

Arts Council Northern Ireland

Consultation Response Pro-forma

This response pro-forma is aimed at helping individuals and groups submit a written response.

We would welcome your views.

Please return the completed response by 8th September to:

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About you / your organisation

Name of person / organisation:

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Name of person responding on behalf of the organisation:

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Address of organisation

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Telephone:

Facsimile:

Textphone:

E-mail:

If you have any particular requirements, (e.g. audio tape, Braille, large print, computer disc, in languages other than English), to enable you to make a response to this equality impact assessment, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address given on the front page or by telephone, fax or e-mail.

If you or your organisation would like to have a face-to-face meeting to present your views on the equality implications of this impact assessment, please contact Amanda Leighton on 028 9038 5242 or by email aleighton@artscouncil-ni.org

1. Do you have any comments to make on the screening exercise or the conclusions reached with regard to carrying out an Equality Impact Assessment, in relation to the Visual Arts Strategy?

Policy	Comments

2. Do you think the policy has any adverse/unhelpful/negative effects on equality of opportunity and/or good relations for any of the nine categories?

Please state policy:

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Category	Comments
Age e.g. people under 18; people aged between 18 and 65; people over 65	
Marital Status e.g. married people; unmarried people; divorced or separated people; widowed people	
Gender e.g. men (including boys); women (including girls); transgender people and transsexual people	
Disability e.g. persons with a disability as defined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995	
Dependents e.g. persons with the responsibility for care of a child, person with a disability, or dependant elderly person	
Political opinion e.g. Unionists generally; Nationalists generally; members of/supporters of any political party	
Racial group e.g. Chinese; Irish Traveller; Indian; Pakistani; Bangladeshi; Black African; Black Caribbean; mixed ethnic group; any other ethnic group/nationality	
Religious Belief e.g. Protestant; Catholic; Bahai; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh; Buddhist; other religion; people of no religious belief	
Sexual Orientation e.g. Gay; lesbian; bi-sexual; heterosexual	

Please photocopy this sheet or continue on another sheet as required.

3. If you have ticked “Yes” to any of the categories listed in the previous question, please give details of the adverse/unhelpful/negative effect that you feel the policy may have on the category/categories that you have identified.

CATEGORY	Adverse/Unhelpful/Negative Effect
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4. Please state how you think that the strategy can be changed or what action can be taken to reduce or eliminate the adverse/unhelpful/negative effects that you have highlighted.

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5. Do you have any suggestions as to how the strategy can be changed to improve the promotion of equality of opportunity for the nine categories and/or good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

6. If you have provided information to any of the questions in 1 to 5, please indicate whether you consider if the strategy may significantly impact on the Council's obligation to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and/or good relations. Also if you believe that a full equality impact assessment should be carried out, please give details as to why you believe this is necessary.

7. Are there any other comments you would like to make in regard to this pro-forma, the consultation process or the Visual Arts Strategy?

If you wish your comments to remain confidential, please tick this box and state your reasons clearly.

I would like my response to be treated as confidential for the following reasons:

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If we are asked to disclose responses under Freedom of Information legislation, we will take any requests for confidentiality into account. However, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

Thank you for your assistance. All your comments will be considered carefully.