**Access All Arts Fund Information Sheet**

The **Access All Arts Fund** was created to help overcome barriers and support children and young people, aged 11-25 who live in Scotland, to access arts and creative activities and support wellbeing. It was designed by a group of children and young people who have experienced barriers to accessing the arts, with the help of Children in Scotland.

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

If you need any advice, help or support with your application, please reach out to the Access All Arts mailbox that is monitored by Children in Scotland. You’ll find the email address at the very end of this sheet.

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**1. When can I apply?**
The fund will be open for submissions from **19th September until Sunday 3rd November 2024.**

**2. How do I apply?**
There are lots of ways you can apply. You can fill in our online application form or complete the application as a Word document. You could also send in your application as a video or a voice recording.

If you do want to send in a video, voice recording or word document, please send them to **accessallarts@childreninscotland.org.uk.**

**3. Who can apply?**This fund is open to young people (aged 11-25) who live in Scotland.

This fund has been designed to support children and young people’s wellbeing, particularly for those who have experienced barriers to getting involved in the arts or creative activities.Barriers may include not having a lot of money, having a disability, having poor mental wellbeing, having English as a second language, or other barriers.

**4. 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.

**5. 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.

**6. How much money can I apply for?**
The fund is limited, and we want to support as many people as possible. We ask you to only apply for the amount of money that you need. 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.

Applications with a clear list of costs are more likely to be funded.

**7. 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.

A good application will also include a clear breakdown of what you want to buy and how much it will cost. 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.

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.

**8. How will the funding be decided?**
Children in Scotland has been working with a group of children and young people who have experienced barriers and 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.

**9. How will I know that I have been awarded funding? What happens if I receive funding?**
All applicants will be contacted via the email they included on their application about the success of their application. We are aiming to let people know if their application has been successful or not by the end of 2024.

**10. If I am successful, when will I receive the funding?**Our aim is that young people who have been granted funding receive it by the end of January 2025. However, if we receive significantly more applications than expected, this may be slightly delayed. We will contact all applicants if there is a delay in decision making and in paying out the funding.

The fund will be paid by bank transfer to a nominated bank account.

**12. 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 to support children and young people’s wellbeing.

**13. Who can I contact if I want more information or if I have any questions?**
If you have any questions, please reach out to our Access All Arts team on **accessallarts@childreninscotland.org.uk**

Thank you, and good luck with your application!