



## Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards: Forth Valley & West Lothian

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Falkirk, Stirling, West Lothian and Clackmannanshire Councils are committed to supporting artists resident in their respective areas and encouraging innovative professional practice. We have, in partnership with Creative Scotland, established the Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards: Forth Valley and West Lothian in partnership with Creative Scotland as a means of assisting individual artists with the immediate costs of researching, creating and presenting new work. We want artists in the area to be ambitious and the fund will prioritise applications that explore the full potential for ongoing creative development of artist's work.

### Funds Available and Deadline

Awards are available from £200 - £1500. The budget for 2018/19 is £4,000.00 and for 2019/20 it is £8,000.00. There will be three funding rounds between November 2018 and March 2020 as below:

		<b>Deadline for applications:</b>
2018/19:	February 2019	Monday 4 February 2018, 5pm
2019/20:	October 2019	To be announced in 2019
	February 2020	To be announced in 2019

Artists and makers are encouraged to request the appropriate funds required for their project. The Awards Panel reserves the right to offer an amount other than that requested, dependant on the competition for funds.

### Who Can Apply

- Artists and makers resident in the Falkirk, Stirling, Clackmannanshire and West Lothian Council areas, working in contemporary visual art or craft.
- Artists who can demonstrate a commitment to their work and to advancing their skills and ideas.
- Artists of all ages.

### Exclusions:

- Full time students are not eligible to apply.
- Successful applicants cannot apply for a further award until they have completed an end of project report for any previous awards received from this scheme.
- Applications will not be considered for projects already started or planned to start, before the notification dates.
- Please note that you may apply to **either** Creative Scotland Open Fund scheme or to this scheme for a particular project. You **cannot** apply to both schemes simultaneously for the same project.

### How to Apply

Applications should be submitted on the Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards: Forth Valley and West Lothian **Application Form**.

If you have any queries regarding your eligibility for the award scheme or if you want to discuss an initial idea for an application before you apply please contact [artsandcrafts@falkirkcommunitytrust.org](mailto:artsandcrafts@falkirkcommunitytrust.org)

Applications should be clearly legible and all questions must be answered. Applications may be submitted electronically or as hard copies. Hard copy applications should not be bound or in a presentation folder as they will be photocopied for circulation to the Awards Panel. Supporting material and visuals should, however, be appropriately packaged and clearly labelled.

### **Eligible costs for funding**

The aim of this scheme is to assist individual artists and craft makers with costs associated with their creative and professional development, for example costs relating to an exhibition or publication, materials, research and development of new ideas, production of new work, a residency, etc.

If you are applying for a confirmed opportunity please include a letter of invitation or a copy of the contract with the host organisation, venue or gallery.

The costs presented in your budget must relate directly to your proposal.

### **Supporting Visual Material**

Applications should be accompanied by up to 10 images of examples of your work. Artists' working in time-based media may submit up to 7 minutes of video. All supporting material must be PC compatible.

#### *Please Note:*

- Original artworks will not be accepted as support to any application.
- Applications will not be considered unless supporting material is submitted.
- Catalogues and other print material should only be sent if necessary to demonstrate track record or illustrate specific artworks, installations etc.
- The Artwork Submission Form must be completed by all applicants.
- Supporting material will be returned.
- Falkirk, Stirling, West Lothian, Clackmannanshire Councils and Creative Scotland cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of any material sent as part of your application.

### **The Assessment Process**

Applications will be assessed based on the criteria as stated below. The panel that will assess applications will comprise representatives of Falkirk Community Trust, Stirling Council, West Lothian Council and Creative Scotland and artists/ makers based within Forth Valley and West Lothian. Representatives of other arts and cultural organisations in the area may be co-opted to the panel.

The Awards Panel will meet within 4 weeks of the deadline date.

### **Criteria**

Priority will be given to proposals that clearly demonstrate the quality of work and ongoing commitment to developing a visual arts practice. Successful applicants will have demonstrated a level of commitment to developing their skills and ideas, achieving a body of work outwith formal education. Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The quality of the applicant's work.
- The expected impact of Forth Valley & West Lothian Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards Scheme support on the applicant's creative development.
- The clarity of purpose behind the submission and the reasons given for applying for an award.
- The quality of information/material supplied in support of the application. The responsibility for submitting supporting artwork material remains that of the applicant.

The quality of the applicant's work is of the utmost importance, but given the limited sums available and the likely high demand for support, applicants are asked to ensure that their submissions include a detailed budget and a clearly argued case for an Award.

### **Further Information**

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards: Forth Valley and West Lothian, please contact [artsandcrafts@falkirkcommunitytrust.org](mailto:artsandcrafts@falkirkcommunitytrust.org)

### **Completed application forms should be returned to:**

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Falkirk Community Stadium  
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### **Conditions of Grant**

- Successful applicants must submit a short written report and visual material relating to their funded project within 6 months of completing their project.
- Successful applicants' projects should be completed within 12 months of funding being received. Any changes to these conditions require permission in writing in advance from Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards: Forth Valley and West Lothian
- Wherever possible artists should be willing to participate in any publicity generated as a result of the award.
- Artists must credit Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards: Forth Valley and West Lothian in partnership with Creative Scotland on any publicity produced in support of the work created as a result of the award. This should include the logos credit and the following credit line: Made possible with the financial assistance of the Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards: Forth Valley and West Lothian in partnership with Creative Scotland.

### **Equalities Monitoring Form**

All applicants are asked to complete an Equalities Monitoring Form. Creative Scotland, as a National Lottery distributor and major funder of the scheme, require this statistical information about beneficiaries of their funding. Please note - the form is not part of the application process.

### **Privacy Notice**

When Falkirk Community Trust collect personal information from you we must tell you why we need it, what we will do with it and how long we will keep it. This is called a privacy notice. The link below is the privacy notice for the Trust's Arts services. The information that you provide to us through the Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards: Forth Valley and West Lothian scheme will be handled and stored as outlined in this [privacy notice](#) and in accordance with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations).

### **Falkirk Community Trust**

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As a not for profit organisation, Falkirk Community Trust strives to support community aspirations, deliver inspiring and valued services and ensure that the experiences we offer provide equality of opportunity and access for all.

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