



RUSHMOOR

ARTS

FESTIVAL

RESOURCES FOR ARTISTS DURING COVID-19

DOCUMENT DATE: 25.03.2020

Collated by **RUSHMOOR**
BOROUGH COUNCIL
on behalf of the Rushmoor Arts Festival Working Group



COVID-19 & RUSHMOOR ARTS FESTIVAL

In the light of recent events, Rushmoor Arts Festival won't be able to go ahead quite as any of us envisaged this year, but we don't want to give up on there being some form of Festival. While we are developing our ideas, we're inviting everyone to...

Follow the page 'Rushmoor Arts Hub' Facebook page to post your creative content directly - performances, exhibitions etc. We will then be able to share this on our own organisation's pages and send them out to the wider community.

www.facebook.com/rushmoorartshub

Join the 'Rushmoor Arts Festival Collaborations' page (renamed to 'Rushmoor Arts Festival Community') to share any links you have for support, online arts festivals, or other ideas for working online.

www.facebook.com/groups/743456902846940

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Many of you are worried and might be confused about what help is available during the Coronavirus outbreak, how you access support and how you should conduct your day-to-day practice going forward. The Rushmoor Arts Festival working group has put together this resource document to help answer some of your queries, signpost you to resources and provide some inspiration.

With the rapidly changing nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, information and advice from Government can change quickly. For all the latest Government information on COVID-19 and the measures the Government is taking, please visit the Government website:

www.businesssupport.gov.uk

It is hoped that there will be an announcement of financial support from the Government for people who are self employed. To date, the Chancellor has set out a package of measures to support businesses through this period of disruption caused by COVID-19. This includes:

- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme deferring VAT and Income Tax payments
- Statutory Sick Pay relief package for small and medium sized businesses (SMEs)
- 12-month business rates holiday for all retail, hospitality, leisure and nursery businesses in England
- Small business grant funding of £10,000 for all business in receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief
- Grant funding of £25,000 for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with property with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme offering loans of up to £5 million for SMEs through the British Business Bank
- A new lending facility from the Bank of England to help support liquidity among larger firms, helping them bridge Coronavirus disruption to their cash flows through loans
- HMRC Time To Pay Scheme

Rushmoor Borough Council is currently awaiting guidance from the government on how the support will be implemented and further detail on payments, timings and eligibility criteria. For more information visit

www.rushmoor.gov.uk.



ARTS COUNCIL COVID-19 EMERGENCY SUPPORT

The Arts Council is offering individuals and organisations working in the cultural sector new financial support during this crisis, totalling £160 million. These emergency funding streams will be open to applications very soon.

Find out more about the funding and deadlines on the Arts Council website.

www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19

FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUALS

The Arts Council is supporting artists, creative practitioners and freelancers during this crisis, by making £20 million of financial support available to individuals, so they can better sustain themselves, and their work, in the coming months.

Artists and creative practitioners will be able to apply for grants of up to £2,500 if they have a track record in publicly funded culture.

Creative practitioners whose main work is focused on these artforms and disciplines are able to apply for this fund: music; theatre; dance; visual arts; literature; combined arts ; museum practice.

Guidance will be published for applicants including the detailed timetable for this fund on 30 March. Potential applicants will need to register on our application portal Grantium by Friday 3 April.

FUNDING FOR ORGANISATIONS OUTSIDE FOR THE NATIONAL PORTFOLIO

£50 million will be made available to organisations that are not in receipt of regular funding from the Arts Council. Organisations who have applied to National Lottery Project Grants are welcome to apply for this support.

This fund is to support organisations with a track record in publicly funded culture, to help them to get back on their feet, or to continue making work in the future that will mean they can contribute to delivering the Arts Council's new strategy, Let's Create.

The Arts Council expects organisations who benefit from this fund to show how they will do all they can to support the freelance creative practitioners on whom they rely. NPOs and Music Education Hubs are not eligible to apply to this fund.

This fund can be used to support business resilience as well as enable cultural organisations to develop new public facing activity during the Covid-19 emergency, for example, organisations who have new ideas to harness the power of digital in sharing creativity at the moment.

Guidance, including the detailed timetable for this fund, will be published on Monday 30 March. Potential applicants will need to register for Grantium by Friday 3 April.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CREATIVES

HELP MUSICIANS - FINANCIAL HARDSHIP SUPPORT

Help Musicians offers structured support to professional musicians in times of personal crisis. Help Musicians is unable to replace lost earnings, but is able to provide financial support in cases of significant financial hardship as well as signposting for debt/welfare related issues. www.helpmusicians.org.uk/news

AUTHORS EMERGENCY FUND

The Society of Authors (SoA) has launched a £330,000 emergency fund for authors, which 'aims to provide as broad a level of support as possible' and will be open to all writers, illustrators, journalists, translators, scriptwriters and poets for whom authoring is a significant source of income. www.societyofauthors.org/Grants/contingency-funds

OUTDOOR ARTS MICRO GRANTS

Co-ordinated by Outdoor Arts UK, this is a small grant fund to provide some modest financial support during the coronavirus outbreak for those working in the Outdoor Arts sector. Small 'grants' of £500 are offered to individuals, freelancers and small companies, including artists, technicians, producers and makers, who can apply online. www.outdoorartsuk.org/outdoor-arts-micro-grants

NEW COMMISSIONS

FARNHAM MALTINGS IMMEDIATE CALLOUT: MAKING THEATRE FOR EXTRAORDINARY TIMES

Farnham Maltings wants to support South East based theatre makers in our towns and villages to create new work right now which responds to and supports our communities in these extraordinary and difficult times. They are offering a limited programme of grants from £500 to £5000 to support artists to create theatre experiences with and for their community. They are investing in theatre makers based in the south east to explore and deliver something new, big or small, but something with the intention of inspiring interest, warmth and moments of fun amongst our towns and small communities. If you have a proposal, Farnham Maltings would like to hear from you as soon as possible. www.farnhammaltings.com

DISABILITY ARTS ONLINE ANNOUNCES NEW COMMISSIONS FOR DISABLED ARTISTS

Disability Arts Online has allocated £8,000 to a new commissions pot which disabled artists working in any art form can apply to. The projects must take place or be displayed online, and may take the form of an event, discussion, performance or exhibition. Applications from partnerships or collectives are welcome. www.disabilityarts.online

PRACTICAL RESOURCES & ADVICE

ARTS COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR FUNDED PROJECTS

The Arts Council website features the latest guidance regarding all of their funding streams including those that support individuals and small organisations who receive project funding. www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19

ARTS MARKETING ASSOCIATION RESOURCES

The AMA has pulled together a resources page that includes advice on engaging audiences, wellbeing homeworking, plus free online webinars (Preparing your crisis communication plan; Social media, comms and content in challenging times; Connecting with your audience in tough times).

www.a-m-a.co.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-resources

HELP MUSICIANS SUPPORT

Many musicians may be fearful of the implications Covid-19 could have on their own health and their performance and teaching commitments, which in turn might have an impact on a range of issues, including finances and mental health. The Help Musicians website offers support directly to musicians and signposts musicians to other organisations who may be able to offer support. www.helpmusicians.org.uk/news

INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS ADVICE

ISM, the Incorporated Society of Musicians, has issued advice for self-employed teachers working in schools, and published safeguarding guidelines for music teachers giving lessons remotely, including advice on recording.

www.ism.org

ADVICE FROM EQUITY

Equity members concerned about a contract being terminated or cancelled due to Coronavirus, can contact the relevant Equity Organiser for specific advice about their situation. Sector specific guides have been published on their website including; Theatre and Live Performance, Recorded Media (Film, TV audio), and Variety, Circus and Entertainment.

www.equity.org.uk/coronavirus-update

FREELANCE ARTIST RESOURCES

This US based website contains a list of useful links for freelance artists to: best practices for online learning, teaching and gathering; platforms for sharing your work; meeting and broad / narrowcasting; digital tools for artists; health and mental health resources. This list is specifically designed to serve freelance artists, and those interested in supporting the independent artist community. This includes, but is not limited to, actors, designers, producers, technicians, stage managers, musicians, composers, choreographers, visual artists, filmmakers, craft artists, teaching artists, dancers, writers & playwrights, photographers, etc.

www.covid19freelanceartistresource.wordpress.com

SOCIETY OF AUTHORS RESOURCES

The Society of Authors (SoA) website has links to resources including: funding; freelance and professional guidance; and wellbeing. www.societyofauthors.org/coronavirus

ONLINE ARTS FESTIVALS HAPPENING NOW

CREATIVE DISTANCE FESTIVAL

The new UK based Creative Distance Festival, a collaboration between Looping the Loop and What's Coming Out Of The Box, will be streaming filmed and live events on a pay-what-you-want basis.

www.creativedistance.org

SOCIAL DISTANCING FESTIVAL

The new Canadian based Social Distancing Festival has rehearsals, workshops and recordings of cancelled events from several countries. www.socialdistancingfestival.com

EMPTY CITIES

'Empty Cities' is a direct streaming in which anyone with a microphone and a recorder can participate. You will have your own online space in which to transmit what is happening at the moment it is happening, so as to create an expanded sound day in multiple parts of the world.: www.vacuamoenia.net/en/event/empty-cities

STAY AT HOME FEST

Stay at Home Fest harnesses the power of the internet for good, by creating a central hub to find all the fantastic decentralized events that are happening online, and aiding music discovery during the global pandemic. Sign up to get involved. www.stayathomefest.com

LEEDS DIGITAL FESTIVAL

Leeds Digital Festival, the UK's largest tech festival, is hosting its spring event online. Organisers have postponed holding a physical festival until the autumn. 'However! We're a digital festival and we still need to support each other, still need to learn, still need to show off the amazing people, companies and innovation we have in the city and the wider region'. www.leedsdigitalfestival.org

THE MCONIE COMPANY'S DIGITAL DANCE FESTIVAL

Submissions are now open for the McOnie Company's Digital Dance Festival. Dancers and dancemakers are invited to create a short dance film that explores the theme of social distancing and responds to the new world we find ourselves in. www.twitter.com/mconiecompany

ONLINE CREATIVE AND ARTS ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW AROUND THE WORLD...

The Guardian has pulled together a list of online creative and arts activities taking place right now around the world.

[Click here to read the list and be inspired.](#)

Thinking Museum has published a blog
'Offline to Online Training: How to Quickly Adapt a Course'

www.thinkingmuseum.com

DIGITAL SUPPORT

DIGITAL CULTURE NETWORK TECH CHAMPIONS

The Digital Culture Network's Tech Champions are hand to provide you and your team with advice; on working and collaborating remotely; keeping up engagement with your audiences; strategies for generating income through online retail and donations; maximising your website offer; and much more. The Digital Culture Network is also working with their partners to collate free resources, webinars and support organisations that will be able to help with your key digital questions in these difficult times.

www.artscouncil.org.uk/developing-digital-culture/digital-culture-network

MORE INSPIRATION

CREATIVE QUARANTINE DAILY NEWSLETTER

Creative Quarantine is a daily email of creative activities and adventures for people young and old to do in their own home. Created by Nonsuch Studios and led by a group of artists and creatives who've been sent home because of the Coronavirus, they want to test what's possible, have fun and connect with people across the world.

www.wearenonsuch.com/creativequarantine

CREATIVE NETWORK DAILY ONLINE GATHERING

Voluntary Arts Network is hosting a daily online gathering at #CreativeNetwork, available to anyone who would like to talk to others involved in arts, culture and creativity about the current crisis. www.voluntaryarts.org/creativenetwork

ONE TO WATCH - HONG KONG LAUNCHES NEW PLATFORM FOR ONLINE ART

Hong Kong's beleaguered art community is pulling together to show the world that it remains a creative hot spot despite the Coronavirus emergency. The new community-run platform, ART Power HK, offers the city's cultural organisations an alternative way to show art. Launched on March 4, the platform already includes 60 of the city's galleries, museums, and auction houses.

www.artpowerhk.com

STAY CONNECTED

JOIN THESE FACEBOOK GROUPS TO CONNECT WITH THE CREATIVE COMMUNITY

Click on each group to be taken straight to the Facebook page.

[Rushmoor Arts Hub](#)

[Rushmoor Arts Festival Community](#)

[Arts Marketing Association Coronavirus Support](#)

[UK Theatre Industry Coronavirus Support](#)

[Covid-19 Outdoor Arts Information](#)

[Coronavirus Crisis - Musicians' Information Page](#)

