Four Nations Outdoor Arts Bursary

Application deadline:
Midnight, Thursday, December 17th 2026



The Four Nations Bursary Project is offering a bursary and touring opportunity for new outdoor work by emerging artists and companies interested in outdoor arts.

Bursaries will be awarded to applicants from Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland.

This opportunity enables 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 2027. Irish based artists should apply to Waterford Spraoi via email address below.

The four festivals are:

- Surge Festival Glasgow, Scotland, in partnership with Articulation
- BD: Festival Bradford, England, in partnership with Bradford Culture Company
- Spraoi International Street Arts Festival Waterford, Ireland, in partnership with ISACS
- Green Man Festival Wales, in partnership with the Green Man Trust

A Four Nations Outdoor Arts Bursary offer includes:

- A budget of €5000/€5500 for the creation of the piece
- A fee of €150/€170 per day per person for performance days (8 performance days approx. over the 4 festivals)
- Professional mentoring from the festivals' teams.
- A residency in Scotland in Spring 2027.
- Travel, accommodation will be provided for both the residency and performances. A per diem will be provided for travel days to/from UK festivals.
- Rehearsal and creation space where possible

Who this is for

This opportunity is for performance makers and companies based in Ireland and who don't have a previous large body of professional outdoor work. While you don't need to have made outdoor work previously, we expect applicants to have experience of practical performance-making for live audiences.

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 (artists involved must be confirmed by applicant as part of their application).
- 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 the residency in Scotland between February 28 and 4 March 2027.
- To be available for dates of all four festivals:
    - 16-18 July 2027: Surge Festival, Glasgow, Scotland
    - 24-25 July 2027: Bradford Festival, Bradford, England
    - 30 July – 1 August 2027: Spraoi Festival, Waterford, Ireland
    - 19 – 22 August 2027: Green Man Festival, Brecon, Wales
- Artists must also be available for a certain number of week-day mentoring dates between March and July 2027 (exact dates to be agreed)
- Artists must have documentation to travel freely between the UK and Ireland.

4 Nations Bursary Project values diversity and promotes equality and inclusion. We encourage and welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and abilities.

Please note that the scale and reach of this project is dependent on certain 2027 funding outcomes. Some minor variations may occur on offers from individual participating nations.

To apply:

Please email your proposal (max. 500 words) and one short bio for each performer/collaborator (max. 100 words each), in one document to **nest@spraoi.com**

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Decisions will be made and communicated by early January 2027