

Visual Artist & Craft Maker Awards: Forth Valley

in partnership with Creative Scotland

2010 Funding Opportunity

Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling Councils work in partnership with Creative Scotland to bring this unique scheme of grants to visual artists and craft makers in the Forth Valley area.

Forth Valley Awards Scheme gives grants of £250 - £1500 to individuals to support their creative and professional development. The Awards are intended to provide artists and makers living and working in the Falkirk, Stirling and Clackmannan area with the opportunity to develop their work in new ways, take risks and explore new ideas.

Priority will be given to proposals that clearly demonstrate the quality of work and ongoing commitment to developing a visual arts/craft practice. An award is an investment in the development of future work based upon the quality and ambition of previous and current practice.

This could include, though is not limited to:

- Research/development
- Preparing an exhibition outwith your local area
- Attending an exhibition, conference or training course
- Equipment purchases provided they facilitate new development

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 27 September 2010

To receive an application form and guidelines please contact Lesley MacArthur at the address below, stating which award scheme you are applying to - Visual Artist or Craft Maker.

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What Does the Scheme Fund?

Listed below are examples of the type of activity for which Visual Artists and Craft Makers have been awarded funding to date. It is intended to give you an idea of the range of proposals that have previously been supported by the Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards Scheme: Forth Valley.

- Research trip to Origin 2009 and V&A Ceramics gallery prior to development of new creative direction
- Attendance at Northlands Creative Glass Annual Conference
- Travel assistance for research trip to the artapestry02 exhibition in Angers, France
- Attendance at a printmaking course to enable development of new work using etching techniques
- Development of jewellery and metalworking skills by exploring the design and texturing possibilities of new materials and techniques
- Residency at SSW to produce a cast metal sculpture or site specific sculptural installation
- Northern Light – Baltic invitation residency, Inter-media research of location, collaboration with international artists and exhibition of work made during residency
- Training at and membership of DCA Printmakers to enable work on a more ambitious scale
- Exhibition of new work at Analogue Books, Edinburgh
- Support for the initial stages of research and creation of work and for the purchase of essential sculptural materials to create a new body of work

Each application is considered on the basis of it's own merit and the selection panel are keen to see the extent to which the award being applied for fits within the artist's/craft maker's continuous practice.

Information Sessions:

You may wish to talk through your idea with one of the local authority Arts Officers based in the Forth Valley area. As such, we are holding two drop-in sessions:

Tuesday 17 August 2010, 4-7pm - the Tolbooth, Jail Wynd, Stirling FK8 1DE

Wednesday 25 August 2010, 12-3pm - Callendar House, Callendar Park, Falkirk FK1 1YR

Visual Artists and Craft Makers based in the Forth Valley area are invited to attend one of the sessions to talk through their idea and get advice on how to complete the application.

There is no charge for attendance, but please contact the Tolbooth Box Office in advance on 01786 274000 to book a place, stating which session you wish to attend.