

Our 10 year plan to make Arts Council Northern Ireland better



Plan



Easy read booklet

2024-2034

Who we are and what this booklet is about



We are Arts Council Northern Ireland.



We want to help people in Northern Ireland who work in **the arts**.



The arts are creative activities like dance, theatre, painting or writing as well as things like festivals and circuses.



This booklet is about our plan for 2024 to 2034, and how to tell us what you think.

What we do



- We help **artists** and people who want to make art or work in the arts. An **artist** is someone who makes art.



- We make it easier for people to take part in the arts.



- We help give out money from the government and **The National Lottery** to artists. **The National Lottery** gives money to charities and other groups.



- We work with people who make decisions in Northern Ireland to make sure people know the arts are important.



- We speak up for artists and arts organisations to make sure the arts are included when people make decisions in Northern Ireland.



- We make sure that people outside of Northern Ireland know about the different kinds of art that people in Northern Ireland make.



- We make sure that artists from Northern Ireland can also work in other parts of the world.



- We work with people not in the arts and people who help pay for the arts to make sure we are spending money on art people want.



- We help artists work with people in other jobs to learn new ways to make art.

What we know is important



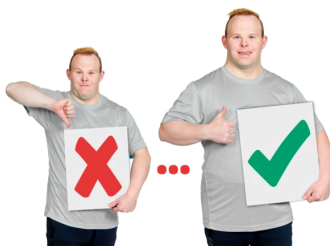
- We know that artists and arts organisations need more money to keep making art and that the arts can make life better for lots of people.



- We know that we should tell people how we give out money and make sure it is fair.



- We know that artists are important and want to make sure they get help to make art.



- We know that the arts are important and make the world better.



- We know that everyone should be able to make art if they want to, no matter where in Northern Ireland they come from.



- We know that art is better when artists work together and with people outside the arts.



- We know that all types of art are important and make a difference.

What we want to do over the next 10 years



Our plan has 6 **outcomes** we want to make happen between 2024 and 2034.



Outcomes are things we will work to make happen in the future.



3 of these outcomes are about how we want to change the **arts sector**. The **arts sector** is made up of artists and arts organisations.



3 of these outcomes are about how we want to change **society**. **Society** means the whole of Northern Ireland.

Outcome 1

Make sure the arts sector has enough money



We will work to raise more money that we can give to artists.



We will **invest** the money we raise so that it lasts for a long time.



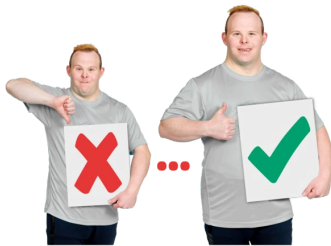
Invest means using money in a way that will make more money in the future.

Outcome 2

Make sure the arts sector looks after people



We will work to make sure that the arts sector looks after artists and people who work for arts organisations.



We will make sure that artists can get even better at making art.



We will make sure that the arts sector is **inclusive**.



Inclusive means that everyone can take part.

Outcome 3

Make sure the arts sector can get even better



We will make sure that the arts sector can get even better in the future.



We want artists to be able to try new things to see if it makes their art better.

Outcome 4

Make sure that we help society and the environment



We will make sure that our work shows what **climate change** is doing to the world.



Climate change means how our planet's weather and temperature is changing because of things people do.



We will help artists and arts organisations to make good changes to help stop climate change happening.

Outcome 5

Make sure that everyone can take part in the arts



We want the arts sector to be **diverse**.



Diverse means made up of people from different backgrounds and with different abilities.



We will make sure that everyone who lives in Northern Ireland can take part in the arts.



We will invest in the arts to make sure everyone who wants to make art has the chance to do it.

Outcome 6

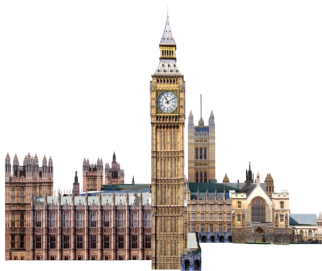
Make sure everyone knows our work is important



We want to make sure that everyone in Northern Ireland knows that the arts sector is important.



We will work together with other organisations and tell everyone about how the arts is making a difference.



We will make sure that **the government** knows that the arts sector is important. **The government** is in charge of our country.



We will make sure that our work is good and that we do not waste time or money.

How to tell us what you think



We want to know what you think about our plan.



Tell us what you think between **12 January 2024** and **5 April 2024**.



Email strategy@artscouncil-ni.org to tell us what you think or go to <https://artscouncil-ni.org/10YearStrategy> to find out more information.

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