



Coventry Peace Festival

Key information for
applicants



Coventry City Council

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TOTAL FUND**£5,000****GRANT SIZE****Up to £250 per project****APPLICATIONS OPEN****28 Sept- 19 Oct 2026****DECISIONS ANNOUNCED****By 27 October 2026****EVENTS TAKE PLACE****2 – 14 November 2026****THEME****Peace & Reconciliation**

Overview

Coventry City Council is inviting individuals, community groups, schools, faith organisations, arts and cultural organisations, and charities to propose activities for the Coventry Peace Festival 2026.

The festival celebrates Coventry's identity as a City of Peace and Reconciliation, and promotes peace, unity, understanding, trust and positive community relationships. We're looking for creative, educational, cultural, reflective or community-led activities in person, online or hybrid.

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Theme: Peace and Reconciliation

Proposals should explore peace and reconciliation. The theme is intentionally broad — projects could take the form of:

Talks, lectures and panel discussions	Youth and educational workshops
Performances and cultural events	Community walks and exhibitions
Film screenings	Faith and heritage storytelling
Creative and participatory projects	In person, online or hybrid formats

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What We're Looking For

Every project must:

- Take place during the festival, 2–14 November 2026

- Respond to the theme of peace and reconciliation
- Have secured any necessary venue permissions before delivery

A strong proposal will also demonstrate:

- Contribution to peace, reconciliation, inclusion and community cohesion
- Positive relationships and trust within Coventry's communities
- New applicants are given special consideration — we especially welcome first-time groups

3 Who Can Apply

We welcome applications from:

- Individuals
- Community and voluntary groups
- Schools
- Faith organisations
- Arts and cultural organisations
- Registered charities

4 How to Apply

Complete the Coventry Peace Festival 2026 Event Proposal Form, telling us about:

- A brief description of your proposed event
- Venue and proposed date(s)
- Intended audience
- Funding request, if applicable
- Contact details for your organisation or group

Return your completed form to CultureSportsandEvents@coventry.gov.uk before 5pm, Monday 19 October 2026. Successful applicants will be asked to enter into a short grant agreement before funds are released.

Before you apply venue permissions: Council land requires landowner permission, a booking form, risk assessment and public liability insurance. Private land requires written permission from the landowner. Not sure where to start? Get in touch and we'll talk you through it.

5 Evaluation

Funded projects will be asked to collect some basic information to help us understand the impact of the programme, including:

- Number of attendees
- Audience demographics
- Feedback on the experience

We'll also offer optional opportunities to share wider reflections on how your project went.

Support: If you would like to discuss your idea or need support with your application, please contact CultureSportsandEvents@coventry.gov.uk

6 Key Dates

1	28 Sept 2026	Applications (EOI) open
2	19 Oct 2026	Application deadline, 5pm
3	By 27 Oct 2026	Decisions announced
4	28–30 Oct 2026	Grant agreements issued – sign and return promptly
5	2–14 Nov 2026	Peace Festival events take place