

## **Lynsey de Paul Prize Opens for 2018 with Funding for Emerging Female Singer/Songwriters**

The Lynsey de Paul Prize represents an opportunity for emerging female singer-songwriters, set up in collaboration with the PRS for Music Members Benevolent Fund, in memory of Lynsey de Paul, who passed away in 2014.

Lynsey was an award-winning songwriter; producer and presenter who helped pave the way for other women writers in music. Lynsey was the first female songwriter to win an Ivor Novello Award, composed 12 top twenty hit songs, and achieved success in a business dominated by male songwriters. As a writer and musician, PRS director, and trustee of the PRS for Music Members Benevolent Fund, Lynsey was aware of the challenges women face in the music industry.

In line with Lynsey's commitment to supporting women songwriters and musicians, the winner of the Lynsey de Paul Prize will receive a £2,500 development bursary and five runners up will each receive a £1,200 development bursary. In addition to this, the winner and runners-up will each receive £500 worth of mentoring support from a music industry expert.

This prize is open to applications from emerging women songwriters, based in the UK, who show great musical ability and promise.

- Applicants must have some experience of writing/producing music for an audience, eg have published tracks on Soundcloud, played live, etc.
- Applicants must present a clear case as to what they would do with the grant and how it would benefit their development.

The programme will prioritise music creators who sing and write lyrics and is, therefore, unlikely to support instrumentalists.

For more information please go to:-

<https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/early-career/lynsey-de-paul-prize/>