

2 AZARA MEGHIE'S HOT TIPS

As part of the programme 'Funding Advice for Creative and Curious Minds': Hosted by Metal

Metal has been working with Arts Council England (ACE) to host a series of talks and open advice sessions about how artists, creatives, community and voluntary groups in Peterborough and the Fenland area can apply for an Arts Council Project Grant to fund their work.

Artist Azara Meghie, hosted 'What is Arts Council Funding, top tips for applying'. As part of their session, they have pulled together their top tips for applying for an Arts Council England Project Grant.

BE SPECIFIC!

If your project connects to a wide range of groups and engages with a variety of people ie. minority ethnic backgrounds, neurodiversity, disabilities and ages, then be specific. Its good to share which groups you will be reaching/engaging and then you can be more tailored later on.

LONGEVITY!

The end goal of the project is always easy to visualise and we may think there are only a few steps to get there. But with ACE you want longevity, which provides security for you. Rather than putting the development, creation and output project into one application, think about how you can breakdown your application into realistic segments that allows optimum creativity with reachable development goals ie. first application, Research and Development, second application creation and output, third application reaching wider audiences/tour.

RESEARCH YOUR COMMUNITY!

Sometimes we have an idea, but haven't researched enough to realise who is out there in your community already doing it, or doing something similar that could provide your idea assistance. The Arts is a community and the more you engage with each other the stronger the culture is! Keep connecting and collaborating, its always fun and interesting!

WHICH ONE'S FOR YOU?!

There are two applications make sure you are clear which application is right for you at that time.

Develop your Creative Practice is about furthering your development as an artist and/or in the arts world ie. building new skills, focussing on a specific area of work, working with an artist or organisation.

National Lottery Project Grants is about a specific project you want to create and/or develop ie. creating a new cabaret show, setting up community workshops, putting on a community festival.

YOUR NOTES

USEFUL LINKS

Arts Council England Project Grant easy read

Let's Create breakdown

National Lottery Project Grants Application form

These resources were created in response to the Arts Council Project Grant questions in 2024. To find out more about the programme, visit: [metalculture.com](https://www.metalculture.com). Thank you to Azara Meghie for leading the session and creating this free resource.

