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| **GUIDELINES & CONDITIONS** |

UPST**ART** is an initiative of Mayo County Council’s Arts Service which aims to:

1. incentivise quality artistic collaborations between groups/ people with disabilities, artists, arts venues and organisations within County Mayo.
2. Support opportunities for people with disabilities to develop arts projects in celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 3rd December.

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| **WHO CAN APPLY** |

* Venues that have participated in Mayo County council’s Arts and Disability Programme. (Disability Equality Training, 2009, access audits, 2010.)
* Artists that participated in our Disability Equality Training sessions.
* Professional artists with disabilities.
* Groups of people with disabilities interested in working with a particular artist and/or venue to develop a project. (The professional artist’s C.V would need to show evidence of experience of working with people with disabilities).

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| **WHAT YOU CAN APPLY FOR** |

* Projects that focus on creative work by people with disabilities.
* Projects that are additional to a groups’ or organisations’ regular programme of work.
* Projects that involve the development of new work in a new art-form.
* Projects that engage people with disabilities as artists, participants or audience members.
* An event to celebrate arts and disability.
* A workshop or a series of workshops in the lead up to December 3rd with a local group of people with disabilities. (This should be facilitated by a professional artist with experience of working with people with disabilities.)
* A performance for an invited audience of a work in progress/ event (film, theatre, dance, music, choral or other event) by a group of people with disabilities, which has come about through collaboration with a professional artist/artist.
* A mainstream performance that will be made accessible for an audience of people with disabilities. (i.e. audio described/ sign language interpreted/ text captioned etc)
* A performance/exhibition by professional artist(s) with disabilities, or a group of people with disabilities who have produced work with a professional artist.
* A closed event for a specific group of people with disabilities.

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| **WHAT YOU CANNOT APPLY FOR** |

* Projects that have already taken place.
* Projects that operate in contexts outside the arts
* Projects developed as tools for Advocacy, occupational or therapy.
* Projects developed as tools for wellbeing or life skills development.
* Projects which are primarily based in health-care contexts and are focused on health gain.
* Projects that are part of a regular programme of work.
* Projects which take place outside the county.

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| **HOW WILL AN APPLICATION BE ASSESSED?** |

Applications will be assessed by an external panel with experience in the areas of disability and the arts and the following criteria will be used:

* Artistic Quality of the proposed activity/event
* Track record of the applicant
* The benefit of the support to applicant
* Matching resources

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| **WILL AN UPSTART AWARD COVER THE TOTAL COST OF A PROJECT?** |

No, the programme aims to maximise the resources for artistic engagement by people with disabilities. Therefore, matched funding/resources or in-kind resources are essential and form part of the assessment criteria.

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| **IN WHAT FORMAT SHOULD AN APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED** |

All applications should be submitted as MS Word documents via email and contain a fully completed application form and all supporting documentation. E.G. details of artist(s) involved and their C. V’s.

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| **REPORTING** |

**NT PROCESS**

You will be required to submit a short report at the end of current year, Arts Service will issue a template for this.

The report will include space to describe the work undertaken on foot of an award and an outline of how the award benefitted your work.

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| **SUBMISSION PROCESS** |

**NT PROCESS**

Applications are accepted via email **only** to [doconnor@mayococo.ie](mailto:doconnor@mayococo.ie)

Postal submissions will not be accepted.

Applications submitted after this time will not be accepted.

For queries please contact Damien O’Connor, Disability Arts Coordinator, Mayo County Council Arts Service:

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