

A GUIDE FOR CARE SETTINGS: ENGAGING AN ARTIST

How can Age & Opportunity help?

Age & Opportunity's Arts Resources Page has free downloadable research, toolkits and other links for those interested in learning more about the arts and older people.

[Arts Resources Page](#)

"Guidelines for Working with Older People and the Arts"

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"Toolkit for Arts & Creativity in Care Settings"

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"Mind Your Language" guide on language with and about older people.

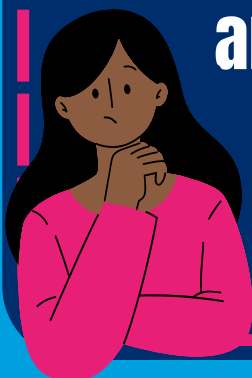
[Mind Your Language](#)

How can your local Arts Office help?

Contact your local Arts Office to see what artists are available for care setting work in your area.

[List of Local Arts Officers](#)

How do I engage an artist in my care home?



Where can I find funding?

Check with your own organisation what funds can be put towards creative activities.

There are local and national funding opportunities that could support engaging an artist in a care home setting. Find out more on the next page.

What role will the artist play in your care setting?

Are the staff on board?

Would it be project based or workshops?

Are the residents interested in participating?

Is there space for them to work?

Remember! They are art specialists not medical professionals.

SOURCING FUNDING

What is a Professional Artist?

Do they work in any of the areas of visual art, architecture, music, media, performing art, literature, circus, community art, traditional art, public art, film and spectacle or related areas?

Do they call themselves (identify as) an artist and have a regular practice?

Do they earn or attempt to earn a living through their work?

Are they a member of a professional organisation?

Do they have a practice-based arts degree or diploma from a 3rd level institution?



ARTS COUNCIL: ARTS PARTICIPATION BURSARY AWARD

The Arts Council administers a broad range of grants, several of which may be relevant to care homes who wish to continue work with an artist. The artist applies for this funding but may need supporting information from the care setting.

WEBSITE:

www.arts council.ie/available-funding/

CREATE: ARTIST IN THE COMMUNITY SCHEME

Twice yearly, the Arts Council, through CREATE, offers grants to enable artists and communities of place or of interest, including healthcare settings, to work together on projects.

WEBSITE:

www.create-ireland.ie/programme/artist-in-the-community-scheme/

LOCAL ARTS GRANTS

Each local authority has its own Arts Officer, arts programme, and funding stream. The arts office represents a valuable point of contact for anyone interested in the arts. Therefore, it is worth getting to know your local arts office staff, the arts programme they are running and the awards they offer

WEBSITE:

www.arts council.ie/Arts-in-Ireland/Local,-Place-and-Public-Art/

CREATIVE IRELAND PROGRAMME GRANTS

The Creative Ireland Programme operates at a national and local level. At local level, it may be possible to apply for funding for a specific project. Each county has its own Creative Ireland Coordinator who is usually the Arts Officer, Heritage Officer or Executive Librarian.

WEBSITE:

www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/event/creative-ireland-grant-scheme/

It may also be worth putting together proposals for funding that may not be specifically for the arts. For example, several funding bodies support projects targeting older people involving greater inclusion or community connections and it is possible to make the case that this can be achieved through the arts.



OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

It is worth checking if there are other sources of funding locally. Care homes (perhaps especially those with experience of working in the arts) may also consider developing arts projects that attract national funding, perhaps focused on promoting community participation or social inclusion of older people through arts participation.



THE WHEEL

An association of community and voluntary organisations, offers general advice about making grant applications.

WEBSITE:
www.wheel.ie/funding/

HSE NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANTS

Organisations that provide health and personal social services can apply for funding to their local Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO).

WEBSITE:
www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/lottery-grants/

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR IRELAND

Funds hundreds of projects – large and small – including projects for older people.

WEBSITE:
www.communityfoundation.ie/apply-for-funding/

LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

These annual grants are administered by the local authority. They do not have a specific focus on the arts, but arts projects that relate to key aims like social inclusion and integration can be applied for. Contact your local authority.

For further information check out “A Toolkit for Arts & Creativity in Care Settings”

Our practical guide to making the arts and creativity part of everyday life in a care setting.



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