

Creative Places Darndale Bursary Awards 2026

1) Arts Education Bursary 2) Artwork Creation Bursary Guidelines for Applicants

Creative Places Darndale project overview

Creative Places Darndale promotes the arts in the area, and supports artists who live in Darndale, Clonsaugh, Priorswood, Belcamp and Moatview. Creative Places Darndale is run by Northside Partnership and is supported by the Arts Council and Dublin City Council Arts Office. The Creative Places programme invests in places (such as towns, villages, suburbs and island communities) that have had fewer opportunities to take part in the arts.

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1. About the Bursary Awards

1.1. Deadline for submission of applications

All applications must be submitted by email to admin@smashingtimes.ie

The deadline for receipt of applications is: 2 September 2026, 5pm

1.2. Introduction

Creative Places Darndale are offering two types of bursaries in 2026:

Arts Education Bursary Award - Three arts education bursaries are available for artists living or working within the area of Darndale, Clonshaugh, Priorswood, Belcamp and Moatview. The maximum value of each bursary is €2000. This award is not for the creation or presentation of new work to the public, it is for an individual to pursue arts education. The bursary award must be spent by 31 December 2026 and the course begun (and ideally finished) by 31 March 2027. A final report must be submitted by 16 April 2027.

Artwork Creation Bursary Award – Artwork creation bursaries are available for artists living or working within the area of Darndale, Clonshaugh, Priorswood, Belcamp and Moatview. The maximum value of each bursary is €5000. This award is for the creation of artwork. The number of Artwork Creation Bursaries given will depend on the number and quality of the submissions received. The bursary award must be spent by 31 December 2026 and the artwork completed by 31 March. A final report must be submitted by 16 April 2027.

Applications are welcome from applicants of all artistic backgrounds.

You can download a copy of the Application Form [HERE](#) or contact Freda@smashingtimes.ie to request an application form – write Application Form in the subject line.

Applications can be made by filling out the application form and submitting it by email to admin@smashingtimes.ie

1.3. Who is eligible to apply?

The Bursary Awards are open to individuals living or working in the area of Darndale, Clonshaugh, Priorswood, Belcamp and Moatview.

Applications are welcome from applicants of all artistic backgrounds. Bursaries may be for all arts disciplines including:

- Architecture and Visual Art
- Circus
- Street Art & Spectacle
- Dance
- Film
- Literature
- Multi-Disciplinary
- Music and Opera
- Theatre
- Traditional Art
- Young People and Children's Art

Creative Places Darndale welcomes new applicants who represent the diversity of Irish society. We encourage applications from all areas of the community regardless of gender, sexual orientation, civil or family status, religion, age, disability, race or membership of the Traveller Community, or socio-economic background.

1.4. What makes an application ineligible?

Your application will be deemed ineligible if:

- Your application is incomplete.

- The applicant is not a resident of, or working in the area of Darndale, Clonshaugh, Priorswood, Belcamp and Moatview.
- You do not fulfil the eligibility requirements.
- Your application was received after the deadline.

Note: In the event that your application is ruled ineligible, it will not be assessed.

1.5. What may you apply for?

Arts Education Bursary - You can apply for any amount up to a max of €2,000, to be drawn down in calendar year 2026. Proposed expenditure may only be spent on arts education fees.

Artwork Creation Bursary – You can apply for any amount up to a max of €5,000, to be drawn down in calendar year 2026. Proposed expenditure may only be spent on the creation of artwork.

1.6. What may you not apply for?

- Non-arts projects or programmes of work
- Ongoing core costs
- Activities or costs that do not fit the purpose of the bursary award
- Activities that have already taken place or will be completed before a decision on your application is made
- Activities that are for participating in a competition

2. Appendix

2.1. Getting help with your application

The Bursary award process is supported by Smashing Times International Centre for the Arts and Equality (smashingtimes.ie). If you need help with the application process, please contact admin@smashingtimes.ie

3. Processing and assessment of applications

3.1. The assessment process

No applications will be accepted later than the official deadline.

Your application will be processed by members of the Creative Places Administrative team. Any applications that clearly fall outside the eligibility guidelines and criteria may be eliminated at this point.

3.2. Scoring Criteria

Each application will be assessed under the same criteria.

1. Quality of bursary proposal idea (40%)
 - a. Description of the project
2. Impact of the proposal on the artists career and the local community (30%)
 - a. For Arts Education Bursary: Details of the training course proposed and how this will contribute positively to the artists' work or career
 - b. For Artwork Creation Bursary: Details of any links with the local community and the artwork
3. Feasibility (30%)
 - a. For Arts Education Bursary: Details of the quality of study/training course proposed with a letter of offer where appropriate
 - b. For Artwork Creation Bursary: Budget breakdown

3.3. Terms and Conditions

The artist or team shall ensure that there is compliance with all statutory requirements and local authority byelaws including adherence to Child Protection Policy, where relevant.

Feedback on unsuccessful submissions is not guaranteed.

