Collaboration Fund (CoF)

With over 350 Societies, Working and Representative Committees of such diversity at our Students’ Union, what better way to show off what you do best than through collaborating on a new initiative together? We know there are some great collaborative ideas just waiting to come alive and the collaboration fund is here to help that become a reality!

Do you have a new idea? Is it organised by two or more societies and/or working committees? Does it collectively promote the aims and objectives of all the societies and/or working committees involved? Then the collaboration fund is just what you need!

The Collaboration Fund is open to all Societies and Working and Representative Committees.

What CAN you apply to CoF for?

- Up to £500 to fund your new collaborative event or activity
- This includes anything that is organised by two or more societies and/or working committees in order to promote the aims and objectives of all those involved
- The application for funding must be agreed by all societies and/or working committees involved

We’d be able to give you money for things like:
- publicity and advertising, e.g. printing posters and flyers
- room hire
- printing publications
- hiring or buying equipment or costumes
- transport (up to half the cost)

The list goes on! Be as specific as you can when you write your application – let us know exactly how much money you’re requesting and what you’d like to spend it on. Things like links to websites really help.

What CAN’T you apply to CoF for?

We’d love to be able to fund everything that societies and committees put on, but unfortunately there are some things that CoF can’t cover:
- food and drink
- donations to charity and/or political organisations

What happens once you’ve applied?

When you submit an application, it’s discussed by Societies Committee at our next available meeting (we meet every Monday evening during term time). We look at all applications with regards to 3 main areas.
1. **Innovation & Enterprise**
   - Will funding from CoF help your society or committee develop?
   - Is this event or initiative something new?
   - Have you looked at other sources of funding, e.g. fundraising through RAG’s Adopt a Charity, or putting on a Give It a Go event?

2. **Collaboration**
   - Has this event or initiative shown a unique collaboration of ideas between two or more societies and/or working committees?
   - Have all societies and/or working committees been involved in the creation of this event or initiative?

3. **Inclusion**
   - Will the funding benefit all society members, or as wide a range of people as possible?
   - Will the event or activity open up your society or committee to a new audience?

We’ll let you know the outcome of your application as soon as possible after our meeting. If it’s been accepted, the money will be in your A-Account within the week.

**Applying after the event?**

Please note that we **do not** accept retrospective applications to CoF, except in exceptional circumstances. If your society or committee is having money trouble, get in touch with us and your Societies Committee liaison will help you out!

**Need help or advice on your application?**

Contact Societies Committee!
Email: societiescommittee@shef.ac.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/societiescommittee
Twitter: @SocComSU

So if you’re planning a new collaborative event or activity but need some help with paying for it, apply for the Collaboration Fund! Remember, you can get up to £500, and be as specific as you can when you apply.

The application form (along with loads of useful guides) can be found in the ‘Money & Funding’ section of the Society Support Hub - just head to: sheffieldsu.com/societysupport