

SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS GRANTS SCHEME FUNDING POLICY 2017

Arts Venues & Organisations

The objective of the Scheme is to support the professional arts sector in Sligo to play a distinctive role in developing a vibrant and sustainable arts environment at a local, regional, national and international level in partnership with Sligo County Council.

An annual programme of events and activities should present new ideas and ways of working that can have far reaching effects for artists and audiences.

Arts Festivals & Events

The Objective of the Scheme is to support Festivals and Events that promote public engagement with the arts as their core aim.

A festival may represent one art form or may include a wide variety of different art forms. Festivals or events may also be programmed over a number of months (e.g. a concert series).

Sligo County Council recognises the valuable contribution made by active voluntary committees in developing and sustaining festivals and events.

Eligible for funding:

- Artists' Fees (this includes performance fees)
- Audience development (activity carried out to help organisations develop ongoing relationships with existing and new audiences)
- Travel Costs and Expenses for artists/performers

Organisations, Events and Activities ineligible for funding

- Commercial organisations which share out profits to members.
- Competitive events e.g. where the competition is the dominant element of the programme, with the exception of Feis Ceoil and Feis Shligigh and Sligo County Fleadh.
- Once-off academic conferences/symposia with no wider public benefit
- Charity/fund-raising events
- Festivals or events that have taken place before the respective closing date for the application
- Events that are not arts-related (e.g. heritage, commercial, crafts, sport, food fairs)
- Individual artist's projects, exhibitions, performances, etc.
- Group artists' projects, exhibitions, performances, etc
- Activities taking place in a formal education setting where the activity does not primarily engage with the wider community
- Training programmes for individuals
- Marketing and Publicity
- Duplication of activities carried out by Sligo County Council

Appeals

- Feedback will be provided only on written request. Requests for feedback and appeals must be made in writing no later than 14 days subsequent to an offer or rejection of the application. Appeals will be dealt with within two months.