



Wales in Venice 2026

How to apply to take part in the Wales in Venice Exhibition at the Venice Biennale



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About Wales in Venice



We are the **Arts Council of Wales**. We give money to support the arts in Wales.



We want people to take part in **Wales in Venice**.



Wales in Venice is an **art exhibition**. An art exhibition is a place where people show their art, like paintings or drawings. You can visit and look at the art.



Wales in Venice is part of a big art event in Venice in Italy.



The event will be from **9 May 2026 to 22 November 2026**.



We are looking for visual arts organisations in Wales to apply by making an Expression of Interest.



We need a visual arts organisation to help artists put together and deliver the exhibition.



We want the exhibition to include lots of different artists from different backgrounds.



We want the work to be fair to people and the planet.



You must apply by 1:00pm 4 June 2025.

More about the exhibition



Wales has been a part of this event for many years.



It is one of the world's most important art festivals.



We manage **Wales in Venice** with **Wales Arts International**. We get support from the **Welsh Government**.



We want to show the best artists making work now in Wales.

Who can apply



To apply you must:

- Be an organisation based in Wales.
- Have experience managing public money.



Your team can include people from outside Wales. But the project must benefit visual arts in Wales.



You do not need experience of working in other countries. But you should include people in your team that have more experience to help you.



There is more information about who can apply here: www.arts.wales/eligibility-organisations

What you will get from taking part



- A chance to show Welsh art at a big event.



- Chances to meet and work with people from different countries.



- Support to make new artwork.



- Money over 2 years.

Our goals and values



We want to:

- Show Welsh art to people around the world.



- Connect with others.



- Give visual artists and organisations in Wales a chance to work internationally.



- Involve everyone equally.



- Care for the environment.



- Help people learn about Welsh visual arts.



Some things that are important to us are:

- Making sure we involve everyone.



- Using the Welsh Language.



- Making good and fair choices.



- Working with others to get funding.



- Checking our work and running things well.

How we will run the project



We will work with the **creative team** and hold project meetings.



The creative team will include an **Exhibition Director**. They will be in charge of your budget and creative project.



The **Portfolio Manager** will lead the project and be responsible for the total budget.



A Steering Group will meet every 3 months to support the project.



We will support people who face barriers to joining in.



We are looking for a venue in the middle of Venice.



The creative team will run the exhibition.



The main organisation can include others in making the exhibition or lead it alone.

The budget



The full budget for the project is **£400 thousand** over 2 years. This includes all costs, including our Arts Council costs.



£188 thousand of that is for the creative team. This is the amount you should use for your budget.



Use the **budget template** here:
<https://arts.wales/venice> The template gives examples of exhibition and other costs.



Use services based in Wales when you can.



You must show you will spend the money well and get fair prices.



You might be able to get extra money for access costs. Things like:



- Support workers



- Childcare



- Interpreters

How we will choose



We will choose a project that meets the goals of the work. It must also:



- Be high quality and benefit Welsh arts.



- Make links with other countries stronger.



- Be about equality and include the Welsh Language.



- Show how it works with others.



- Follow our goals about wellbeing and looking after the environment. [You can read more about our goals here.](#)

Important dates



Applications close:
1:00pm 4 June 2025.

Shortlist decision announced:
16 June 2025.

Interviews:
23 and 24 June 2025.

Decision announced:
mid July 2025.

Project work:
July 2025 to April 2026.

First shows in Venice:
6, 7 and 8 May 2026.

Exhibition in Venice:
9 May 2026 to 22 November 2026.

Touring:
2027 to 2028.

How to apply



You must apply through our online portal. You need to send us an **Expression of Interest** through the portal here: portal.arts.wales



An **Expression of Interest** is 1 document. It can be in Word or a PDF file. The file must be under 250 MB in size.

The Expression of Interest must include:

1. A proposal.



This can be up to 5 A4 pages. Or audio or video.

[For how to submit audio and video please click here.](#)

You will need to tell us:



- About your exhibition idea.
- The people and organisations involved and your goals.
- How you will involve others. Both online and in Wales.
- How it fits with Wales in Venice.

2. Artistic experience.

This can be up to 2 sides of A4 pages per artist.



- Share information about your jobs and skills and examples of your work.



- You can include web links or a video. If you include a video, it must be up to 4 minutes long and on YouTube or Vimeo.

3. Team information.

This can be up to 4 sides of A4.



- List who is in your team and what they will do.



- Say who the Exhibition Director is.



4. Budget

- Use the **budget template** here: <https://arts.wales/venice>



- Please tell us any other information about money related to the project.
- Include any extra money you expect to have.



5. Timeline

Show that can meet all the important dates.

How to send us your Expression of Interest



1. Use our online portal to apply. Register if you have not already. Find out more about this here: portal.arts.wales

If you have any problems, email us at grants@arts.wales



2. Fill in the **Wales in Venice** application form on the portal.



3. Upload your **Expression of Interest** to the portal.



4. If you meet the criteria to apply, we will assess your application.



5. If we put you on the shortlist, we will ask you for an interview. If we do not choose you, we will tell you why.

If you need help



If you have questions or need help with applying, please email us at:

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