Get Grants
FREE Virtual Conference
6th & 7th October 2026

Day 1- Tuesday 6th October 2026

10am - 10:15am — **Welcome!** John Ellery - Get Grants

10:15am - 11am — **Slow Down for Fundraising Success** Rosie Milsom
Having a crisis of motivation? Slowing down might be the gamechanger you've been hoping for. Start now with empowering and practical ways to put down the struggle, trust yourself, and find the fundraising balance you need to keep going. Don't give up!

BREAK 15 mins

11:15am - 12pm — **Bid Writing Survival of the Fittest** Mike Zywina
The grant funding landscape has changed. It's time for our applications to evolve. Get ready to dig deeper and find new inspiration to get in your funder's head and pull on their heartstrings. Leave this super practical session with new approaches to make that application you're working on stand out.

BREAK 30 mins

12:30pm - 1:15pm — **State of the Sector** Vic Hancock Fell
Has the sector hit breaking point? And what does this mean for fundraisers? Vic sets the scene for some big questions, what needs to happen on a systems level, and what we can do about it as individuals and as organisations.

BREAK 15 mins

1:30pm - 2:15pm — **Funders in Conversation** Quilter Foundation & Lloyds Bank Foundation
Getting the answers to the questions you want to ask! In-conversation style session with Get Grants Founder & Director John Ellery, including live Q&A.

BREAK 15 mins

2:30pm - 3pm — **Reflections** John Ellery - Get Grants

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Day 2 - Wednesday 7th October

10am - 10:15am **Welcome!** John Ellery - Get Grants

10:15am - 11am **Know Your Worth** Andy King
Until you understand your own value, you won't attract partners that value you. Forget about the price tag and start thinking differently - not about what you lack, but what makes you amazing.

BREAK 15 mins

11:15am - 12pm **Will Aİ Take My Job?** İan McLintock
Will the future of fundraising be Aİ writing applications to be read by Aİ assessors? Or is there something irreplaceable happening when we sit down to write a funding application? Expect insights that put Aİ into context and what the fundraising skills of the future will be.

BREAK 30 mins

12:30pm - 1:15pm **How to Get İnvited** Michelle Stein
As some funders close their doors to unsolicited applications, what can fundraisers do to get an invitation, especially if they're not a big household name? Expert advice on getting funders' attention and getting your foot in the door. You might be more connected than you think!

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Getting the answers to the questions you want to ask! İn-conversation style session with Get Grants Founder & Director John Ellery, including live Q&A.

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What to expect

- If you have registered for Get Grants FREE Virtual Conference via Eventbrite, you will **receive an email with a Zoom link** to join the sessions. We will use the same Zoom link for all sessions across both days - feel free to come and go as you please!
- The **meeting and chat will remain open** throughout the day – use this to network with other attendees.
- **Each session will be 45mins** in total, including time for **questions and discussion**.
- There are no breakout rooms and no need to decide which sessions to attend!.
- There are **plenty of breaks** scheduled in-between sessions–you will be encouraged to use them!
- Don't worry if you can't make all the sessions – **everyone will receive a recording** of the whole conference.

Meet the Speakers

More details about all the experts and funders that will be speaking throughout Get Grants FREE Virtual Conference can be found on our website.

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