

Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand

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Information and guidance on requesting financial support from the Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand

Dear Friends,

The Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand exists to foster new connections and relationships between people, to further spiritual scientific research, and to enable anthroposophy to live more actively in the world. To this end, it will seek to financially support anthroposophical work that is alive and needed today, as well as nurture new initiatives that look to the future, but which might otherwise have difficulty taking root in the world.

All requests are considered within the context of the aims and objectives of the Society as laid out in the Society's Rules, and according to the guidelines set out by the Charity Commission. It is important that all Anthroposophical Society financial support is used in a way that is in keeping with the Society's charitable public benefit aims, that is, to cultivate Anthroposophy through artistic, scientific and educational activities in the broadest sense of these concepts.

To promote collegiality and mutual encouragement and help overcome the fragmentation which can exist within the wider anthroposophical movement, the Society is particularly keen to consider applications within the context of the different Sections of the School of Spiritual Science and the mutual support and structure that these can give.

The Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand places a high value on trust, transparency, goodwill, and the working together of individuals to further our common goals in a responsible and professional way.

Guiding principles for funding

Society financial support takes two basic forms:

A. **Sponsorship** – support for events (conferences, performances, exhibitions etc.)

The Society will consider sponsoring events if they:

- promote the work of Rudolf Steiner or Anthroposophy.
- endeavour to meet the needs of the world, and seek to communicate in ways and means appropriate to our age.
- strive towards a high degree of openness and professionalism in their relationship both with members of the Society and the general public.

B. Grant funding – support for initiatives, work projects, research and spiritual scientific work

The Society will consider giving financial assistance to activity that:

- has been discussed with one or more of the coordinators of the Sections of the School of Spiritual Science.
- furthers spiritual scientific work and research that seeks to deepen our understanding of a particular aspect of Steiner's work or Anthroposophy in general.
- engages with specified issues of concern in today's world and presents its results in a form accessible to the public.
- strives to be of a quality that can be published in a peer-reviewable format, or be presented, exhibited, or performed at the highest level available in its field.
- is well planned, budgeted for and reviewed once completed to allow for transparency, continuous learning and to broaden the possibility for future development.

The application process

1. The Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand aims to be open, objective, and thorough when evaluating requests for financial support. A standardised process and application form have been adopted. This is so that requests for support can be evaluated fairly and efficiently, and the Society can ensure that any money awarded is used for its intended purpose.

All those applying for Grant funding are required to complete a *Tinderbox Fund Application Form*. Organisations applying for Sponsorship should supply full details (such as programmes, budgets, and the key people carrying the event) and the type of support being requested. They may subsequently be asked to complete an application form.

This form can be filled in and submitted on the website or is available on request via e-mail.

2. Applications for funding are received at any time and considered by the committee within 90 days. Applicants should ensure that this leaves them sufficient time for planning and implementation.
3. Receipt of your application will always be acknowledged.
4. As part of the evaluation process, you may be asked for additional material. However, when completing the form initially, please try to be as clear and concise as possible and ensure that all questions are answered, and the form is signed.
5. Depending on the project, payment of any funds may be made in stages, in arrears, or in another manner as communicated. If a grant or sponsorship is not drawn down within six months after the expected start date of the activity, or if the activity is postponed beyond that timeframe, a new application will need to be made. Financial support is sometimes given on condition that it be repaid if the project being supported makes a financial surplus.
6. Those in receipt of funding are required to submit a report on the project in a form suitable for publication in the Society's Newsletter. It is expected that this report can be published as soon as possible after the project is completed; or if the project is of an extended duration, the report can be submitted while the project is still ongoing. In any event, we request that Newsletter reports are submitted within a year of the funds being paid. We place a very high value on reports for the Newsletter, as they are a good way of sharing with the membership the rich diversity of activities that are taking place across the anthroposophical movement.

7. Those in receipt of funding are required, once their project is completed, to submit a Financial Report clearly stating how the money was used. This should give a detailed break-down of how the money was spent and how this is in line with the original application. If the funds were awarded for a particular item of expenditure, it may be sufficient to present the original receipts attached to an explanatory cover note. These reports are required by the Society in order for the Society to fulfil its legal obligation under Charity Commission laws to be accountable for funds spent and also so that it can satisfy its members that all funds have been spent in accordance with the application. Failure to supply such a report may result in being asked to repay the grant in full.
8. If you have any questions about any aspects of this guidance form, please contact the Hon. Treasurer of the Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand, Nicola Parkes, at nic@anthroposophy.org.nz

With warm regards to all those considering applying to the Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand for financial assistance.

The Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand Fund Committee, May 2024