



**Arts Council of Northern Ireland**



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**Placing the  
Arts at the Heart**

*Ten Pounds*

**Ten great reasons for funding the arts...**

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## Ten Great Reasons for Funding the Arts

1. Government funding for the arts in N. Ireland is the lowest in these islands at only £6.13 per head. Scotland gets £11.93 and the Republic of Ireland £12.61
2. Every £1 invested by the Arts Council returns over £3.60 into the local economy
3. Arts funding maintains over 2,000 jobs
4. Two thirds of arts activity supports cross-community participation
5. 75,000 school children enjoyed arts workshops last year
6. 88% of people surveyed at the Mater Hospital said arts activity benefited their health
7. Visitors say our cultural assets are one of the main reasons for coming to NI
8. Nine new arts centres have been built in the last 10 years. Think how these have transformed our towns and cities
9. We have world-renowned artists – let's keep them
10. There's overwhelming public support for arts funding (78%)

**Just think what we could achieve with £10 for every person...**

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