



N.E.S.T. / Four Nations 2024

Application deadline Extended:
Midnight, Monday 15th January 2024

The N.E.S.T./ 4 Nations Bursary Project is offering bursaries for new outdoor work to emerging artists and companies interested in outdoor arts. Bursaries will be awarded to applicants from Scotland, England, Wales and the Island of Ireland. The project will allow early career artists to be mentored through the creation of new outdoor arts pieces, which will be toured to festivals in all four nations during summer 2024:

Surge Festival (Glasgow, in partnership with Articulation),
England (in partnership with Outdoor Arts UK),
Spraoi Festival (Waterford, Ireland in partnership with ISACS),
Green Man (Wales, in partnership with Articulture).

The chosen artists/companies will be given a budget of €5000 for the creation of the piece and €120/£100 per day per person for performance days, professional mentoring from the festivals and each of the Partnership networks, plus a four-day residency in Waterford (Ireland) in February 2024. Travel, accommodation and per diems (or equivalent) are provided for both the residency and the performance tour.

Requirements:

- Present an idea for a new small-scale outdoor arts piece, static or walkabout.
- The piece needs to be for a solo or a duo of touring artists (all artists must be confirmed by applicant before applying)
- The piece needs to be of a scale that is easily transportable.
- The piece needs to be suitable for performance or exhibition in both urban and green field spaces.
- The artists need to be available for a residency in Waterford, Ireland between 25th - 28th February 2024
- Artists must also be available for a certain number of week-day mentoring dates between February and July 2023 (exact dates to be agreed)
- To be available for dates of all four festivals:
 - 19th - 21st July 2024 (Surge Festival, Scotland)
 - 26th - 28th July 2024 (England)
 - 2nd - 4th August 2024 (Spraoi Festival, Ireland)
 - 15th - 18th August 2024 (Green Man Festival, Wales)

We will offer:

- A structured residency in Waterford, Ireland plus professional mentoring from Surge, Spraoi and Articulture in creation, producing, marketing and guerrilla filmmaking;
- Bursary of €5000
- Travel, accommodation, per diems, and €120/£100 per performance day fee per artist at all festivals
- Rehearsal and creation space

The N.E.S.T. /4 Nations Bursary Project values diversity and promotes equality and inclusion. We encourage and welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and ability.

Please note that the scale and reach of this project is dependent on certain funding outcomes.

To apply:

Please email your proposal (max. 500 words) and one short bio for each performer/collaborator (max. 100 words each), in one document. Examples of past work can also be included.

If based in Ireland please contact Spraoi Festival at nest@spraoi.com

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