**2024 GM Arts Access Bursaries**

**In partnership with *Wigan Council,* GM Arts is offering bursaries between *£100 to £500* for freelance creative practitioners.** These bursaries are here to support your growth by making it easier to attend workshops, training, networking, or access other professional development opportunities.

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 **Key dates/information:**

The deadline to apply for a *Wigan* GM Arts Access Bursary is:

*Tuesday the 30th of April.*

You’ll hear back from The Turnpike Gallery - Wigan Council on whether we’re able to support your request for a bursary on or before:

*Tuesday the 30th of April.*

Please note once your invoice is submitted it can take up to 4 weeks for the bursary to be paid:

*If you have not invoiced the Wigan Council before you will need to be set up as a new supplier. You will be asked to provide proof of address/bank details. This process can take up to two weeks for completion.*

Please consider these details carefully when applying.

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**Section 1: Eligibility**

We recognise that financial barriers can significantly limit access to professional development opportunities for freelance creative practitioners. The GM Arts Access Bursaries are designed to support those who find it challenging to cover the costs associated with attending networking, training or other professional development events. We aim to cover expenses that may be overlooked by other funding sources, including, but not limited to, the cost of taking time off work, travel, accommodation, and caregiving costs.

Our goal is to reduce financial pressures so that creative practitioners can focus on expanding skills and networks, irrespective of personal or economic circumstances.

**Please note**: GM Arts Access Bursaries are designed to assist those who genuinely need financial support. If you are comfortably able to cover these costs without assistance, we kindly ask that you leave this opportunity for those who need it most. This ensures our resources support those for whom such financial assistance can make a significant difference in accessing professional development opportunities.

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**Please confirm:**

**Please mark with an X to confirm the following:**

* I am a creative practitioner livingor working inWigan Borough
* I have reviewed the eligibility criteria and believe I am eligible for a GM Arts Access Bursary

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**Section 2: ABOUT YOU** (Data kept in Wigan District)

**Your First Name\***

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**Your Last Name\***

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**Your Email\***

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**Location:** Please enter your postcode:\*

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**Section 3: YOUR CREATIVE PRACTICE** (Data shared with GM Arts)

**Artform:** What kind of art or creative work are you involved in? (Please mark with an **X** or circle)

* Music
* Theatre
* Dance
* Visual arts
* Literature
* Combined arts
* Film, media & TV
* Something else

If you selected ‘something else’ or would like to describe your art form in a few words, please do so here:

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**About Your Practice:** Please tell us a little bit about your creative practice\*

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**Link:** If available, please provide a weblink to your portfolio or share your social media handles. This will offer us more insight into your creative work.

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**Section 4: YOUR BURSARY APPLICATION** (Data shared with GM Arts)

**Amount:** How much of a bursary are you applying for?\*

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**Your development:** Please highlight by marking a **X** next to the elements that you’re most interested in developing (select as many as apply)\*:

* Access and inclusion
* Artistic practice
* Audience development and engagement
* Career planning and strategy
* Confidence building
* Contracts, intellectual property and legal rights
* Digital skills and technologies
* Environmental sustainability
* Financial management
* Fundraising
* Leadership
* Marketing and/or social media
* Mental health and wellbeing
* Networks and connections
* Project management
* Written or verbal communication

Please select if the bursary will help you to attend or access any of the below:

* Access to specialised equipment or materials
* Collaboration opportunities with other artists or creatives
* Exhibition or performance opportunities
* Industry conferences and seminars
* Mentoring sessions
* Networking events
* Online courses and webinars
* Portfolio reviews
* Professional coaching
* Q&A sessions with industry experts
* Rehearsal or studio opportunities
* Research trips
* Residencies and artist retreats
* Training workshops or courses
* Something else

If you selected ‘Something else’ please expand here

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**Opportunity Details:** Please share brief information and a weblink about the workshop, training, networking, or other professional development opportunity that the bursary would enable you to participate in or access.

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**What difference will the bursary make?**: Please share your thoughts on how receiving a bursary could positively influence your creative journey and career.

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***Communications***

* *I permit The Turnpike Gallery – Wigan Council**to contact me via email about creative events, surveys, and opportunities, including details on forthcoming rounds of GM Arts Access Bursaries.*

***Consent and Confirmation***

* I acknowledge that certain non-personal details of my application to Turnpike Gallery – Wigan Council may be shared with GM Arts for the purpose of collaborative learning.
* I consent to being contacted via email by Turnpike Gallery – Wigan Council to be informed about the outcome of my bursary application and, if successful, to coordinate the bursary payment.
* If successful, I agree to provideTurnpike Gallery – Wigan Councilwith a short quote via email about how the bursary was used

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**Please return your completed application to The Turnpike Gallery:**

**Email:** theturnpikegallery@wigan.gov.uk

***Thank you***

Thank you for taking the time to apply for a GM Arts Artist Access Bursary. We will be in touch soon about the outcome of your application.