



# 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.

If you need any advice, help or support with your application, please contact Children in Scotland using the contact details provided at the end of this information sheet.

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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 range of ways to apply. You can complete our online application form, complete the application as a Word document or submit a video or audio application (which answers all the questions on the application form).

We are happy to accept Audio and video files or Word document applications. To do so, please contact [dvreeswijk@childreninscotland.org.uk](mailto: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. You can find out more information about that

### **What can the funding be used for?**

The funding can be used to help young people try new arts activities or help them develop their work and realise new creative projects.

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 additional funding available to cover special accommodations or extra support. This money would be granted in addition to the funding request for your project (for example, translation into Braille, transportation or other support). Please provide details of any support and costs 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 do it, 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 interests and, as much as possible, explained in their own words.

A good application provides details of the different costs for the project or activity. Although these don't need to be exact, it's helpful if there are as accurate as possible so it's a good idea to look into these costs before submitting 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 are passionate about the arts 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 applicants 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, which is aimed at supporting a diverse range of young people to apply for arts funding.

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

Please contact Dana Vreeswijk ([dvreeswijk@childreninScotland.org.uk](mailto:dvreeswijk@childreninScotland.org.uk)) or David Mackay (07935 382858) from Children in Scotland if you would like more information or you have any questions about the fund.

Thank you, and good luck with your application!