

IMMERSIVE ARTS

INFORMATION FOR ARTISTS AND SUPPORT WORKERS

Immersive Arts aims to break down barriers for artists of all backgrounds to create and engage with immersive technologies. We want to celebrate different stories and experiences and challenge traditional ways of thinking, creating and working

This document explains how we can support artists who face barriers when applying – specifically by funding support workers to help with the application process.

It's intended for:

- **Artists** who are thinking about working with a support worker
- **Support workers** who are helping someone to apply

Artists will need to arrange their own support workers – Immersive Arts cannot provide or assign support workers.

If you're unsure what Access Support involves, or have questions about anything in this document, [email us](#) or call/ text 07926 699909.

Our phone is staffed part-time, if we are not available when you call you can leave us a voicemail and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

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PREPARING FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Carefully read the **Immersive Arts Guidelines** to understand the funding and application process.

The [funding guidelines are available to download](#) in:

- large print
- easy read
- audio
- British Sign Language

Application Forms

You can apply for Immersive Arts funding using our [online application portal](#). By **audio, video or text**, and in **English, Welsh, or British Sign Language**.

You can [download previews of the application forms](#) to see the questions and how they're laid out. This can help you prepare your answers and work out any support you might need before applying on the portal:

The deadline for applications is 2pm, Monday 29 September 2025.

Our [website](#) and [application portal](#) are compatible with screen readers.

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SUPPORT TO HELP YOU APPLY

In some cases, we can help with the costs of access support you need to complete an application. This might include a:

- support worker
- BSL interpreter or note-taker

Fill out [this form](#) to request support for access costs. We will aim to respond and confirm your request within two weeks.

If you need the form in another format, [email us](#) or call/ text us on 07926 699909.

Deadline to ask for this support: 5pm, Monday 1 September 2025

To give us enough time to arrange the help you need before the funding deadline (29 September 2025).

How much support time can I ask for?

We understand that access requirements vary, below is a guide based on what people needed last year:

- **Explore:** Up to 8 hours of support
- **Experiment:** 8–16 hours
- **Expand:** Up to 8 hours for the Expression of Interest.

If shortlisted, you can ask for more support to prepare for your interview.

We have a limited budget for access support. Please ask for support as soon as you can.

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GETTING PAID FOR ACCESS SUPPORT WORK

Once the application has been submitted, support workers should send invoices to info@immersivearts.uk

Invoices must be:

- addressed to Watershed Arts Trust Ltd, 1 Canons Road, Bristol, BS1 5TX.
- include an invoice number and the description:
'Access support for Immersive Arts application for [Artist Name]'.

If you have any other questions about support for access costs, [send us an email](#) or call / text on 07926699909.

FEEDBACK

We value feedback to help improve our processes. If you have suggestions or wish to share your experience, please fill out this short [feedback form](#).