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**I am a first time applicant, can I submit an application for the Arts Participation Project Award?**

Yes, first time applicants **can** submit an application for the Arts Participation Project Award, as long as your proposal meets the objectives and priorities set out on page 5 in the [Award Guidelines](#).

Please read through the Award Guidelines before submitting your application.

**How do I make an application?**

In order to apply for funding you will need an Online Services (OLS) account. To register for an account go to <https://onlineservices.artscouncil.ie/> as soon as possible to ensure you have enough time to submit an application. Registration can take up to 5 working days.

**How does the Arts Council define a professional artist?**

The Arts Council defines a professional artist as an individual who identifies themselves, and is recognised by their peers, as a practising professional artist. The applicant does not have to make their living exclusively through their arts practice.

**I am an artist from a culturally diverse background and am seeking funding for my project. Do I submit my application to Arts Participation?**

Artists, regardless of cultural background, can apply to any artform or arts practice area for funding, so long as their proposal meets the award criteria. Please read the objectives and priorities of the Arts Participation Project Award before submitting it for consideration.

**I am an artist and I will be collaborating with other artists to develop my project. Do I submit my application to Arts Participation for funding?**

The Arts Participation Project Award is for professional artists who wish to collaborate with **non-arts** professionals to create work, other artists can be involved in the project. Please read the objectives and priorities of the award before submitting your application. Please see s.1.4 of the award guidelines.

**I am an artist with a disability. Do I submit my application for a Project Award to Arts Participation for consideration?**

An artist with a disability can apply to any artform or arts practice area for funding so long as their proposal meets the aims and objectives of the award. Please read the Award Guidelines before submitting your application for consideration.

**I am an artist with a disability and have a track record in participatory arts. I will be collaborating with a community of interest. Do I submit my application for funding to Arts Participation for consideration?**

If your proposal meets the objectives and priorities of the award you can submit your application to Arts Participation. Please read the Award Guidelines the before submitting your application for consideration.

**Can I include access costs as part of my application?**

Yes, you can apply for access costs relative to your proposal. Information on what you need to submit with your application is included in section 1.5 of the Award Guidelines.

**I will gather information about a specific community which will inform the outcome of my project, do I submit my proposal to Arts Participation?**

Artists requesting funding for a project on a specific topic should submit their application to the relevant arts form or practice area. Please read the Award Guidelines to ensure your proposal meets the objectives and priorities of the award.

**My proposal involves working with a specific community, who are not professional artists. The group will be involved in the planning, creation and evaluation of the project. Can I submit my application to Arts Participation?**

Yes, as a professional artist, *working collaboratively with non-arts professionals who are involved in the development and creation of the work* may submit an application to Arts Participation, so long as it meets the objectives and priorities of the award.

**My proposal involves participation of young people, do I apply for funding in Arts Participation?**

If the focus of your proposal is young people you should look at opportunities available under Young People, Children & Education (YPCE). Please see the [Young People, Children and Education](#) section of our website.

**My proposal involves working with two groups, older people and young people. Do I submit my application to Arts Participation?**

If your proposal has an equal focus on **cross generational** participants, e.g. 50% with older people and 50% with young people, and so long as it meets objectives and priorities of the award then you can submit your application to Arts Participation for consideration. Please read the guidelines for awards in both Arts Participation and YPCE to see which is most suitable for your proposal.

**Is it possible for a project to be funded by multiple sources?**

Yes you can have multiple sources of income included in your proposal (e.g. contributing partners) by way of financial or in kind support, so long as there is no duplication. This means you should not apply to the Arts Council for funding to cover costs related to your project, which are already funded through other sources. Confirmation of this support should be submitted with your application, please see s.1.7 of the award guidelines.

**Can an organisation in receipt of Strategic Funding apply to Arts Participation Project Award?**

Organisations in receipt of Strategic Funding, Arts Centre or Partnership Funding, are **not eligible** to apply for the Arts Participation Project Award. However, the involvement of such organisations as partners is welcome. Please see s. 1.4 of the award guidelines.

**I have applied for Arts Grant Funding (AGF); can I apply for the Arts Participation Project Award too?**

If your application for AGF was **successful**, you **will not be permitted** to apply for a Project Award for activities taking place in the same period. For example Arts Grant Funding 2024 and Project Award 2024.