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We want to know what you think



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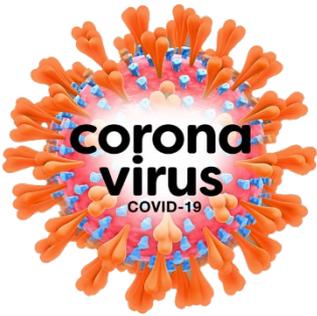
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Changing how we work



A lot of art is made in Wales. And it is very important to many people.



Coronavirus changed a lot of things for all of us. It changed how we thought and worked. We learnt a lot.



At the moment, we are writing our plan for our work over the next 10 years.



We want to use what we learnt during coronavirus to work in different ways. We want to be more flexible. And work more with our partners.



We are thinking about how to best use our money to strengthen and support the arts in Wales.



This document is about what we would like to do. We want to know what you think.



Please read this document and then fill in the **Response form**.



We look forward to hearing your views.



Your views will not affect any work you or your organisation have with us.

Why we want to change



Our role is to support the arts in Wales.

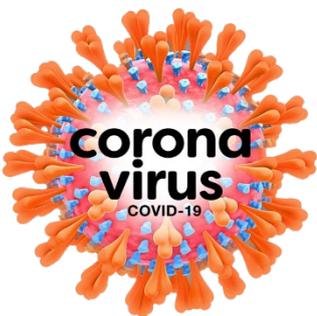


We are given money by the **Welsh Government** and **National Lottery**.



We use this money to support many arts organisations in Wales.

There are lots of things going on in the world at the moment. Things like:



- Coronavirus



- The cost of living has gone up – the things we all need cost more now



- The **climate emergency**

The **climate emergency** means our planet is getting hotter. This is causing harm. We need to find different ways of living and working to help look after our planet.



- **Inequality**

Inequality means people are not always treated fairly. For example, because they come from another place or have a different colour skin to a lot of other people in a place.



Things like these have shown us that we need to think about doing our work differently.

What will change



We have 6 **priorities** that we want to focus on.

Priority means something which is important and that should be put first.

We want to support art in Wales based on these 6 **priorities**:



1. Creativity – This means art that is thoughtful, has new ideas and means a lot to people.



2. Fair and equal – We want art to include all people.



3. Welsh language – We want the Welsh language to be an important part of the arts in Wales.



4. Looking after the planet – We want to support art that thinks about the planet and the **climate emergency**.



5. Supporting the artists of the future – We want to give young people fair chances. We want to give them the support they need to become artists or do other jobs in the arts.



6. Responding to change – We want to find the best opportunities in the arts.

And make sure we stay relevant and make any changes we need to.

We want to make sure we are run well.

Changing how we fund art

To make sure we work with our 6 new **priorities** we will do things like:



- Give organisations the chance to apply for funding for 3 years at a time.



- Offer another 3 years of funding if they are achieving their goals.

- Offer organisations the chance to get more funding if they need more support.



- Offer funding for festivals and organisations that do not need us as their main source of funding to run.



We will have a simple way of applying for funding.



We will want arts organisations to work with our 6 **priorities**.



We also need organisations to know that it is very hard to get funding.



They will have to think carefully about the funding they need.



We will need to see things like:

- Their plans and goals
- How they do their job well
- How they will involve audiences



We will not be looking at what an organisation has done before so much.



We will be looking at what they are doing now and what they want to do in the future.

What we want to do for you



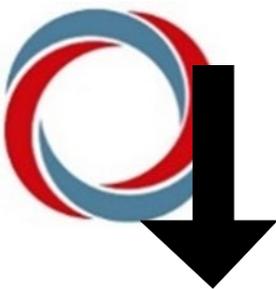
We have big plans for the arts in Wales. And we want to work with organisations who have big plans too.



We will be making it easier to apply for funding, to make sure it is fair for everyone.



We will be checking what art is being offered in Wales. And looking at how they support communities.



We want organisations to rely less on our funding.



People with extra needs will be able to apply for funding in a way they choose. For example, in Easy Read.



And we can give people support to apply.



Our funding from the **National Lottery** called **Create** is still available. It can be used by organisations to develop how they run. This is worth £10 thousand pounds.



We will be open and honest and follow our rules for fair working.

How organisations can apply for funding



Organisations can apply for **multi-year funding** - this means funding for more than 1 year.



Organisations can apply from **January 2023** to **March 2023**.



The application form is online, on our **online portal**. They will need to register for this if they haven't used it before by the end of **2022**.



As part of the application, we will be asking you questions.



We will need to see your business plan.



You will need to tell us why you need the amount of money you are asking for.



If you need support to apply, please let us know. We can take applications in video or audio form too.



We will need to get your application between **Monday 9 January 2023** and **Friday 31 March 2023**.



We will make our decisions about funding by **September 2023**.



We will start the funding on **1 April 2024**.

Assessing applications



We will take 4 steps to check people's applications for funding.



This will include it being checked by a member of staff. And a group from our Senior Team.

How we will assess applications



We will be looking at:

- The application form.
- Your business plan.
- Your budget – plan for how you will spend your money.
- Proof of your work.
- How you will meet our 6 **priorities**.
- We may look at information you have online.

Funding



The funding will be for 3 years. Sometimes it may be less.



There will be a chance to apply for more funding when we check in with you after 2 years.

Your responsibility



Every organisation that gets funding will need to sign an agreement with us.



This will be a signed document saying what you will agree to do.



It will include things like making sure staff are treated fairly.



And making sure you think about ways to look after the planet in your work.

Which organisations can get funding



Organisations will need to be 1 of these types:

- A Company Limited by Guarantee
- A registered charity
- A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- A Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Part of a Local Authority
- Part of a university
- Some other types, please speak to us about this

Appeals



We will work to high standards when making decisions about who to give funding to.



But we will put a plan in place so organisations can **appeal** if they are not happy.

An **appeal** is when you are not happy with a decision. And you ask for the decision to be checked again.

Information



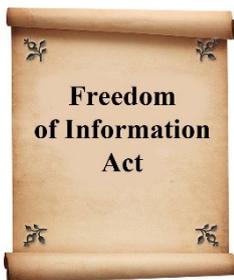
We will put all important information about our work on our website.



But we will not put anything private on there.



Because of the type of organisation we are, we have to let the public see application forms if they ask for them.



This is because of a law called the **Freedom of Information Act 2000**.



But some information may stay private. Please go to our website for more information: [arts.wales/about-us/accountability/freedom-information](https://www.arts.wales/about-us/accountability/freedom-information)



We will also follow a law called the **Data Protection Act 2018**. This is about keeping people's information safe and private.



You can find out more about the rules we have put in place about this on our website here: arts.wales/privacy-policy



We would like to know what you think about our ideas in this document.



Please go to the response form and answer the questions.



We will listen to what people tell us.



We will tell people what we decide to do next.

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