the conditions relating to the bursary. I acknowledge that any funds awarded must be for the purpose stated, will be used within the agreed timeframe, and will not be used to replace existing funds. If it is found that it will not be possible to meet the agreed timeframe then I will contact Age & Opportunity as early as possible.

Name of  
organisation/group:

Name of the person:

Title:

Signed:

Date: