

**PLACE BASED INVESTMENT FUND
2025/2026**

The closing date for applications is Thursday 19th February 2026 at 5pm.

Please refer to the associated guidance when completing this application form.

All projects must be completed by 30th September 2026

SECTION 1 – ORGANISATION DETAILS

a	Organisation Name	Carraig Connections Development Trust
b	Organisation Address	NCCBC HQ, Memorial Park, Kirkoswald Road, Maybole, KA19 7DX
c	Website	www.carraigconnections.org
d	Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	SCIO
e	If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	SC054522
f	Is your organisation VAT registered?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g	Does your group/organisation have a bank account?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 2 – PROJECT DETAILS

a	Project Title	Maybole Castle Escape Room
b	About Your Project	<p>Maybole Castle’s renovation will be complete in March 2026 and we are the organisation that will be the tenants of the building. We are a registered charity and will be conducting a number of community-led projects within the building. Our main activities will be heritage based but these on their own will not secure our continued financial sustainability. We have therefore come up</p>

	<p>with an innovative way to be sustainable and attractive to visitors by installing an Escape Room within the building. This would provide a fun activity for locals and visitors to participate in and would create an income to lead us to sustainability. Initially; the first escape room would be a ready-made product purchased from a local business. This product has a track record of popularity and would be tailored to Maybole. There will be a second room installed in the future that would be bespoke and tailored to the Castle's story.</p>
c	<p>What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit? The residents of Maybole and the eight villages in North Carrick will benefit from having a new and unusual activity on their doorstep. (Crosshill, Straiton, Kirkmichael, Minishant, Dunure, Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry.) Maybole will directly benefit from visitors coming to play the escape room who would then stay in the town to visit local businesses. While visiting for the rooms, people will also be exposed to the heritage provision within the building. This is all part of making full use of the newly renovated Maybole Castle as a 'jewel in the crown' of tourism products in our area. It ties in with the overarching theme of "Bruce's Web", linking our communities together and promoting more and longer stays by visitors.</p> <p>In addition to the economic benefits, our initiatives will boost 'pride in place'.</p>
d	<p>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this? The cost involved in setting the room up includes a fee for maintenance of the equipment and a proportion of the income generated by the Escape Room will be used to fund future maintenance and eventual replacement of the room.</p>
e	<p>Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> We have carried out a number of 'pop-up' engagement sessions that demonstrate that an experience such as an Escape Room would be a welcomed addition to the area and an added activity for families to participate in. We have held Stakeholder Sessions that also demonstrate that such an activity would be new and would not be in competition with anything else in Carrick.</p>
f	<p>Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:</p> <p>Priority 1 – Spaces & Places <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	<p>Does your project meet with any of the following objectives?</p> <p>20-minute neighbourhood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community led regeneration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community wealth building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Link into your local place plan/community action plan priorities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:</p> <p>The project will help tackle Priority 1 of the Action Plan for Maybole: ‘More Activities and Community Events’.</p> <p>It will also address “Priority 3 of the Action Plan: Encourage new, local businesses” by helping to bring the Castle into use as a location for social enterprises and as a high profile visitor attraction. This will increase footfall on the High Street and open up opportunities for existing and new businesses to benefit.</p> <p>The project will also contribute to Output 13 of the new Maybole Place Plan: “Improving and regenerating the High Street”, and Action 18.5 of the Place Plan which is to promote and support the Augmented Art Trail, (which is part of the Bruce’s Web of artworks in Maybole and the surrounding villages).</p>	
g	Estimated start date:	July 2026
h	Estimated completion date: (must be by 30 th September 2026)	August 2026
i	<p>Is your application submitted in partnership with other organisations? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please detail.</p>	
j	<p>If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land</p> <p>own <input type="checkbox"/> lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	

	<p>If lease, an indication that the owner is supportive or aware that plans will be required. Please detail how you will provide evidence of support, ie long term lease</p> <p>Long Term Lease</p> <p>If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.</p> <p>NOTE: We are in the process of agreeing the terms of a lease with the owner. In the unlikely event that this is not agreed, then we would install the escape room into another building where the benefits would be different but equally valuable.</p>
k	<p>Please tick/populate as appropriate:</p> <p>Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory consents for your project in place <input type="checkbox"/> • Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents <input type="checkbox"/> • Building Warrants <input type="checkbox"/> • Evidence of Pre application discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Please include your reference number _____ <p>Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Copies of any of the above need to be provided</p>

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SECTION 3 – PROJECT COSTS

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a	How much are you requesting from the Place Based Investment Fund?	£12,000
b	<p>Please provide a full break down of costs for your project.</p> <p><u>*3 quotes need to be provided for proposed works – if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered. As this is a unique product, there are no comparisons available.</u></p>	

	<p>£11,000 – Purchase of Escape Room Product £1,000 – Maintenance and Development</p>												
c	<p>Does your group require the full amount applied for your project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If the fund is oversubscribed, would a part funded offer be considered? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, then would this impact the delivery of the project within the specified timescale?</p> <p>We would need to source other funds to fill the shortfall but would aim to complete the project within the specified timescale.</p> <p>If you are successful, will this funding be used as match funding? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, have the other sources been confirmed?</p>												
d	<p>OTHER FUNDING. Have you applied for, or received, grants from any other body for your project/activity? If so, please give details of to whom and how much:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Body:</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount applied for:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount received:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>When applied:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>When decision expected:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Body:	N/A	Amount applied for:		Amount received:		OR		When applied:		When decision expected:	
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e	<p>Please confirm you have the following documents:</p> <p>Constitution/Memorandum & Articles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Audited or independently verified accounts <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Last 3 months bank statements <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>We ask that you do not upload these documents when submitting your application online due to GDPR regulations. These documents should be submitted via email to grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk</p>
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SECTION 4 – DECLARATION AND CONDITIONS

<p>I, on behalf of, (organisation name): Carraig Connections Development Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and accurate and will adhere to the following terms and conditions; Understand that making this application does not entitle the organisation to funding as a right; Will not commence or commit any expenditure before receiving approval of the funding; Confirm that the quotations are bona fide competitive quotes; Will provide the External Funding officer with digital colour photos of the work, both before and after the work has been completed. I understand that these images will be kept on record and used for future publicity; Understand that this funding award does not cover retrospective work; Understand that to make any misleading statement in relation to this application could make the application invalid, or may mean the organisation has to repay the funding; Understand that this application is subject to appropriate checks and meets appropriate conditions such as planning, procurement guidelines, and other statutory consents; and I have read the associated guidance before completing and submitting this application form. Understands that if I do not provide satisfactory evidence of spend then the council may request I repay the grant Failure to return or complete and return any evaluations requested then I may not receive any future funding from South Ayrshire Council. I may be asked to repay the funds if I cannot provide evidence that they were used for the purpose intended.

Name of Person Completing Application: Simon Glendenning Date: 18/02/26 _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) Carraig Connections Development Trust

Please submit all supporting information to:

External funding Officer

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk