

## About Arts Council England

### The Arts Council

Arts Council England champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives. We support a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries - from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. Great art and culture inspires us, brings us together and teaches us about ourselves and the world around us. In short, it makes life better.

Between 2015 and 2018, we will invest £1.1 billion of public money from government and an estimated £700 million from the National Lottery to help create art and culture experiences for everyone, everywhere.

### About the organisation

The Arts Council of England, or Arts Council England (ACE), is a registered charity, and was established by Royal Charter on 1 April 1994, taking over those responsibilities in England previously discharged by the Arts Council of Great Britain.

The objectives of the ACE as stated in the Royal Charter, its governing document, are to develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and practice of the arts and to increase accessibility of the arts to the public. To this end, it makes grants to arts organisations and engages in other activities on behalf of the sector.

The ACE works at arm's length from Government and has the status of a non-departmental public body. As such it is regulated in accordance with a Management Agreement issued by the Secretary of State.

The ACE receives grant-in-aid from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and is one of the bodies designated to distribute funds from the National Lottery by the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 (as amended by the National Lottery Act 1998).

### Collections and Cultural Property Team

The Collections and Cultural Property team (CCP) has a range of national responsibilities that support the cultural sector in securing, sustaining, preserving, advocating for and enabling access to collections held in museums, archives, libraries and other heritage bodies. Please see here to learn more about the work we do as a team: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/supporting-arts-and-culture/supporting-collections-and-archives>.