



Access All Arts Fund – Project Information Sheet

We are looking for children and young people who are passionate about access to the creative arts to help us deliver the Access All Arts Fund

Who are we?

Children in Scotland is a Scottish charity working to improve children's lives. We believe it is important to listen to children and young people about issues that affect them. We work to make sure that children's voices are heard by people who make decisions.

What is the Access All Arts Fund?

In 2021, the Access All Arts Fund was designed by a panel of children and young people with lived experience of disability or additional support needs to support more children and young people to access creative arts opportunities.

Last year, our panel designed the look and feel of the fund, decided what kind of projects it would support, and made decisions about who would receive funding. They did a brilliant job, and this year we want to build on their great work to make the Fund even better.

The Fund will continue to support children and young people with additional support needs and disabilities as well as children and young people experiencing other barriers to accessing arts activities (including poverty and poor mental health).

We're looking for children and young people aged 11-25 to join our panel. If you are passionate about children and young people's access to the arts, we'd love to hear from you! We are particularly keen to hear from young people who've experienced their own barriers to enjoying creative activities.

Why is it important to hear your voices?

We believe the arts (things like drawing and painting, making music, creative writing and acting) are for everyone. Creative activities like this are great fun and they can help people express themselves and support them to feel good. But we know that there can often be barriers to young people getting involved in arts projects and activities.

We want to hear your thoughts and ideas, and together we can make improvements to the Fund to make it easier for more children and young people to get involved in the arts.

How will I take part?

We will be running 5-6 workshops between June and December. These meetings will be a mix of online and in person, where possible, and we'll work together to make improvements to the Fund, relaunch it and choose which projects to fund. You'll help us work out how we can reach out to more children and young people and how we can share the stories of some of the young people who receive funding.

We'll fit the sessions around any school, college or work commitments people have. We can also provide support if you need help to take part. You'll be working with Children in Scotland staff who are kind and experienced in supporting children and young people with a wide range of individual needs.

You don't need any previous experience. Passion matters more than experience, and we'll be here to help you at every step of the way.

What if I want to stop taking part?

This is a voluntary project and it's okay if you want to stop being involved at any point. However, if there is something you think we could do differently then let us know.

Meet the Team!



"My name is Dana, and I will be working with you on the project! I love all things art and believe art is for everyone, no matter your age or ability. Just don't ask me to draw anything!"



"Hi, I'm David. I worked on the Access All Arts Fund last year and I really enjoyed it. I'm looking forward to making it sure the fund can reach even more children and young people this year."

What do I need to do if I want to take part?

All you need to do is return the Application and Consent Form to us by 12pm on Monday 20 June 2022 to let us know you would like to be involved.

If you want more information or have any questions about the project, please get in touch with Dana (dvreeswijk@childreninscotland.org.uk).

Thank you!