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**Artists Bursaries Scheme 2024 Guidelines & Application Form**

The Donegal County Council Artists Bursaries Scheme welcomes applications from individual professional artists of all disciplines for assistance towards arts projects and activities which are on-going or proposed. The scheme is designed to support individual artists at any stage of their career to sustain and further their practice. Bursaries of up to €1000 each may be offered under the Scheme.

An objective of the Scheme is to facilitate artists in the development or the completion of specific bodies or programmes of work. The Scheme will also support artists to sustain and develop their practice through the research, design, creation and presentation of events, performances, exhibitions and other artistic projects.

Donegal County Council welcomes applications to the Bursaries Scheme from all practicing artists regardless of their gender, marital status, family status, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion and membership of the Traveller community. We are committed to equal opportunity for all applicants.

Donegal County Council is keen that submissions and awards under the Artists Bursaries Scheme reflect the ethnic diversity of communities in Donegal. As such, as the Council especially welcomes applications from artists from the county’s Black and Minority Ethnic or Global Majority communities (5.3, Theme 3, Objective 26, of ‘Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion : A Strategy for County Donegal 2021-2026’).

The Artists Bursaries Scheme is funded by Donegal County Council and The Arts Council.

**Who Can Apply?**

The scheme is designed specifically to assist (**1**.) **professional artists**, that is, applicants who ordinarily identify themselves, and are recognized by their peers, as professional, practicing artists. While their income may not derive exclusively from their artistic practice, they (**2**) must be able to display a reasonable **track record** in their particular artform. Artists making submissions under the scheme, (**3**.) must be either presently living and working in **Donegal** or, in the case of Donegal-born artists currently living and working outside of the county, they must have completed some significant work in the county, or related to the county, within the past three years.

**The Scheme is NOT Applicable to –**

* Arts organisations or community groups.
* Individuals currently in full-time, undergraduate education or seeking support for artwork which forms part of undergraduate studies.
* Proposals that are partly or wholly devoted towards charity or fundraising purposes
* Proposals for the purchase of technical equipment, musical instruments etc., unless such purchase is essential for the continuation of the applicant's practice or is less than the longterm hire cost of same.
* Proposals in respect of capital or building projects.
* Activity or costs that do not align with the purpose of the Bursary scheme.

**Criteria for Assessment.**

* Strength of the artist's professional qualifications and track record of work to-date. (25%)
* Creative and artistic strength of the project or practice. (35%)
* Strength and viability of planning - including projected budgets - of the artist to deliver the project or activity. (25%)
* Quality of supporting documentation (15%)

**Closing Date.**

Completed Applications to the Donegal Country Council Artists Bursaries Scheme 2024 must be received at E: artistsbursaries@donegalcoco.ie by Close of Business, **4.30pm** on **Friday**, **August 16**, 2024.

Late Applications will **not** be accepted and will **not** go forward for assessment.

The decision of the **Artists Bursaries Scheme Selection Panel** will be **fina**l.

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**Artists Bursaries Scheme 2024**

**Application Form**

 **1.Personal Details**

 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 PPS Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Do you identify as a member of a Black, Minority Ethnic or Global Majority community? Yes / No

If ‘Yes’, which Black, Minority Ethnic or Global Majority community?

**2. Professional details**

What is your Artform speciality?

* Relevant **Educational Qualifications** (Post second level courses you have completed and the qualifications you have attained. Please outline and state the dates of same.)
* Relevant **Professional Qualifications** (Training and other professional courses you completed and the qualifications you have attained. Please outline and state the dates of same.)

**Awards**, **Bursaries** or **Prizes** that you have attained. (Please outline and state the year in which the award was received.)

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| **Name of Award/Bursary/Prize** | **Year received** |
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**3**. Please provide an outline of your **Career Highlights** to-date, especially those occurring within the past three to five years. *(max 300 words)*

**4**. Please **describe** the specific **Project or Activity** for which you are seeking Artists' Bursary funding. In your description, please also provide the following information - (**a.**) brief **Artist's Statement** as to the nature of your practice generally and the inspiration for this work or series of works in particular, (**b.**) an indication as to how you propose that the **public** may engage with this work. and (**c.**) the proposed **timescale** of your project or activity. *(max 500 words)*

**Project/Activity**

**(a)** **Artist’s Statement** – nature of your practice and inspiration for this work

**(b)** **Public engagement** – how will the public engage with this work

**(c) Timescale**

**5**. **Project or Activity Budget**.

**Please outline** the principal areas of current **Expenditure** in relation to your practice. You may include amounts relating to workspace expenses, fees paid to other practicioners, technical personnel etc., materials and equipment, expenses in relation to research and devising of new work, insurances, care expenses (including childcare and any other care responsibilities), travel and transport, printing, advertising, and any other costs you feel are relevant.

**Please outline** below, stating individual amounts.

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| **Item number** | **Expenditure description** | **Expenditure**  |
| 1. |  | € |
| 2. |  | € |
| 3. |  |  |
| 4. |  |  |
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| 6. |  |  |
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|  |  |  |
|  | **Total** |  |

* **Total** estimated Expenditure € \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Other than** a possible Donegal County Council Artist’s Bursary, what **sources of income or funding** do you have, or expect to have, available to you in order to realise your project? Please outline –

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Item number** | **Income description** | **Income amount** |
| 1. |  | € |
| 2. |  | € |
| 3. |  |  |
| 4. |  |  |
| 5. |  |  |
|  | **Total** | € |

* Total possible Income € \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If **no** other funding or income, Please say so here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**6**. **Supporting Documentation.**

Please supply the following documentation in support of your application -

* Current, up-to-date **Curriculum Vitae**.
* A selection of **Work Samples** that you feel best represents your practice.

**\*\*\*Supporting documentation** may be provided in PDF or JPEG formats, or through links to personal websites or publicly accessible platforms. Documentation on subscription-based platforms that are not easily accessible will not be evaluated as part of the applicant’s submission.

**Completed Application Forms**, accompanied by the appropriate supporting documentation must be submitted **by Email only and must be received at** artistsbursaries@donegalcoco.ie on or before Close of Business (**4.30pm**) on **Friday**, **August 16**, **2024**.

Applications received **after** 4.30pm on Friday, August 16, 2024 will **not** be accepted and will **not** go forward for assessment.

The decision of the **Artists Bursaries Scheme Selection Panel** will be **final**.

**Please Note:** The names of all successful applicants to the Donegal County Council Artists Bursaries Scheme 2024 will be **published** on the Donegal County Council website www.donegalcoco.ie

By **submitting** this Application Form, **you are agreeing** that in the event of your application being successful, your name will be published on [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie) as a recipient of a Donegal County Council Artist’s Bursary 2024.

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please Note:** If you are unable to copy or scan your signature on to the Application Form, a hard copy page containing your signature, submitted to Donegal County Council Artists Bursaries Scheme, c/o Donegal County Library, Rosemount, Letterkenny, F92 KP90 will suffice.