

# Arts Council England



# About Arts Council England

- WE ARE THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR CREATIVITY AND CULTURE
- Nine offices, headquartered in Manchester
- £843 million total income for 2024/25
- Arm's-length body accountable to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS)
- Distributor of National Lottery funds



Our strategy –  
Let's Create



# Our ten year strategy – Let's Create

- The vision: by 2030, England will be a place where everyone has a chance to unlock their own creativity, and have access to a wide range of high quality cultural experiences.
- It's built around three outcomes...Creative People, Cultural Communities, and a Creative and Cultural Country
- ...and four Investment Principles: Ambition & Quality, Inclusion & Relevance, Dynamism and Environmental Responsibility



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- Our work in the south west: advocacy, investment, development



# What we do - investment

- We invested £74 million in arts and culture in south west England in 2024/25:
  - The National Portfolio – about **£36.6 million**
  - Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants – about **£12.4 million** a year
  - Music Education Hubs – about **£12.9 million**
  - Strategic Funds (includes, for example, Developing Your Creative Practice, Elevate, Capital etc) – £11 million in this particular year, but **can vary enormously**

## What we do - development

- We offer expertise, advice and strategic interventions
- The SW team holds 22 artform and thematic specialisms, from dance to philanthropy, from international work to creative health.
- To support development in the cultural sector we offer a range of funding pots.



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## What we do - advocacy

- Intrinsic value
- Economy
- Health
- Education



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# Any questions?

- <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk>



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