



**Arts +  
Disability  
Connect**



Easy read information  
on how to apply

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# Introduction



Arts and Disability Connect is a funding opportunity for artists with disabilities.



Funding means money.



This funding wants to support artists with disabilities to:

- ✓ Be ambitious.
- ✓ Develop their artwork.
- ✓ Connect with arts organisations and arts professionals in the Republic of Ireland.



This is an easy read guide about the funding and how you can apply.

# About Arts & Disability Ireland

**Arts & Disability  
Ireland**

Arts & Disability Ireland is a national organisation for arts and disability.



National means they work across all of Ireland.

Arts & Disability Ireland work with:



✓ Artists with disabilities on improving their skills.



✓ Audiences with disabilities so they have access to the arts.



✓ Arts organisations to help them include both artists and audiences with disabilities.

# About the Arts Council



The Arts Council of Ireland is the Irish government agency for developing the arts.

They work together with:



✓ Artists



✓ Arts organisations



✓ People who make policy. Policies are principles or plans to help guide decisions.



The Arts Council is trying to build a central place for the arts in people's lives.

# About Arts Disability Connect



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- ✓ Develop their artwork
- ✓ Connect with arts organisations and arts professionals across the Republic of Ireland.



Arts Disability Connect is inviting artists with disabilities to apply for this funding.



There are 4 different types of funding that you can apply for:

- ✓ New Work
- ✓ Research and Development
- ✓ Mentoring
- ✓ Training



## Who can apply



Individual artists with disabilities.

Artists at all stages in their career. You can be a beginner in your career or have lots of experience.



Artists who live in the Republic of Ireland.



Artists who make work in these artforms:

- ✓ Architecture
- ✓ Circus
- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Film
- ✓ Literature
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Opera
- ✓ Street arts and spectacle
- ✓ Theatre
- ✓ Traditional arts
- ✓ Visual arts

## Who can't apply



- X Groups of artists with disabilities.
- X Artists who don't have disabilities.
- X People who aren't professional artists.
- X Artists who do not live in the Republic of Ireland.
- X Artists who got Arts and Disability Connect funding in December 2021.
- X Artists who have already got public funding for what they are applying for.
- X Artists who are in foundation courses or in undergraduate education between November 2022 and December 2023.



## **People who aren't professional artists**

If you are a person with a disability who would like to explore the arts for the first time, Arts and Disability Connect is not the best starting point for your artistic journey.

## **Emerging**



Emerging means the early stage of your career. You have started your artistic journey.

If you are an emerging artist you will have some experience working and making your art.

You will have examples of your work and developed skills in making your art.

## Mid-career



Mid-career means you've been on your artistic journey for a while.

For example, if you are a visual artist you might have shown your work in many group exhibitions in visual art galleries and arts centres.

If you are a theatre maker you might have collaborated on work seen by audiences in theatres.

## Established



Established means you've been on your artistic journey for a long time.

Your work will be recognised by arts organisations and other artists.

For example, if you are a visual artist you might have had at least 1 solo exhibition of your work in a gallery.

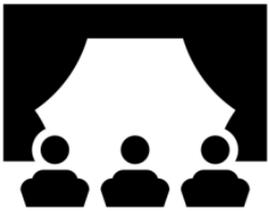
If you are a theatre maker you might have shown at least 1 production of your work in a theatre.

# The 4 types of funding

## 1. New work



Artists with lots of experience can apply for up to €15,000.



For this funding you will need to make and present ambitious **new** artwork to an audience with the support of a presenting partner.



Presenting partners can be arts centres, arts festivals, arts organisations and arts venues in the Republic of Ireland.



This funding will cover:

- ✓ Your artist fees
- ✓ Your access costs
- ✓ Your travel costs
- ✓ Other artist and collaborator fees
- ✓ Production fees
- ✓ Production costs

## 2. Research and Development



Artists can apply for up to €5,000.



This funding is to help you think, research and reflect on your practice.



This funding can also be used to start new relationships with presenting partners to submit a New Work application in the future.



This funding will cover:

- ✓ Your artist fees
- ✓ Your materials
- ✓ Your access costs
- ✓ Your travel costs
- ✓ Other artist and collaborator fees

# 3. Mentoring



Artists can apply for up to €3,000.



This funding is to provide mentoring with an experienced arts professional.

Arts professionals can include artists, choreographers, curators, directors, producers and people working for arts organisations.



You will meet with your mentor at least 6 times. You will talk about issues in your work and share information and advice.



This funding will cover:

- ✓ Your artist fees
- ✓ Your access costs
- ✓ Your travel costs
- ✓ Mentor's fees
- ✓ Mentor's access costs
- ✓ Mentor's travel costs

## 4. Training



Artists can apply for up to €1,000.



This funding is to help you to learn new skills from experienced artists and arts organisations on the island of Ireland.

You could use the funding to:

- ✓ Attend classes, workshops and short courses to learn skills in your artform.
- ✓ Apply for residencies.
- ✓ Attend arts events so you can learn more about your artform and make connections with people working in the arts.



This funding will cover:

- ✓ Training fees
- ✓ Your materials
- ✓ Your access costs
- ✓ Your travel costs

# How to apply



1. Download the application form and guidelines for the award [here](#).



2. Read the guidelines for the award and choose which one to apply for.



3. Fill out the application form.



4. Gather all your application files:

- ✓ Your completed application form
- ✓ Your artistic CV
- ✓ Examples of your artwork
- ✓ The CVs of the people you are hoping to work with
- ✓ Letters of commitment saying that these people are interested in working with you if you get the funding.



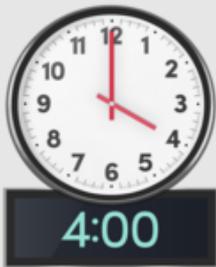
5. Send us these files online using [WeTransfer](#).

# Deadlines to apply

This year you have **2 deadlines** to choose from.



## Option 1



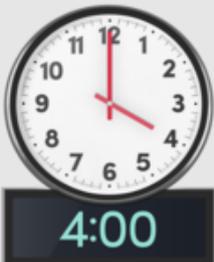
Monday 16 May 2022 at 4.00pm

You will be told the outcome by July

Or



## Option 2



Tuesday 01 November 2022 at 4.00pm

You will be told the outcome by January

# Questions and getting help



If you have questions about applying or would like more information you can contact Arts & Disability Ireland.



You can email us using:  
[connect@adiarts.ie](mailto:connect@adiarts.ie)



You can also ask for someone at Arts & Disability Ireland to give you a call on the **telephone** or talk to you on **Zoom** about your application.

If someone is helping you to make an application, Arts & Disability Ireland is happy to answer questions they might have as well.