
Grants for the arts

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Oliver Bliss Engagement and
Audience North

Ockham's Razor performing Memento Mori
Photo: Nik Mackey



Arts Council England

Arts Council England champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives. We support a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries - from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections.

Between 2011 and 2015, we will invest £1.4 billion of public money from government and an estimated £1 billion from the National Lottery to help create these experiences for as many people as possible across the country.

Our funding

We offer a range of different funding programmes including:

- National Portfolio funding
- Renaissance funding
- Grants for the arts

We also offer a range of strategic funding programmes which are specifically aligned to certain priorities or sectors.

You can find out more about these on the funding pages of our website.

What is Grants for the arts?

A key feature of how Arts Council England delivers our mission, 'Achieving Great Art For Everyone'

Watch this video to learn more about Grants for the arts.

See website:

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts/>

What is Grants for the arts?

Grants for the arts distributes awards of between £1000 and usually £100,000 from the National Lottery to:

- individuals
- arts organisations
- people who use the arts in their work

For time limited arts-related activities that:

- benefit people in England
- help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work

What kind of activity do we fund?

productions / exhibitions / participatory projects / events /
festivals / carnivals / workshops / digital projects / artistic
research and development / commissions/ participation /
asset purchase / building renovation / making work /
touring / residencies / professional development /
international partnerships / organisation and business
development / audience development

Who can apply?

arts organisations / artists / researchers / local
authorities / commissioners / festivals writers / musicians
/ museums / libraries / performers / directors/ promoters
presenters / curators / designer makers / producers /
universities / voluntary groups consortiums of schools /
choreographers / community groups / composers /
experimental artists /

What kind of activity do we not fund?

- activities that are not arts-related
- activities that provide no potential benefit to the public, either in the short or long term
- activities, including buying goods or services, which take place or start before we would be able to decide on your application

What don't we fund?

- general running costs and overheads that are paid for by other income, including your own funds
- second-hand equipment (apart from certain musical instruments and specialist equipment)
- activities or events mainly taking place outside England (some exceptions)
- film or video production, training or assets unless it is in support of artists' work in the moving image

How to apply - summary

Watch this video for guidance on how to apply to Grants for the arts.

Ace website:

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding/grants-for-the-arts/how-apply/>

Before you apply

- Read our [How to apply guidance](#)
- Use the [information sheets](#) on our website
- Contact us to discuss eligibility

From 27 January 2016, applicants will also need to create an online account and get their profile validated by us before they apply, *more on this next...*

Our new Grant management system

To reduce our spending on administration costs we are changing our online application portal

If you're applying to Grants for the arts on or after 27 January 2016 you'll use our new Grant management system

What does this change mean for you?

The new portal is more interactive

Once you've created an account, you will manage everything online:

- managing your profile
- making a funding application
- receiving your decision
- uploading monitoring information
- claiming payments

What will stay the same?

The Gfta application criteria, application form, and questions we ask are not changing

Allow enough time to plan your activity, and do not rush to submit your application before our system changes

The application form

- The application form asks focused, directive questions relating to our four criteria (quality, public engagement, management and finance).
- The number of questions, and depth of information requested will increase in line with the value of the application.
- Our How to apply guidance goes through what kind of information we expect to see, step by step

Provide a balanced budget

You will also be asked to complete a budget

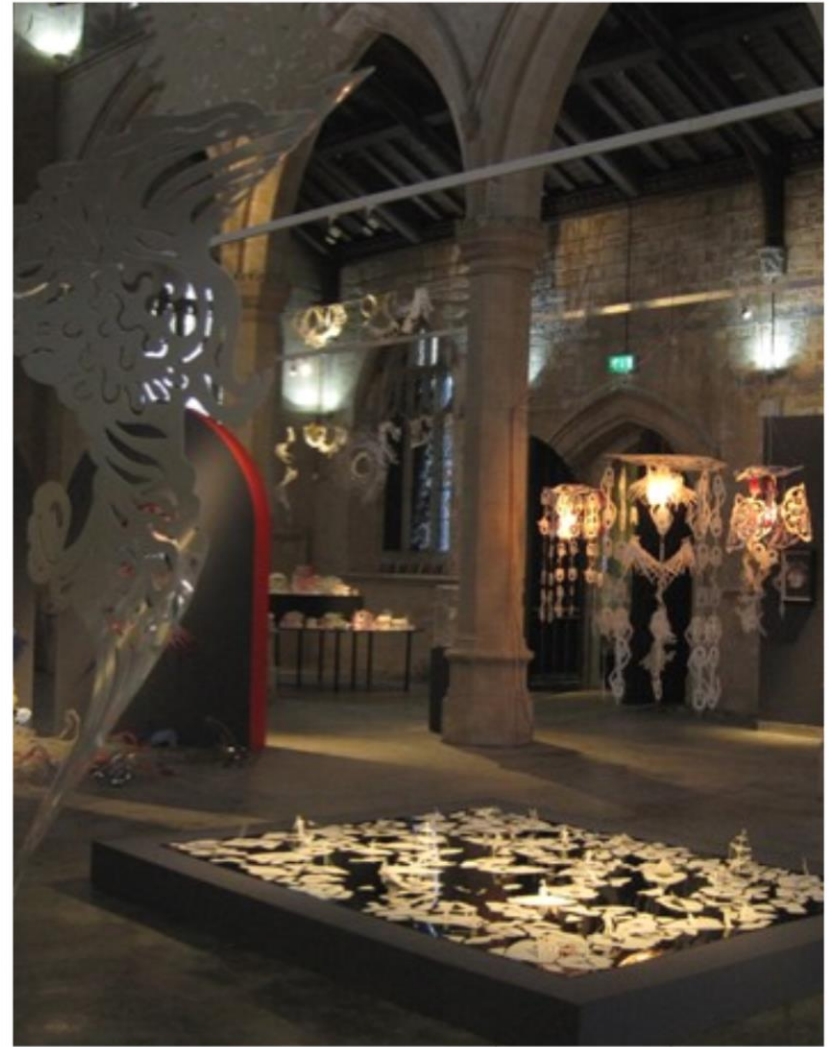
- this must balance (income equals expenditure)
- the budget should cover the whole activity
- you should have **at least 10%** match funding from other sources
- you **can** include support in kind as match funding

The competition

- Last year, we received nearly 8,500 applications
- We made just over 3,300 awards

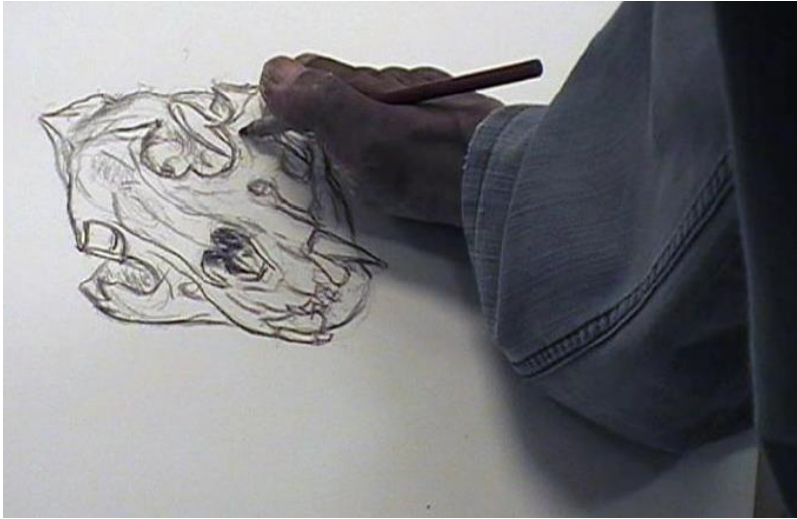
We will always receive more good applications than we can fund so advise you to consider other sources of funding while applying to us

BURNT OUT- Helen Snell



Drawing, Cognition and the Human Biped-

Saranjit Birdi



Let's Go Yorkshire- Mandeep Samra Sound System Culture



Market Town- RADAR, Loughborough University Arts Programme



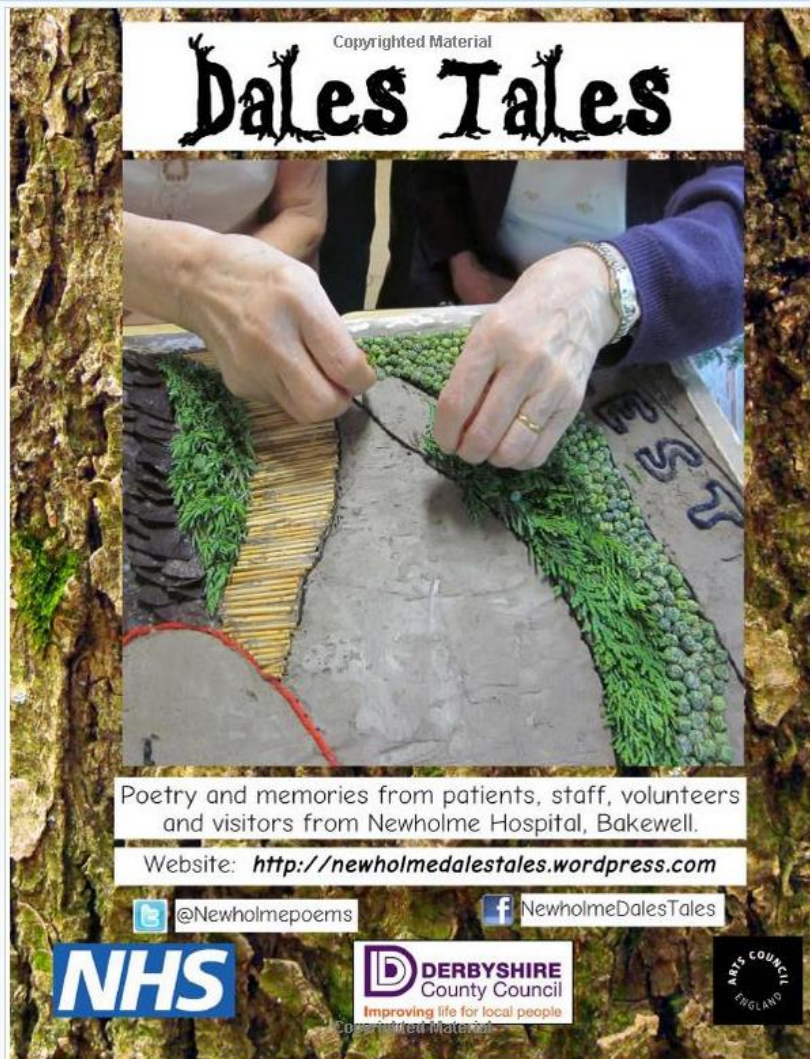
The Anatomy of Melancholy- Bodycorps



Earth Meets Sky- Juliet Russell



Dales Tales- Derbyshire County Council Adult Community Education



Sick! Festival 2015- The Basement



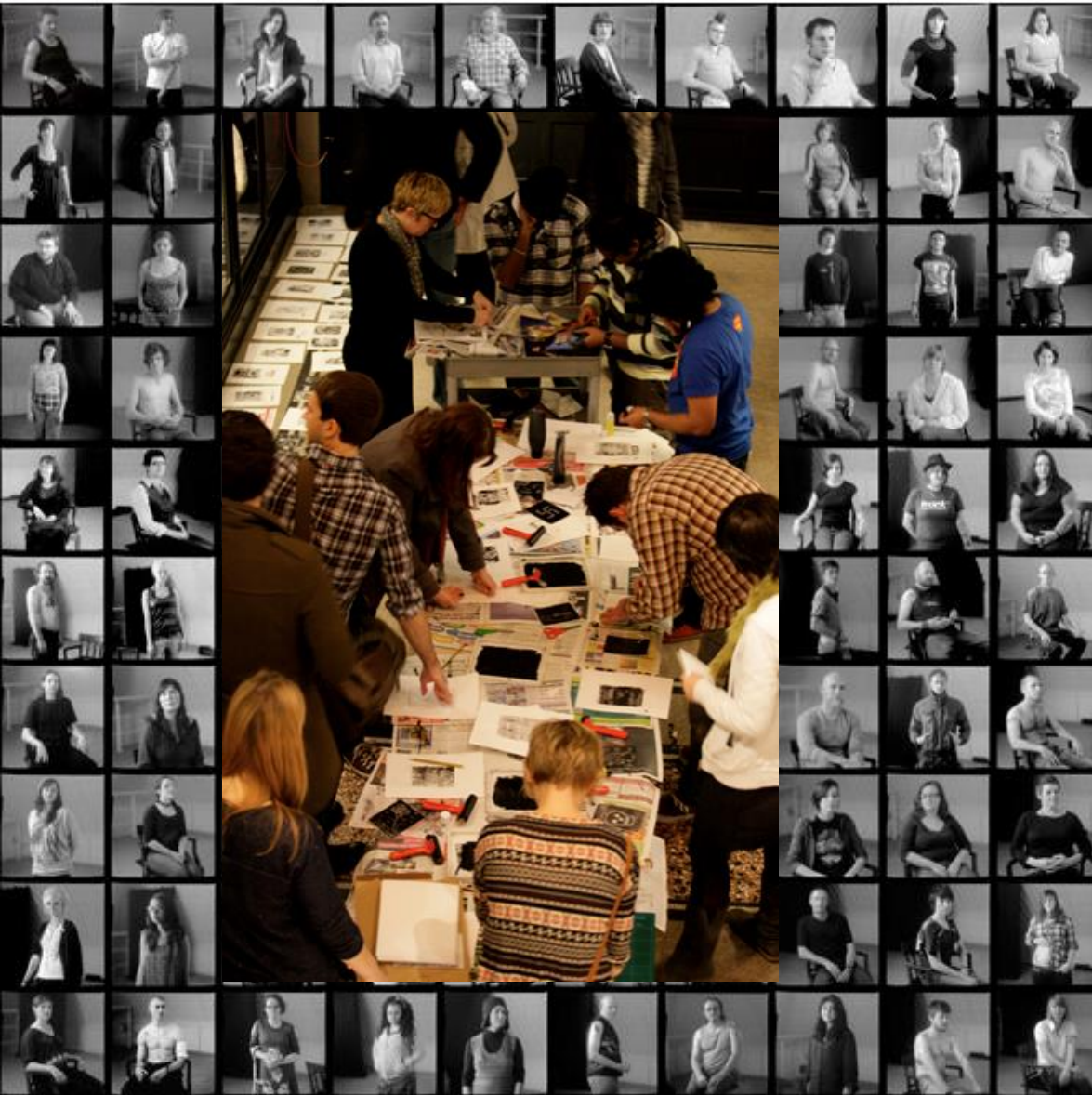
Shuffle Festival- Nathalie Fonnesu



A Place at the Table- The Pantry Project



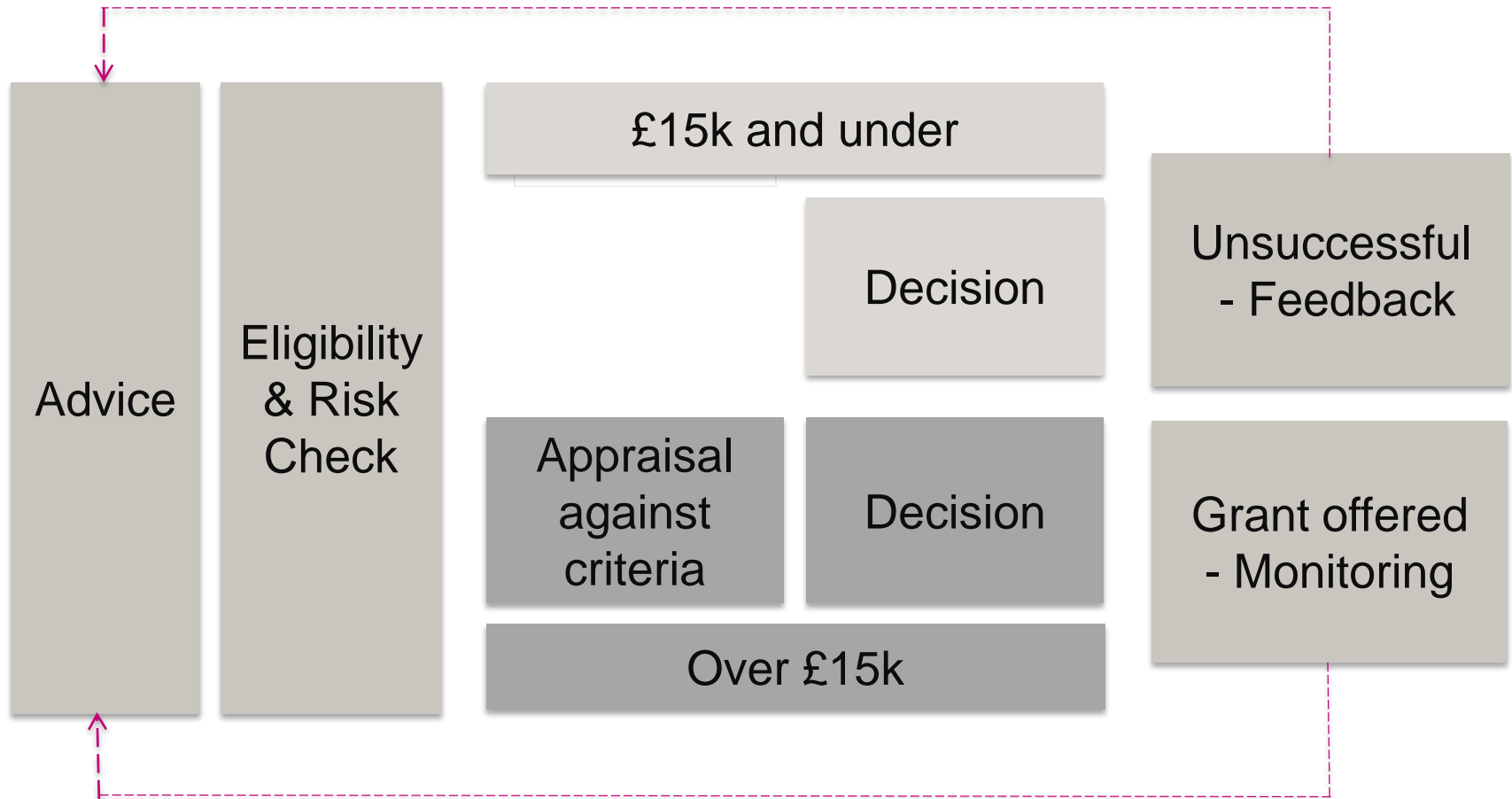
extInked- Ultimate Holding Company (UHC)



Kelly Parish

Kelly Parish, Ambassador for the Tall Thrift.

The Grants for the arts cycle



Coming to a decision on your application

- Six weeks for applications for £15k or under
- 12 weeks for applications over £15k
- Decisions are made on an Area basis – based on the location of the lead applicant

Thank You!

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