

HASTINGS CONTEMPORARY



Hastings Contemporary receives £237,990 from third round of the Government's Culture Recovery Fund

More than £100 million has been awarded to hundreds of cultural organisations across the country - including Hastings Contemporary - in the latest round of support from the Culture Recovery Fund.

Hastings Contemporary has been awarded a grant of £237,990 which will be used support its mission to become a dynamic cultural hub for Hastings and to make the Gallery more accessible. Planned initiatives include reconfiguring the entrance to make a more welcoming space, investing in staffing to ensure all exhibitions have multiple layers of interpretation and evaluating all of the Gallery's work. This funding will also help future-proof gallery operations.

Hastings Contemporary director Liz Gilmore says: *"This support will make a significant difference, both for the Gallery and Hastings, in the coming months. It will allow us to continue to bring the best of modern and contemporary art to our audiences and will further enable our important community outreach and learning programmes to connect with hundreds of local children and disabled people."*

Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries said: *"Culture is for everyone and should therefore be accessible to everyone, no matter who they are and where they're from. Through unprecedented government financial support, the Culture Recovery Fund is supporting arts and cultural organisations so they can continue to bring culture to communities the length and breadth of the country, supporting jobs, boosting local economies and inspiring people."*

Over £1.2 billion has already been awarded from the unprecedented Culture Recovery Fund, supporting around 5000 individual organisations and sites across the country ranging from local museums to West End theatres, grassroots music venues to festivals, and organisations in the cultural and heritage supply-chains.

Darren Henley, Chief Executive, Arts Council England, said: *"This continued investment from the Government on an unprecedented scale means our theatres, galleries, music venues, museums and arts centres can carry on playing their*

part in bringing visitors back to our high streets, helping to drive economic growth, boosting community pride and promoting good health. It's a massive vote of confidence in the role our cultural organisations play in helping us all to lead happier lives."

For more information about Hastings Contemporary, visit www.hastingscontemporary.org / Twitter @_art_on_sea / Facebook 'hastingscontemporary' / Instagram @_art_on_sea

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Hastings Contemporary champions modern and contemporary art. An ambitious programme of temporary exhibitions showcases work by important Modern British artists, internationally celebrated artists and emerging practitioners, often in Kunsthalle-style displays throughout the building. The gallery has developed a reputation for its focus on painting. Innovative programming, partnerships and collaborations support a commitment to outreach, learning and participation. The award-winning building is located on the town's historic fishing beach among the net huts and working structures of the fishing fleet.

Arts Council England is the national development agency for creativity and culture. We have set out our strategic vision in [Let's Create](#) that by 2030 we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high quality cultural experiences. We invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision. www.artscouncil.org.uk.

Following the Covid-19 crisis, the Arts Council developed a £160 million Emergency Response Package, with nearly 90% coming from the National Lottery, for organisations and individuals needing support. We are also one of the bodies administering the Government's unprecedented Culture Recovery Funds. Find out more at www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19.

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