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Artist Mentoring Award

*Guidelines
for Applicants*

2025

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1. Who is eligible for a Mentoring Award?

- Applicant artists must be based in the Republic of Ireland and meet the criteria as set out in [Who is this award for?](#)
- Collaborative socially engaged artists, **or an artist interested in/ transitioning into the collaborative arts socially engaged practice.**

Collaborative arts involve artists and communities (non-arts professionals) working together, often over extended periods, to make art. By facilitating wider participation, collaborative arts expand and diversify public engagement with the arts, enriching its contribution to society. For an expanded version [see Create website.](#)

2. Who is not eligible?

- Previous recipients of this award
- Individuals currently in undergraduate or postgraduate education (or who will be during the period for which this award is offered) are not eligible for the Mentoring Award.

3.How to apply and Deadlines

Step One:
Expression of Interest
The deadline for receipt is:

5pm, Tuesday 6 May 2025

You must submit: (All applications must be made using the online form [See section 4])

1. Complete application form, [which is found on the Create website.](#)
2. Upload your CV- of max 3 A4 pages, to give a sense of previous projects
3. Upload up to 5 images or examples of recent projects with short descriptions. If you have relevant links to images and videos, please include them.

**** ONLY ELIGIBLE & SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO THE NEXT STAGE OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS ****

Step Two:
Short interview and
presentation of your practice

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a zoom call with Create and a selection panel for a brief and informal discussion of what your ambitions are for this mentorship award.

This is an opportunity for the panel to hear about you and your practice, and why you believe the award will contribute to the development of and/or consolidation of your collaborative arts practice. It is also an opportunity for you to ask questions.

Step Three:
Notification of award
outcome

Wednesday 18 June 2025

The result of your application will be sent by email. Feedback on applications must be requested within 2 weeks of notification of the panel's decision.

4. Making your application

All applications must be made using the online form, which you will find on the Create website. If you have preference in applying via a different format please contact Create two weeks in advance of the deadline.

Use the previous and next buttons to navigate through the form. However, please note that you cannot advance through the form without completing all compulsory questions.

5. How can we support you?

If you have any questions on the award, contact Jennifer on jenniferfitzgibbon@create-ireland.ie.

We are aware that some artists may need additional support in applying. Create and The Arts Council aim to make the application process accessible to all. We have increased supports to remove barriers for artist applicants to Artist in the Community awards. These additional supports may include: translation from other languages, Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation for advisory sessions, or transcription of audio and video files. To find out more please contact Create at least 3 weeks in advance of the closing date. Email us at info@create-ireland.ie or call us on (01) 473 6600. If you feel your needs are not outlined here, please contact us and we will do our best to support you.

The open call is being advertised through usual arts channels.

6. Privacy Statement

As well as a commitment to clear and transparent decision-making concerning applications for support, Create acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the personal data of applicants to the AIC Scheme. We are committed to protecting privacy rights in processing personal data that we collect. We will treat any personal information sought or volunteered with the highest standards of security and confidentiality, in accordance with data protection law and regulation.

Data Management

Information collected through the application process is used solely for the purpose of the management of the scheme. Personal data will not be disclosed to any third party without consent. Where it is necessary to comply with statutory requirements or where a third party is acting on behalf of Create and with our consent, we may disclose information for a research purpose. If the Arts Council intends to process data we provide, all personal data will be anonymised. Application forms and supporting materials are retained in line with our Data Protection Policy.