

# CRUTHAICH EARRA-GHÀIDHEAL

## OPEN CALL

### INTRODUCTION

Cruthaich Earra-Ghàidheal, is a Place-based award scheme for native Gaelic speakers and fluent learners in Argyll and Bute. This aims to enable a wide range of support to developing expressive artworks and or projects, focused on Gaelic language and culture. Supported by [Bòrd na Gàidhlig](#), [CHARTS](#) and [Argyll and Bute Council](#), this awards scheme will offer 12 awards in total, aiming to issue 3 awards of £1000 across each of the 4 local council areas in Argyll and Bute.

This awards scheme is based on a former national awards model, [Duais Dìleab Chaluum Chille / The Colmcille Legacy Award](#), established by CHARTS, Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Argyll and Bute Council during the pandemic. Cruthaich Earra-Ghàidheal now enables focused investment in the development of new work by arts and heritage practitioners across Argyll and Bute and aims to raise awareness of the significance of Gaelic language and culture across the region.

### Who Is Cruthaich Earra-Ghàidheal For?

This awards scheme is all about Gaelic significance, it therefore targets the interest of fluent Gaelic speakers or committed learners who are artists/heritage practitioners living in Argyll, and whose creative practice builds around the importance of Gaelic context, language and/or culture. Individuals, partnerships or organisations can apply.

Awards aim to support a variety of expressive arts work across a range of media and therefore submissions may include proposals to support the development of new work or build on existing work with a clear rationale to do so, highlighting the importance of Gaelic in an Argyll, Place, context.

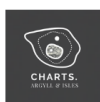


CHARTS will develop a Showcase on its website for Cruthaich Earra-Ghàidheal, profiling awardees' work and the project's aims, to help inform future development support.

### **What We Are Looking For:**

We expect any work created as a result of awards issued to be carried out between June to November 2026. We will consider applications based on the following:

- Results to present tangible outcomes that can be completed by the end of November 2026.
- This can be a new work or work already in progress, in any expressive arts form.
- Professional practice: professional artists and heritage practitioners are invited to apply.
- Community projects: we realise that the award total offered is insufficient to develop the entirety of a community engagement project. For this reason, we encourage anyone interested to consider how our awards may contribute to a match-funded project. For example, do you live in Helenburgh and Lomond, and might you apply to create something for the Outdoor Museum, or might you aim to apply to Historic Environment Scotland or other organisations for additional community engagement support? Interested? In this case, you must state full details within your application, including confirmation of any match support in principle.
- This award can also support the creation of new work for public events or the development of ideas for future events/workshops/online presentations.
- Short End of Project Report: when awardees have completed their work, we will ask for information about how the project went, inviting quotes, images and feedback, to help inform the ongoing development and support of Gaelic speakers and learners working in the creative and heritage industries.



## What Type of Work Does This Support?

- Visual art, including environmental art, film and installation.
- Music, including new compositions and singing.
- Written word, including poetry, scripts, and short stories.
- Heritage work and research.
- Performance, theatre, dance.
- Craft.
- Digital media, including podcasts and games.

## Can Previously Confirmed Projects and Funding Be Considered?

Cruthaich Earra-Ghàidheal is open to supporting existing projects which include guaranteed match funding. This may, for example, be to extend individual/group engagement opportunities or to evaluate completed projects.

## KEY INFORMATION FOR APPLYING

- **Full Application Checklist**

Please see all key documents required for applying [here](#).

- [Application Form](#). Applications can be provided in Gaelic or English.
- [Equalities Monitoring Form](#). Please return this to [info@chartsargyllandisles.org](mailto:info@chartsargyllandisles.org) with the subject line Cruthaich Earra-Ghàidheal Call. This form is anonymous, will be processed separately and has no bearing on your application.
- Copy of your CV, no more than 2 A4 pages, with a minimum font size 12.
- Images of work to date. Up to 4 images or up to 3 minutes of film/sound files can be submitted as links within application forms or provided separately.
- If helpful, a cover letter.





- Please note that if applying on behalf of an organisation, the lead applicant's CV and a cover letter summarising the organisation (if the organisation is not already a member of CHARTS) should be included.
- Anyone interested in making a submission may contact the CHARTS [Executive Director](#) in advance with any questions and/or request a short online one-to-one meeting. Please note that requests should be made in English, and at least one week should be given to schedule a meeting appointment.
- The CHARTS website will show FAQs related to this scheme.

### How To Submit Your Application

Please forward your full application by email to [info@chartsargyllandisles.org](mailto:info@chartsargyllandisles.org). **Please note** to forward with the subject heading **Cruthaich Earra-Ghàidheal**, including your **name/initials**.

### Deadline for Applications 5pm, 22nd May

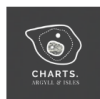
Please note that late applications will not be considered.

The Selection Panel meeting date will be held in June.

Future contact/outcome: all applicants will be contacted by end of June 2026.

### Other Key Information:

We anticipate significant interest in this award scheme and are experiencing an increasingly high standard and volume of applications for awards and commission opportunities, more than can possibly be funded on this single occasion. With strict selection panel procedures in place and scoring processes linked to the award aims and criteria, the decisions of the Cruthaich Earra-Ghàidheal selection panel will be final, and no appeals will be considered.





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