

FINDHORN BAY ARTS



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Creative Place Project ARTS Fund Launched

Forres based Findhorn Bay Arts has launched a 'Project ARTS' fund totalling £20k available for local creative collaborations.

Project ARTS is part of the Creative Place award programme which the Forres Area successfully won earlier this year as announced by Creative Scotland. Of the £100k awarded to the Forres Area Creative Place, a quarter of this fund has been made directly available for creative community benefit through Project ARTS.

Findhorn Bay Arts Director Kresanna Aigner said "of all the Creative Place applications made this year, Forres Area was the only one to make available a community benefit fund. This recognises the abundance of local creativity and the importance of making a lasting creative legacy in the Forres Area through our Creative Place awards win".

Aiming to support closer working practice and lasting partnerships between artists, business, and community groups in the Forres Area, Project ARTS will bring about new work and creative collaborations that respond to and connect with the Forres area.

All Project ARTS activities will have a public finale showcasing the new work for the public to access. Kresanna continued, "the public showcases will celebrate local creativity and arts creating a meaningful and engaging public art programme in and around Forres".

Findhorn Bay Arts are hosting a Culture Café on Friday December 18th at Falconer Museum 6:30pm-8:30pm to enable artists, businesses and community groups to come together and explore their creative ideas. With short presentations by guest speakers on what makes a quality arts project, this informal networking event will inspire ideas and facilitate artists and the local community to come together to develop a creative collaboration.

The total Project ARTS fund of £20k is available throughout 2016/2017 with individual awards ranging between £200 and £2,000. Applications which connect with local community groups / businesses and the Forres area are encouraged to meet the first funding round deadline of Friday January 29th 2016.

For further details about Project ARTS and to request guidelines and an application form, please contact Findhorn Bay Arts by calling 01309 673137 or emailing assistant@findhornbayarts.com. To book your free ticket for Culture Café please visit www.culturecafe.scot/events

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1. Findhorn Bay Arts (www.findhornbayarts.com)

Findhorn Bay Arts is a non-profit arts organisation, connecting creativity, people and place by:

- Delivering high quality arts events and projects.
- Nurturing and showcasing the creativity of the people of Moray.
- Celebrating and promoting Moray as a place for outstanding arts.

2. Creative Place Award

The Creative Place Awards is for smaller communities across Scotland, outside of the main cities, to enable them to enhance and promote the creative activities and programmes in their area. The awards recognise the communities' ambitions in using the arts for the benefit of both local residents and visitors to their area.

Run by Creative Scotland and supported by EventScotland the awards encourage cultural organisations, community groups and/ or local authorities to represent their village, town or other community, and bid for an award to further develop their creative programme and profile.

3. Creative Scotland (www.creativescotland.com)

Creative Scotland is the national organisation that funds and supports the development of Scotland's arts, screen and creative industries. Creative Scotland has four objectives: to develop and sustain a thriving environment for the arts, screen and creative industries; to support excellence in artistic and creative practice; to improve access to and participation in, arts and creative activity; and to deliver our services efficiently and effectively.

4. Event Scotland (www.EventScotland.org)

EventScotland is working to make Scotland the perfect stage for events. By developing an exciting portfolio of sporting and cultural events EventScotland is helping to raise Scotland's international profile and boost the economy by attracting more visitors.