



## Funding Application Form

### Who was John Mather?

John Mather was a West of Scotland based apprentice who became a lover of the arts, a business visionary and a lifelong employee of what became Clydeport (an organisation in which he had a hugely significant role).

John joined the Clyde Navigation Trust at age 16 and was appointed personal assistant to the general manager, and a few years later he became the administration manager. Within ten years he had risen to the post of managing director before becoming chairman and later executive chairman before the company was privatised and floated on the London Stock Exchange in 1994.

Education and opening the pathway to career opportunity were both very important to John and those themes form threads running through the charitable purposes of the grant-giving charitable trust he established.

Before John's untimely death in 2001, he had already set up a fund to assist young people in the West of Scotland obtain a foot on the career ladder; from craft apprentices at a range of colleges to those with the ambition and talent to become technicians, engineers, business people, scientists, musicians and artists. The John Mather Trust was set up on 20 October 1995. A significant portion of John's personal estate passed to the charity on his death.

Having come from relatively humble beginnings, John believed passionately that lack of funds should not stop young people from being able to further their chosen careers. With this in mind, the trustees recognise that the John Mather Trust was set up to provide little things that can make a big difference to people, not grandstanding donations, but to give amounts that will have impact.

### The John Mather Trust's Charitable Purposes

The trustees welcome applications which meet the core objectives and purposes of the trust. The Trust's purposes (as set out in the trust deed) are:-

*"the purposes of the Trust are the relief of poverty; the advancement of education of the public; the promotion of the arts and architecture in general and in particular in Glasgow and the hinterland of the River Clyde ("the Area") and to further the purposes of charitable organisations or to promote other purposes which are charitable in law within or without the Area as the Trustees in their absolute discretion think fit and in furtherance thereof but not otherwise:-*

- (1) to encourage the charitable activities of organisations supporting the above purposes in order to benefit the sick and those in necessitous circumstances in the Area;*
- (2) to promote and improve the education of those attending schools, colleges, universities and like establishments in the Area;*
- (3) to award scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries or maintenance allowances tenable at any school, college, university or other educational establishment approved by the Trustees;*
- (4) to provide financial assistance, tools, instruments or books to persons in necessitous circumstances on leaving educational establishments to prepare them for, or assist their entry into, a trade, profession or service;*

- (5) *to promote the education and training of persons who through social or economic circumstances are in need thereof and are unable to gain employment and to promote schemes whereby such persons may receive training while unemployed or in employment; and*
- (6) *to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education about and appreciation of the business world in all its aspects by the presentation of lectures and in such other ways as the Trustees may determine from time to time.”*

### **Parameters for grant funding**

The charity was established to provide a lasting legacy by enshrining John Mather’s historic charitable giving to a range of charities and individuals and accordingly the trustees will identify recipients and projects who they believe will advance the charitable purposes through the making of grants (ordinarily through organisations) to create opportunities for young people in the areas of the arts and culture, entrepreneurialism and employability skills for those from or based in Glasgow, the west of Scotland and in more special circumstances Scotland.

Typically, the trustees make grants or donations of up to £10,000 to a number of organisations each year. Larger amounts may be available in exceptional circumstances.

The John Mather Trust has established and developed a “Rising Star” funding programme which provides grants mainly through educational and arts and culture organisation nominations to help young people realise their potential to achieve their career aspirations across a range of sectors. Nominations will be accepted from primary schools, secondary schools, colleges and universities; however Rising Star applications are also welcomed from youth groups and other charitable organisations.

Applications are invited from any organisations or groups (educational, arts and culture or otherwise) with similar charitable purposes and who can identify suitable candidates for grants, however the trustees are particularly interested in supporting organisations and individuals based, from or operating in Glasgow, the west of Scotland and in more special circumstances, Scotland.

### **Data Protection**

The John Mather Trust is committed to protecting personal information in line with our obligations under data protection law. A copy of our privacy notice explaining how we process personal data can be found at <https://www.johnmathertrust.org/>. If you have any questions over how we process personal data please contact the John Mather Trust secretary by telephone on 0131 656 0022 or at [johnmathertrust@Brodies.com](mailto:johnmathertrust@Brodies.com).

<b>1 YOUR DETAILS</b>	
Please include the details of the individual/organisation who is applying for a donation.	
Name of applicant (organisation):-	
Charity number:-	
Name of contact individual from your organisation:-	
Address:-	
Telephone number:-	
Email:-	
Website (if any):-	
<b>2 PROJECT BACKGROUND</b>	
Please do not include any information that is capable of identifying the individuals you work with or are applying for funding for, unless you think it is necessary for the trust to assess the application. Where possible, please anonymise information on specific individuals.	
Please give a brief description of the project for which you are seeking funding.  For Rising Star nominations please complete section 7 instead.  (Maximum 750 words please)	

**3 STRATEGIC FIT**

(a) Explain how your project will help deliver one or more of the following strategic aims of the John Mather Trust

- **rising stars**
- **unlocking potential and supporting talent**
- **breaking barriers**
- **making the most**
- **aspiration and achievement**

**4 AMOUNT REQUESTED**

**5 YOUR PROJECT'S BUDGET AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

Please provide some information on how you are fundraising towards this project (include commitments already made or pending a decision). This should include details of the gaps in funding etc.

**6 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Please state what percentage of every £1 donated ultimately reaches beneficiaries.

Rising Star applications should include details of tuition fees and any other significant costs (e.g study trip / specialist equipment / additional research costs / tools of the trade etc)

**7 RISING STAR PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please explain why the nominated individual is the best candidate to receive this grant:

- Please explain the student's academic and professional interests and ambitions and why financial support may be required for you to realise these goals.
- Summarise details of the student's background, key achievements to date and current area of work.
- Identify the qualities the student possess which you believe makes them a "rising star".
- Explain how the student would use the financial support of this scholarship.  
(Maximum 500 words.)

**7(b) Please also confirm the following when applying for a Rising Star grant**

University/College attended:

Qualifications obtained:

Dates attended:

Qualification/project the individual is currently working towards:

**8 ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

Please provide any other information you feel is applicable in respect of this application. (Maximum 500 words, please.)

Please sign below to indicate that you have the appropriate authorisation to complete this form and that where any personal information is being disclosed you confirm that:

- you have obtained the necessary consent from the relevant individuals to disclose their personal information to us; and
- you have made the relevant individuals aware of our privacy notice.

Signature: .....

Print name: .....

Please send your application for the attention of Helen Kidd to:-

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