

Creative Ageing Writing Bursary 2021

Deadline 26th March, 2021

Information for applicants

Age & Opportunity believes that the arts is particularly important and beneficial as we age, and has long been a supporter of creative ageing.

Our Bealtaine Festival is 26 years old in 2021 and is Ireland's only festival dedicated to celebrating the arts as we age. Similarly, we have a significant history in promoting the arts in care homes through Creative Exchanges and dementia-inclusive Azure training, as well as our audience development initiative Cultural Companions.

Creative Ageing Writing Bursary

The Age & Opportunity inaugural Creative Ageing Writing Bursary aims to generate discussion, debate and knowledge about creative ageing in Ireland.

One award of €1000 will be made to the successful applicant.

The bursary is intended to afford time and space for an artist/ writer to reflect on their practice - the learnings, insights but also challenges they have faced. The writer/artist might also want to consider how they have

approached working with older people and the learnings generated through that.

The Age & Opportunity Creative Ageing Writing Bursary will primarily be offered to a professional artist, (working in any artform), or arts writer of 50 + who is:

- Interested in exploring their artistic growth and the changes to their practice as they have gotten older and or who has significant experience of working with older people.
- Consideration will also be given to artists/writers of 50+ who are early on in their career and wish to reflect on their new journey as an artist, as well as;
- Younger artists who may have significant experience of working with older people.
- Applicants can be working in any artform and must be based in the Republic of Ireland

Call for Applications

Age & Opportunity invites applications from eligible artists/writers whereby the following conditions will apply:

- Final draft should be delivered by 30th July 2021.
- Writer agrees to publishing of work on the Age & Opportunity website and through other public means.
- Written work should not exceed 1300 words.

Application Process:

Those wishing to apply for the Creative Ageing Bursary should complete the application form, as well as sending a short biography or CV and a sample of work. Applicants' whose primary practice is not in writing are asked to provide samples of their work **and** a sample of writing.

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Track record of the artist / writer
- Contribution to knowledge around creative ageing in Ireland
- Feasibility of proposal
- Quality of supporting material

Applications should be submitted to the Arts Administrator, Eva Griffin arts@ageandopportunity.ie no later than **12pm, Friday 26th March, 2021.**

More Information

Age & Opportunity

Age & Opportunity is the national organisation that provides a range of opportunities for older people who want to get more involved in arts and culture, sport and physical activity, civic engagement and personal development.

Our aim is to inspire people aged 50+ to live a dynamic life where they are more active, more visible, more creative and more connected.

We work with local communities and organisations across the country to run a range of programmes and activities in three key areas:

Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity **arts** initiative



- **Age & Opportunity Arts** provides opportunities for us to engage more in arts and cultural events and initiatives
- **Age & Opportunity Active** is designed to get us more active and participate in recreational sport and physical activity
- **Age & Opportunity Engage** offers a range of workshops and learning initiatives for our own personal development as well as opportunities for us to play an active role in our community.

Age & Opportunity **Arts** is our dedicated arts and culture programme running throughout the year in local communities all over Ireland. We host a range of different creative initiatives including the annual Bealtaine Festival which takes place throughout the month of May, and is delivered in partnership with communities and organisations nationwide. Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which uniquely celebrates the arts and creativity as we age.