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Dear Mark

AQW 26643/22-27

The Minister for Communities to detail the organisations who have benefitted from the most recent funding award from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, broken down by constituency area.

Due to the volume of detail required to answer your question, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,

**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Annex A

This issue is an operational matter for the Arts Council.

I have sought the requested information from the Chief Executive, who has advised me as follows:

“The list of successful organisations to the Arts Council’s 2025/26 Annual Funding Programme, broken down by constituency area is set out below.

Organisation Name	Constituency
<i>174 Trust/The Duncairn</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>All Set Cross Cultural Project</i>	<i>NEWRY AND ARMAGH</i>
<i>An Droichead</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>An Gaelaras Ltd</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>Andersonstown Traditional & Contemporary Music School</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>
<i>Array Studios</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>
<i>Arts & Business Northern Ireland</i>	<i>BELFAST EAST</i>
<i>Arts Care</i>	<i>BELFAST EAST</i>
<i>ArtsEkta</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>
<i>Beat Carnival</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>
<i>Belfast Exposed Photography</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Belfast Festival T/A Belfast International Arts Festival</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>BelfastTrad (Traditional Music and Dance Society)</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Big Telly Theatre Company</i>	<i>EAST LONDONDERRY</i>
<i>Brassneck Theatre Company</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>
<i>Cahoots NI Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>

<i>Camerata Ireland</i>	<i>NORTH DOWN</i>
<i>Catalyst Arts Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Centre for Contemporary Art Derry~Londonderry</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>Circusful</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann</i>	<i>WEST TYRONE</i>
<i>Craft Northern Ireland</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Creative Exchange</i>	<i>BELFAST EAST</i>
<i>Crescent Arts Centre</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>
<i>Derry Theatre Trust Ltd t/a The Millennium Forum</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>Digital Arts Studios</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Down Community Arts Ltd</i>	<i>SOUTH DOWN</i>
<i>Drake Music Project Northern Ireland</i>	<i>NEWRY AND ARMAGH</i>
<i>DU Dance (NI)</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Dumbworld Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Dun Uladh Ltd</i>	<i>WEST TYRONE</i>
<i>Dylan Quinn Dance Theatre CIC</i>	<i>FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE</i>
<i>EastSide Arts</i>	<i>BELFAST EAST</i>
<i>Féile an Phobail</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>
<i>Fighting Words Northern Ireland</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Flax Art Studios Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Glasgowbury</i>	<i>MID ULSTER</i>
<i>Golden Thread Gallery Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>

<i>Greater Shantallow Community Arts</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>In Your Space Circus Ltd</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>Kabosh Theatre Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Kids in Control</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>
<i>Live Music Now</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>Maiden Voyage (NI) Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Moving on Music</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>New Belfast Community Arts Initiative T/A Community Arts Partnership</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>North West Play Resource Centre (The Playhouse)</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>Northern Ireland Opera</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Northern Ireland Piping & Drumming School</i>	<i>BELFAST EAST</i>
<i>Northern Visions Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Oh Yeah Music Centre</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Open Arts</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Outburst Arts Festival</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>'Partisan Productions</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Prime Cut Productions Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Prison Arts Foundation</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Queen Street Studios</i>	<i>BELFAST EAST</i>
<i>Replay Productions Limited</i>	<i>BELFAST EAST</i>
<i>Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association</i>	<i>LAGAN VALLEY</i>
<i>Seacourt Print Workshop Limited</i>	<i>NORTH DOWN</i>
<i>Sole Purpose Productions</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>Stendhal Festival Ltd</i>	<i>EAST LONDONDERRY</i>

<i>Streetwise Community Circus</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>The Armagh Rhymers Educational & Cultural Organisation</i>	<i>NEWRY AND ARMAGH</i>
<i>The Belfast Ensemble</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>The Black Box Trust</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>The Grand Opera House Trust</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>The John Hewitt Society</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>The Lyric Theatre (NI)</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>The MAC (Metropolitan Arts Centre)</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>The Nerve Centre</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>The Sculptors Society of Ireland CLG</i>	<i>OTHER¹</i>
<i>The Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annagmakerrig</i>	<i>OTHER</i>
<i>The Ulster Youth Orchestra</i>	<i>BELFAST EAST</i>
<i>Theatre and Dance NI</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Thrive Audience Development</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Tinderbox Theatre Company</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Ulster Orchestra Society Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST WEST</i>
<i>University of Atypical</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>
<i>Verbal Arts Centre NI Limited</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>Void Art Centre</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>Walled City Music Trust</i>	<i>FOYLE</i>
<i>WheelWorks</i>	<i>BELFAST SOUTH</i>
<i>Young at Art Ltd</i>	<i>BELFAST NORTH</i>

¹ ‘Relates to organisations based in the Republic of Ireland.

For any future queries relating to operational matters, you may wish to contact the Arts Council directly. Making direct contact with the Arts Council will ensure that you receive the information in the shortest possible timeframe and make best use of public resources.