The Arts Society Oxford

The Arts Society Member No. 349
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Guidance to Applicants for Community Arts Project Funding

The Arts Society Oxford (TASO) is a member organisation of The Arts Society, (formerly NADFAS), a leading national arts charity comprising 385 affiliated societies. Our Society was launched in October 2009, and we now have 500 members. The aim of the society is to promote the knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of the arts.

From 2011 to 2017 we have supported a wide variety of projects for children of all ages and capabilities working through our Young Arts committee. At the end of 2017 The Arts Society Oxford was granted charitable status, enabling us to increase our charitable giving through the gift aid we receive. (Details of this policy and of former projects can be seen on our website www.theartssocietyoxford.org.uk). We now have a Community Arts Projects committee and have expanded our remit to offer support for all age groups across a broad range of arts activities.

Our Remit

We aim to support those who will benefit from an increased understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the arts through community and educational art activities. We welcome projects where the participants face special challenges, or have additional problems in accessing the arts, and those who would gain most from financial support.

The term 'Arts' covers a wide range of creative activities, and could include music, dance, sculpture, film, etc. In the past funds have supported diverse activities in primary and secondary education, hospital schools, with young carers and through teacher development.

Geographical area: Our remit principally covers the immediate Oxford area while recognising that some projects may draw on a wider Oxfordshire area.

Funding: The grants awarded are generally given to support costs of materials and fees of artists/facilitators. We do not fund overhead/running costs of host organisations, and we are open to projects which are match-funded.

Time frame: Funds are usually given for a project taking place within our financial year, which runs from 1st July to 30th June but this time frame could be extended. We accept applications twice a year, by 31st March prior to the financial year and by the end of September in the financial year. September applications will depend on finance still being available for that year, but we aim to remain flexible wherever possible. Our recommendations are passed to the Board of Trustees for final approval, and successful applicants are then notified.

Evaluation: We ask for an evaluation of the outcome of each project from the participant organisation, and make our own evaluation regarding 'value for money'.

Publicity: We seek assurances that we may report successful projects to our membership, to local media, and as inclusions in the national magazine, (subject to restrictions on photography of participants.)

Application Procedure
Applications must be made on the Application Form for Community Arts Project Funding which is available, together with Guidelines for Applicants, on the TASO website **www.theartssocietyoxford.org.uk** (on both CAP page and under Policies and Documents), and submitted electronically as a Word document to **tasoxford@gmail.com** .