



Dewar Arts Awards

Supporting talented young people to overcome financial barriers and flourish in the arts.

About

The Dewar Arts Awards were set up by the then Scottish Executive in 2002 as a fitting memorial to Scotland's first First Minister, Donald Dewar. We disburse the income from a trust fund to support talented young artists in Scotland who do not have the financial means to pursue their ambitions.

We accept nominations for the awards all year round, in recognition of the fact that opportunities do not always fall neatly into the financial calendar. The nominations are assessed by a board of Trustees, comprising some of the most respected names in the arts. So far, the Trust has provided over £6.7 million of funding to support more than 1300 talented young Scottish artists in achieving their ambitions.



Isabelle Swietlicki (Dewar Awardee)



Gyan Panesar (Dewar Awardee)

Eligibility

The Dewar Arts Awards Trustees direct their support to exceptional candidates who can demonstrate genuinely limited financial means.

Trustees look for candidates who have demonstrable outstanding ability and talent, strong artistic and creative ambition, and can show real passion for their chosen art form, project or practice.

Applicants must either live or work in Scotland to be considered. Trustees will also want to know how receiving a Dewar Arts Award would directly help the applicant achieve their artistic and creative goals.



Lea Shaw (Dewar Awardee)

How to Apply

The Dewar Arts Awards are prestigious and competition for them is intense. Coupled with the current financial situation, this means the Trustees must apply the core criteria with rigour. We recommend applicants read the Guidance for Applications thoroughly before applying and provide as much information as possible to support their application.

The Dewar Arts Awards welcomes applications from:

- Talented people (up to the age of 30)
- Those needing financial support to develop their talent
- Applicants from any art form

Apply via: dewarawards.org/apply

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