



Access All Arts Fund

Information Sheet

The **Access All Arts Fund** was created to support 11–26-year-olds with an additional support need or a disability to explore their creative passions.

This sheet helps to explain a bit about the fund. We recommend that you read this information sheet before applying to the fund.

We are here to help you if you need any support with your application. Please email Dana Vreeswijk (dvreeswijk@childreninScotland.org.uk) or call David Mackay (07935 382858) from Children in Scotland if you would like more information or you have any questions about the fund.

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When can I apply?

The fund will be open for submissions between **11 August to 13 September**.

How do I apply?

There are a lot of ways to apply. We have a online survey where you can fill in your application, but you can also fill it out in different ways.

You can fill in the application as a Word document. Or you can send us a video or audio / voice application (which answers all the questions on the application form). To apply by video / audio file / or Word document, please email Dana at dvreeswijk@childreninscotland.org.uk

Who can apply?

Young people with a disability or additional support need (aged 11-26) who are living in Scotland.

You don't need to be a UK citizen to apply. We are using the Disability Equality Act of 2010 as our definition of a disability.

What can the funding be used for?

The funding can be used to help children or young people try new arts activities. It can also be used to help someone improve their work and start a new creative project.

The fund can pay for anything you need, including materials and equipment, classes, transportation, software, venue hire, personal support and more.

What kind of creative activities can I apply for?

Young people can apply for all sorts of projects or creative activities, including visual arts (painting, drawing, animation, sculpture, photography), performance art of all kinds (dance, theatre), crafting (sewing, pottery, woodwork), writing (poetry, non-fiction, plays) or digital art (like making videos or videogames).

Get in touch if you have an idea but you aren't sure if it would be covered by the fund.

How much money can I apply for?

The fund is limited, and we want to support as many people as possible. The maximum amount of funding available is generally £1,000, although there may be some flexibility for special projects or group projects.

There is no minimum amount, so it's fine to apply to for a small amount of money to fund your creative activities.

I have an additional support need or disability that requires extra support. Can that cost be included in the funding?

There is more funding available to cover special accommodations or extra support.

This money would be extra to the amount you need for your project. For example, it could cover translation into Braille, transportation or other support. Please tell us about what support you would need in your application.

What does a good application look like?

A good application is full of enthusiasm. It clearly explains what you are hoping to do, why you want to do it, how the funding will help you, and how you (and anyone else) will benefit from the funding.

Although adults can help you complete your form, we want applications that are led by young people's ideas and interest. As much as possible, it should be explained in their own words. A good application shows the different costs for the project or activity. These don't need to be exact, but it's helpful if costs are as accurate as possible. It is a good idea to look into these costs before sending us your application.

How will the funding be decided?

Children in Scotland has been working with a group of children and young people with additional support needs who love art and creativity. They have helped us design the fund and they will be helping to decide who receives the funding.

To make it fair, applications will be made anonymous before we discuss them. We may get in touch with you if we need more information about your application before we make a decision.

How will I know that I have been awarded funding?

We will let everyone know by **30 September** if their application has been successful or not.

If I am successful, when will I receive the funding?

Young people who have been granted funding will receive it by the week of 4 October. This will be paid by bank transfer to a nominated bank account.

What happens if I receive funding?

You will receive a Welcome Pack in September or October if you receive Access All Arts funding.

Children in Scotland will also be in touch in February 2022 to find out how you are getting on. We want to find out how the funding has supported young people to get involved in different creative projects and activities so we will contact you to find out about your experience.

Where does the money come from?

The Access All Arts Fund is managed by Children in Scotland.

The money has been provided by Creative Scotland as part of their Nurturing Talent Fund: New Routes programme. This fund is designed to support lots of different young people to apply for arts funding.

Who can I contact if I want more information or if I have any questions?

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Thank you, and good luck with your application!