

Freedom of Information request and reply 7th June 2016

Dear Chris

Thank you for your request for information from the Arts Council.

As previously mentioned, I can confirm that this request was considered in line with our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request:

I would be grateful if you could supply me with the number of music applications and the financial amount of each application by music genre to Grants for the Arts for the years 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016. I also request the information on the numbers of successful music applications by music genre and the financial amount for each application for the years 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016. For my research and the avoidance of doubt I am not interested in the names of the applicants.

Our Response:

Please see the attached spreadsheet for details of all successful Grants for the arts applications that were assigned one or more music sub classifiers.

For context, please note that during the initial logging stage Grants for the arts applications are given a main artform classifier (Music, Theatre, Visual arts, Literature, Dance or Combined arts) and then assigned sub classifiers which, would include of the sub artform classifiers listed in the spreadsheet. Each application can be assigned a number of different sub artform classifiers and therefore the attached dataset represents the number of times each music sub classifier has been used. For example, a project that would have been sub classified as part Jazz/improvised music and part Youth Music would feature in the data twice.

Please also be aware that we updated our sub classifiers in 2015/16 and therefore some sub classifiers do not feature in the data before that time.

Data of all Grants for the arts awards since 2003 are available via the following links. These datasets can be filtered by artform to show the full awards made to Music projects within each financial year.

Current Grants for the arts funding data

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/grants-arts-0>

Grants for the arts Awards made by area and artform- July 2013 to 31 December 2015

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20160204101926/http://artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts/2015/grants-arts/awards-made-area-and-artform/>

Grants for the arts Awards offered by region and artform - pre 1 July 2013

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20160204101926/http://artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts/2015/grants-arts/awards-made-area-and-artform/awards-offered-by-region-and-artform/>

I hope the information being provided is helpful. If you do have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

We hope you are satisfied with the way in which we have dealt with your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, however, if you are not satisfied that this is the case then you are entitled to an internal review. If you do wish for an internal review of the manner in which we have applied the Freedom of Information Act in this case, please contact me at the address above, explaining what specifically you would like us to review under the Act. Alternatively you can detail your specific concerns in writing and send them to the Chief Executive, Arts Council England, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3HF or email to chiefexecutive@artscouncil.org.uk

Subsequently, if you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

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