

2007 marks the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the British Slave Trade. Awards for All invites groups to mark the bicentenary by taking part in a unique and innovative live grant-making event.

The Bicentenary of the Abolition of the British Slave Trade

Friday 25 May, at The Gathering

Scotland's largest charity and voluntary sector summit, SECC, Glasgow

We are looking to support projects which mark and build on the legacy of Abolition, and meet one of the aims of Awards for All:

- Bringing people together
- Increasing involvement
- Improve quality of life
- Helping groups to become better organised.

This exciting, one-off event will give your organisation the chance to publicise your activities to a large national audience. We have up to £200,000 to award through a fast-track application process, where groups can walk away with up to £10,000 for their project, with grants paid within 7 days (subject to sufficient checks).

We are looking for lots of innovative, creative projects to be put up for quick assessment and the chance to win the public vote on the day. We want to hear from groups that want to connect their lives, experiences and learning with this historically significant event. There is potential for a diversity of groups to receive funding, including community groups, sports clubs, arts clubs, heritage societies and a whole lot more.



It could be a project tackling racial harassment, an oral history project exploring past experiences, or an arts group that wants to make a film about the issue of human rights. Equally, it could be an older people's club in Aberdeen that might want to visit another part of Scotland to understand its links to the slave trade. Whatever your idea, we want to hear from you!

The event also gives groups a chance to meet other like-minded groups, as well as a variety of funders and voluntary and community organisations. Case studies of successful projects will be highlighted in Big Lottery Fund publications, which promote great projects and the organisations that deliver them.

This is a unique opportunity to showcase your project to a wide and varied audience, and to form part of an important celebration. It is also an extraordinary chance to apply for and receive a grant, all in one day!

The event will take place on 25th May at The Gathering, Scotland's largest charity and voluntary sector summit, to be held at the SECC in Glasgow.

Groups who would like to take part must submit their application either by post to Awards for All, 1 Atlantic Quay, 1 Robertson Street, Glasgow G2 8JB, to arrive no later than 24th May, or by handing it in to one of our team at the Gathering by 10am on the 25th of May. The sooner you get your application in the better, as we will be able to check it over and ensure quicker access to the public vote. Groups can contact the Big Lottery Fund on: 0870 240 2391 in advance of the event to discuss their ideas.

For full details visit <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland/bicentenary.html>