



Arts Council of Northern

**ART FORM AND SPECIALIST  
AREA POLICY 2013-2018**

**FILM & TELEVISION**



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## Preamble

The Film & Television Policy has been developed in line with *Ambitions for the Arts*, the Arts Council of Northern Ireland's five-year Strategic Plan for the Arts, 2013-18. The overarching priorities of the Plan – champion the arts, promote access, build a sustainable sector – are reflected across the set of the Council's Art Form and Specialist Area policies, 2013-18.

## Introduction to Film & Television Policy

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland has delegated the majority of the responsibility for the funding and development of Film and Television to Northern Ireland Screen, which it supports through its National Lottery resource. The Council continues to fund film and media in a number of specific circumstances, as outlined below.

## Funding Objectives

The Council's active interest in film and media (as a funder) is predominantly limited to production and exhibition of experimental and innovative lens-based work by artists intended for exhibition, particularly:

- Experimental Film. Film as art, created as an alternative to commercial cinema and mainstream film;
- Artist's film and video. Innovative and experimental work by visual artists using film and video;
- New Media. Art that is shaped by new computer technologies that may combine text, graphics, sound and video. New/electronic media refers to the numerous new types of documents and media creations that have been created around the Web.

Where film and media forms an element of a multi-arts programme, but is not the main or only element, the Council will continue to fund organisations and projects.

The Council funds film and media through the following funding programmes:

- Small Grants. For participation/education/outreach and festivals, not for production and distribution;
- Support for the Individual Artist Programme. In line with Council's policy statement on Visual Arts, funding is exclusively for visual artists and is not intended to support film-makers who wish to make films about artists or about the visual arts;
- Equipment awards are available from time to time where the project is predominantly around active participation and creativity.

## **Additional Information**

### **'Ambitions for the Arts' Five Year Arts Strategy, 2013-2018**

[www.artscouncil-ni.org/about-us/strategy](http://www.artscouncil-ni.org/about-us/strategy)

### **Art Form and Specialist Area Policies, 2013-2018**

[www.artscouncil-ni.org/the-arts](http://www.artscouncil-ni.org/the-arts)

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