



Today I'm celebrating my 50th birthday (I know, I don't look a day over 60....), and I was fortunate enough to celebrate it with some family, friends and close colleagues for a birthday party over the weekend; check out the amazing Pacman cake my wife arranged for me :)

Rather than receive presents, I'd asked if people were able to donate to a good cause instead, it would help offset my guilt at having a party to celebrate a birthday when others in this world don't have that luxury. So I was truly humbled that this small group of friends raised almost £1,000 for the kids currently suffering in Gaza.

But I'd love to help those folks even more, so if anyone that values receiving this newsletter is able to donate anything - doesn't matter how much - then I'd be hugely grateful. The link to donate if you can is: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/page/colin-macdonald-50th</u>

Many thanks.

# **\$** Funding **\$**

# [UK] Innovate UK Smart grants

Deadline 24th April. UK registered organisations can apply for a share of up to £25m for game-changing R&D.

# [UK] International Collaboration Grants

Deadline 30th April. £1 million from British Council for cultural collaborations between UK artists, and organisations and their peers around the world. Grants of £25k - 75k.

# [1] Flemish Audiovisual Fund

Deadline 30th April.

## [MSDUK Innovation Challenge

Deadline 7th May. Open to ethnic minority-led businesses located in the UK and selected European countries, with £20k cash prize

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Deadline 19th May. \$750k invested in each company accepted!

# [UK] BFI National Lottery Innovation Challenge Fund

Deadline 20th May. Challenge 1A: New, transformative and open data for the UK video games sector; up to £250,000. Challenge 1B: Support for under-represented emerging developers, up to £100,000.

# [ ] Women TechEU

Deadline 20th May. €12 million in grants, to support 160 women-led deep tech companies in the EU.

# [UK] UK Global Screen Fund: International Business Development

Deadline 28th June. Up to £200k.



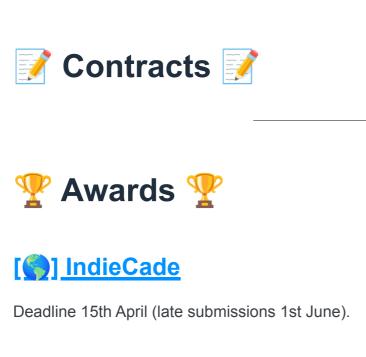
Deadline 1st September. 6 months funding for new IP VR games by studios formed since April 2023. Thanks to Reece Millidge for flagging.

### [UK] UK Games Fund Content Fund

No deadline. Up to £150k for established UK developers.



The only job board to feature all the jobs in the UK, Belgian, French and Australian games industry, with more countries being added shortly! Whether you're looking to hire or be hired, check it out <u>here</u>.





Deadline 30th April.



### [UK] North West Playtesters

13th April, Salford UK. 10th anniversary event with video game and board game playtesting, networking lunch and talks. Hosted by Luke Perkin, developer of the lovely puzzle game SEN (currently 90% off on <u>Switch and Steam</u>!)

#### [ Reboot Develop Blue

22-24th April, Dubrovnik.

#### [ ] Games Capital Summit @ Nordic Game

Deadline 26th April for the summit on 21st May for venture-ready companies to pitch to VCs.

#### [O] WASD

25-27th April in London.

#### [UK] Interactive Futures

20-21st May in Learnington Spa.

#### [UK] Games Talks Live Scotland

21st-23rd May in Edinburgh, Dundee and Glasgow respectively.

#### [UK] Games Talks Live Northern England

18th-20th June in Newcastle, Manchester and Liverpool respectively.

### [ ] Develop Brighton

9th-11th July.

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# [Anglia] Game Anglia Barclays Frenzy

Deadline 12th April (but still seems open....). Accommodation and travel funding for 10 games from Norfolk and Suffolk to showcase at Barclays Games Frenzy in May.

## [**]** Games Germany Steam Event

Deadline 18th April. For developers, studios and publishers headquartered in Germany



Deadline 19th April.

[6] Women-Led Games June Showcase

Deadline 19th April.

[
] Gamescom Indie Arena Booth

Deadline 21st April.

# [SF MOMA Artcade

Deadline 21st April to get a game in this famous San Francisco museum.

# [Section 2018] [Secti

Deadline 26th April. Free to apply, \$500 if you get selected, and front page Steam featuring.



Deadline 26th April. Eligible countries: Romania, Poland, Serbia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Hungary, Moldova, Albania, North Macedonia, Georgia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Turkey.

# [ ] Tokyo Games Show Indie Showcase

Deadline 30th April.



Deadline 8th May. For strategy games.



Deadline 10th May. For pixel art games.



Deadline 25th July. Thanks to Des Gayle for flagging.

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Deadline 15th May. Offering EU startups grants up to 60k EUR.

# [ Techstars London September Programme

Deadline 22nd May.

# [GB] Skills Bootcamps

Fully funded staff training available.





Deadline 19th April.

#### [M] Games Talks Live Scotland and the North

The next Games Talks Live events are Edinburgh, Dundee, and Glasgow (May 21st-23rd), and in Newcastle, Manchester and Liverpool (June 18th-20th)). Click the link to get an idea of past events. Anyone interested in giving a talk (just 10 mins), drop me a note at colin@gamestalks.live



Early Stage Funding Resources

Indie Plaza Funding Database

**Art Outsourcing Database** 



Dan White of Filament Games, discusses "Getting Grants for Indie Games and Discussing Educational Games."

# <sup>2</sup> Housekeeping<sup>2</sup>

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- If you know of any funding/award/speaker call that should be included in the future, please email me at colin@indiechampions.com
- I also publish monthly reports analysing open positions in the UK's games industry which you can receive directly every month by signing up <u>here</u>

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