

N.E.S.T. / FOUR NATIONS 2025

**Application deadline:
Midnight, 3rd February 2025**

The N.E.S.T./ 4 Nations Bursary Project is offering bursaries for new outdoor work to emerging and/or mid-career artists and companies interested in outdoor arts. Bursaries will be awarded to applicants from Scotland, England, Wales and 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 2025:

- **Surge Festival Glasgow, (in partnership with Articulation),**
- **Bradford, England (in partnership with Bradford Producing Hub),**
- **Spraoui Festival, Ireland (Waterford, Ireland in partnership with ISACS),**
- **Green Man, Wales (in partnership with Green Man Trust)**

The chosen artists/companies will be given a budget of €5500/£5000 for the creation of the piece and €170/£150 per day per person for performance days, professional mentoring from the festivals and each of the Partnership networks, plus a four-day residency in Bradford (England) in March 2025. 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 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 Bradford, England between 23rd - 26th of March 2025
- Artists must also be available for a certain number of week-day mentoring dates between April and July 2025 (exact dates to be agreed)

To be available for dates of all four festivals:

- **18th-20th of July 2025** (Surge Festival, Scotland)
- **25th -27th of July 2025** (Bradford 2025, England)
- **1st -3rd of August 2025** (Spraoui Festival, Ireland)
- **14th-17th of August 2025** (Green Man Festival, Wales)

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We will offer:

- A structured residency in Bradford, England plus professional mentoring from Surge, Bradford Producing Hub, Bradford 2025, Spraoi and Green Man in creation, producing and marketing.
- Bursary of €5500 or £5000
- Travel, accommodation, per diems (or equivalent), and €170/£150 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 Scotland** please contact Alan Richardson at **Surge** at alan@surge.scot
- **If based in Wales** please contact Zoe Munn at Articulture at zoe@greenman.net
- **If based in England** contact Bradford 2025 at grants@bradford2025.co.uk
- **If based in Ireland** please contact Spraoi Festival at nest@spraoi.com

