

# NRTF Artist Conference Bursary



## **What is the offer?**

The artist conference bursaries are about supporting NRTF member artists to attend the 3 day rural touring conference, Those who qualify will receive a free conference ticket worth £260 and £50 towards their travel or accommodation.

## **Why do we offer conference bursaries?**

The NRTF is committed to providing artists with strategic grants and bursaries throughout the year, this bursary is about:

- Encouraging new participation and diversifying the conference audience
- Promoting professional development opportunities
- Providing a platform for artists to network and connect

## **What is the conference about?**

The conference is an opportunity for the rural touring and wider cultural sectors to come together:

- Promote partnerships & collaboration locally, nationally & internationally
- Share outcomes, highlight best practice, determine new ways of working
- Promote diversity and cultural understanding through rural touring
- Inspire an equal and inclusive way of working

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Those attending the conference as a bursary winner will be linked up with one of our board members who will be a point of contact for questions and connections.

## **Who are the bursaries for?**

NRTF Member Artists who may not otherwise be in a financial position to attend the conference - To qualify applicants must fall under one of the following:

- Low income (less than £20,000)
- In receipt of benefits (housing, income support, job seekers allowance)
- Currently unemployed or self-employed
- In full or part-time education / training
- 50% of awardees who meet one of the above criteria will also identify with a protected characteristic but this is not essential to apply.

## **What does it mean to have a protected characteristic?**

Having a protected characteristic means you have a right not to be treated less favourably, or subjected to an unfair disadvantage, by reason of that characteristic. We actively encourage applications from people currently underrepresented in the cultural sector. We guarantee that at least 50% of applicants who qualify and are awarded bursaries will identify with one or more of the following protected characteristics outlined in the application form. This information will remain confidential and will not be shared.

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## **How do I apply?**

Make sure you qualify. You must be a member in order to apply for the bursary, if you are not already a member, you can sign up here for £25 as an individual artist.

<https://www.ruraltouring.org/buy-membership/>

Once you have completed the application form (deadline 23rd May) we will notify you if you are successful and send you a promo code to register your attendance. After the event we will ask you to complete a feedback form.

For info on the event visit our conference webpage:

<https://www.ruraltouring.org/news/integrate-nrtf-conference-2023/>

[ARTIST BURSARY APPLICATION FORM](#)

**Application Deadline: Tuesday 23rd May**

## **For more information contact:**

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