

BRITTEN PEARS ARTS

Residency Programme Financial Support

We recognise the difficulty in securing financial support for artistic development and creative projects. Even with our generous residency program, some artists may find it challenging to participate.

All artists can request our financial support package on a self-assessed basis. No proof of income or circumstance is required.

We do not pay artists fees as we are not requesting a service. The Residency programme exists for the development of artist led activity. We support the artists by providing the time, space and resources they need to build on their creative practice or enable a step change in their career. We offer an unrivalled opportunity which gives artists a starting-block and rounded support, and our staff can support artists to look for other sources of funding.

Do I qualify for extra support?

Please use the guidelines below to make a self-assessment. We work on the basis of trust, and won't ask for proof. We only ask for your honesty and hope this will allow extra support to go where it is really needed. Please select the category that most accurately describes your personal circumstances:

CATEGORY ONE

- I frequently worry about meeting basic* needs and don't always meet them.
- I have debt and it sometimes prohibits me from meeting my basic needs.
- I am unemployed or underemployed.
- I qualify for government and/or voluntary assistance including foodbanks and benefits.
- I rent lower-end properties or have unstable housing.
- I sometimes can't afford public or private transport. If I own a car/have access to a car, I am not always able to afford petrol.
- I have no access to savings.
- I have no or very limited expendable**income.
- I rarely buy new items because I am unable to afford them.
- I cannot afford a holiday or to take time off without financial burden.

If you feel this category reflects your circumstances, we can allocate £1,500 toward your costs.

CATEGORY TWO

- I may worry about meeting my basic needs but still regularly meet them.
- I may have some debt, but it does not prohibit attainment of basic needs.
- I am employed / make income through self-employed work
- I can afford public transport and often private transport. If I have a car/access to a car I can afford petrol.

- I might have access to financial savings.
- I have some expendable income.
- I'm able to buy some new items and I buy others second hand for financial reasons.
- I can take a holiday annually or every few years without financial burden.

If you feel this category reflects your circumstances, we can allocate £750 toward your costs

CATEGORY THREE

- I am comfortably able to meet all my basic needs.
- I may have some debt, but it does not prohibit meeting my basic needs.
- I own my home or property, or I rent a higher end property.
- I can afford public and private transport. If I have a car/access to a car I can afford petrol.
- I have access to financial savings.
- I have an expendable** income.
- I can always buy new items.
- I can afford an annual holiday or take time off.

If you feel this category reflects your circumstances, we are unable to offer you support. However, please do still get in touch to talk to us, so that we can discuss your options.

*BASIC NEEDS include food, housing, clothing and transportation.

**EXPENDABLE INCOME might mean you are able to buy coffee or tea at a shop, go to the cinema or a concert, buy new clothes, books and similar items each month, etc.