

Levelling Access Artist Practice Bursary Award 2024

Application Form

Please read the Levelling Access Artist Practice Bursary Award 2024 guidelines before completing the following application form.

Closing date: 19 November 2024

Award: €5000. One award each in Clare, Galway City & Mayo

Applicants must be living in one of the following local authority areas – please select:

Clare

Mayo

Galway City

[Information for Applicants](#)

The Arts Services in Clare County Council, Galway City Council and Mayo County Council published the Levelling Access Report in 2023. The partners now invite applications from professional artists with a disability, working in any artform and at any career stage, for the Levelling Access Artists Practice Bursary, which is supported by The Arts Council.

The bursary aligns with the Arts Councils Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Implementation Plan, and in partnership with local authorities, aims to provide specific support to an artist who has experienced barriers in their career development.

This Artist Practice Bursary Award will offer the successful recipient the opportunity to focus on the development of their professional practice, develop a specific artistic project, or both. The purpose of this award is to highlight the value and benefits of engaging with one's artistic practice and to provide an artist with a disability with the resources needed to support this process.

This bursary is intended to support professional artists under the following categories:

- A. Development of professional practice** (e.g. mentorship, networking, or masterclasses)
- B. Creation of new work.** (e.g. materials assistance, exploration/research assistance/to allow time to concentrate on artistic practice and reflection)
- C. Develop a specific artistic project** (e.g. collaborative work, engagement project)

Access costs

In addition to the maximum amount permitted, each local authority will also consider access costs specifically relating to the making of work by artists with disabilities and/or non-capital public-access costs (e.g. audio description, interpretation) in cases where your proposal has a public outcome.

The local authorities take the definition of disability from the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which states: 'Persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.'

If you wish to apply for access costs, please list your access costs and the associated costs. Access costs are in addition to the Bursary of €5000.

What is an access cost?

Access costs for artists or participants with disabilities cover any requirements you may have in order to remove barriers that might stop you from completing your proposal. This may include, for example, costs towards additional time needed to complete an element of your proposal or additional assistance required to deliver your proposed activity.

Please ensure that you have read the guidelines for the bursary before making an application.

Application

Personal Details:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Artform/ Art Practice:

1. Do you identify as an artist with a disability

Yes

No

2. Please give details of your artistic practice: (max 200 words)

3. Please provide full details of your proposal: How do you plan to use the time and resources available; any networking/professional development opportunities you would like to explore, type of research, collaborative work (max 200 words)

4. How will this bursary support the development of your practice? Outline the benefits of the bursary to you at this stage in your career. (max 200 words)

- 5. Please provide a budget breakdown of your project itemising all proposed costs in detail.** You should include details of any additional sources of income/funding for this project, where relevant. If required, you can include a separate budget for relevant access costs relating to the delivery of the project. Income and expenditure should be specific to you and your project/proposal. (A separate budget sheet may be attached) *Please note you are not required to provide any of your own income towards this proposal.

6. Please ensure that you include the following with your application:

1. CV
2. Supporting material (e.g. images of work, short writing samples, music samples, videos of performances etc.)

Please send all the above as either an MS Word or PDF document. The size of the document should not exceed 10MB.