

Northern Ireland: delegated decisions December 2025

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Schedule of Decisions under delegated powers for Northern Ireland at The National Lottery Heritage Fund on 15 December 2025.

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National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

Hear Us Now: Voices of Mencap

Applicant: Royal Mencap Society

Project description: Working in partnership with Queen's University Belfast, Royal Mencap Society will deliver a project looking at the lives of people with learning disabilities in Northern Ireland. Oral histories will be recorded and the resulting archival material will be deposited in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

Decision: Award grant of £249,500 (100% of total project costs)

Growing Together: Living Land, Living Heritage Voices

Applicant: Connecting Minds Project

Project description: This project involves engagement with local schools, youth clubs and heritage partners to explore themes of migration, identity and shared cultural memory.

Decision: Reject

The Sean Maguire Exhibition at Cultúrlann

Applicant: Sean Maguire Music Society

Project description: This project aims to have a permanent exhibition display located within Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich to tell the story of fiddler Sean Maguire who is world renowned in the traditional music sphere.

Decision: Reject

Museum of Childhood Northern Ireland

Applicant: Sticky Fingers Arts

Project description: This project, working with young people and older generations, hopes to identify the stories to be told within the new museum of childhood to be located within a former mill building.

Decision: Reject

Saving Shaftesbury Square

Applicant: Accidental Theatre

Project description: This project aims to refurbish the applicant's operational premises on Shaftesbury Square to make it more accessible, functional and safe. The aim is to create an enhanced space for audiences and the wider community.

Decision: Reject