

architecture

funding policy

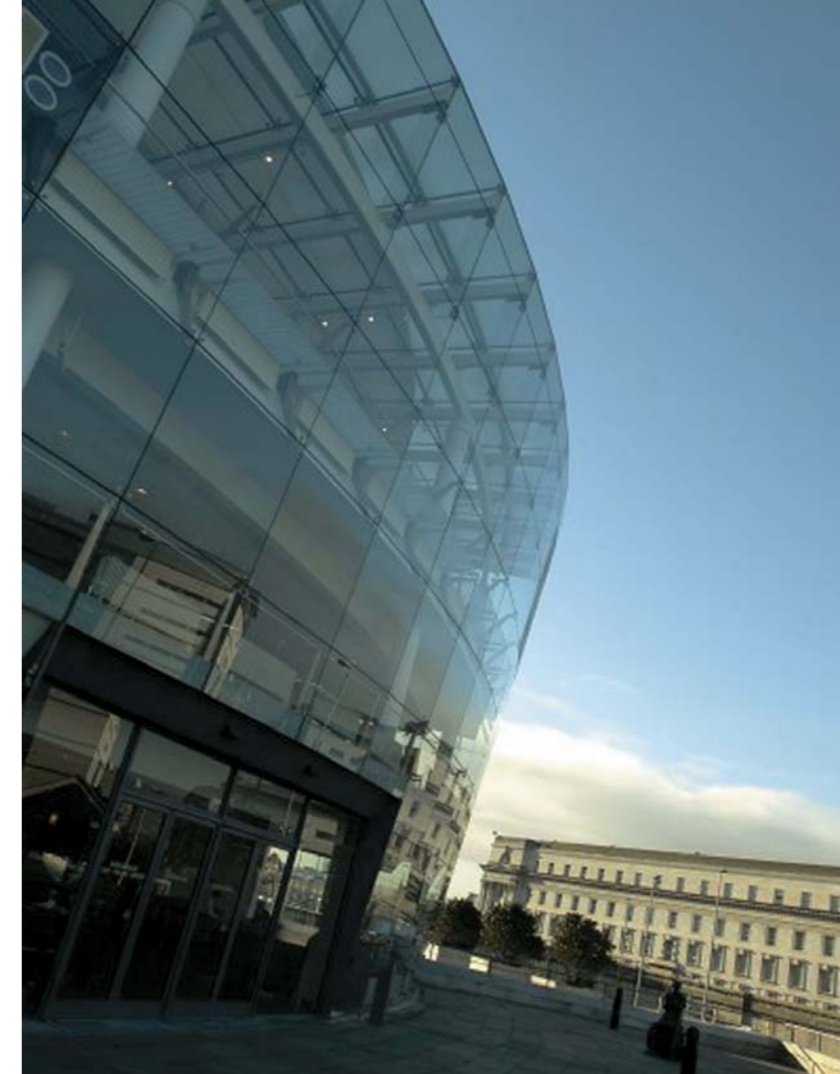


Market Place Theatre and Arts Centre, Armagh
Front Cover - Waterfront Hall, Belfast

Further Information

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Strategic Priorities

The Arts Council will give a priority to artists, arts organisations, arts initiatives and partnerships which:

- A increase opportunities for creative participation in the arts;
- B develop new audiences for the arts and build on existing ones;
- C extend opportunities for artists to develop their work and practice;
- D strengthen the capacity of arts organisations to deliver quality experiences of the arts.

Strategic Objectives

The Arts Council is committed to:

- 1 increase opportunities for artists working to the highest standards and in innovative ways;
- 2 strengthen the arts infrastructure;
- 3 engage with community arts to increase opportunities for creative participation, to develop new audiences and to expand the range of contexts in which artists work;
- 4 engage with voluntary arts to increase opportunities for creative participation, to develop new audiences and expand the range of contexts in which artists work;
- 5 increase the quality of access for disabled people to the arts;
- 6 enhance children and young people's access to creative expression through the arts, in contexts of their own choosing, and increase opportunities for participation as they grow and develop;
- 7 increase audiences for the arts.

The arts: inspiring the imagination, building the future

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Introduction

As a result of the Clive Priestley Review, in 1995 the Arts Council was given a remit for architecture. The distribution of the first National Lottery grants through the Arts Council in the same year meant that the Council had the means to play a major role in enhancing the physical and cultural infrastructure of Northern Ireland through its Capital, New Work and Access programmes. In 1998, the Council convened a special working party of professionals to develop a policy on architecture. Following extensive consultation, 'Architecture and the Built Environment: policies, strategies and actions' was published in 2003. It can be read and downloaded from www.artscouncil-ni.org.

The Council recognises architecture and urban design as art forms in themselves and acknowledges their far-reaching impact on the lives of us all. It works proactively to raise the quality of urban design, architecture, landscape and infrastructure; to lobby to develop processes and procedures that facilitate high quality design, and to raise public awareness of the need for and benefits of such design.

Definitions

The Council embraces all aspects of the design of the built environment, including the nature and quality of the public domain; the relationship between buildings and the urban infrastructure; forward planning (masterplanning/urban frameworks) to anticipate future requirements; and the incorporation of artworks. (See the Public Art Funding Policy).

Many of these policy areas cannot be implemented by the Council alone, and it works in partnership with others, including government, to deliver progress.

Funding

Architecture projects and individual architects and designers can be funded under all of the Council's programmes, but of particular interest are:

- Buildings (Capital)
- Access to the Arts (aimed at addressing the needs of communities in areas of social and economic deprivation or supporting the involvement of children and young people)
- Annual Support for Organisations (for organisations with year-round programmes)
- Support for the Individual Artist (to assist artists in the development of their practice)
- New Work (if it is the creation of innovative original work, such as exhibition programming or critical publications)
- Awards for All (for projects under £5,000. Applicants should consult www.awardsforall.com. Tel. 0845 600204).

Funding Objectives

A concerted focus of attention on Architecture enables the Council to realise its four Priorities and meet its seven Strategic Objectives.

Funding objectives are to:

- encourage applications for individual awards from architects and design professionals under the Support for the Individual Artist Programme (1)
- fund, in partnership with relevant agencies, exhibitions, seminars, lectures and publications on architecture, urban design, landscape architecture and infrastructure, aimed at a wide audience (1, 2, 3, 7)
- work with partners in education to raise awareness of the built environment and to support the release of design creativity in all areas (2, 6, 7)
- support the establishment of an architecture centre to raise awareness among architects, local politicians, public sector bodies, clients and the general public, and to make archive documentation fully accessible to the public across Northern Ireland (2, 7)
- promote quality of design in the public realm through sponsorship of a Civic Trust Special Award for Northern Ireland (1, 3, 5, 7)
- make capital grants only to fully accessible projects with appropriate procedures in place to select the most talented designers and to procure high quality design (1, 2, 5, 7)
- foster and promote our architectural heritage (7)
- make recommendations to Government on the development and adoption of a policy on architecture and the built environment (2)