

Summary of Non Personal Freedom of Information Requests submitted to the Arts Council 2019 – 2021

Ref No	Date Received	Decision Date	Category	Specific Detail	Requester Type	Decision
2021						
FOI/2021/0599	22/06/2021	20/07/2021	Non Personal	Copies of all correspondence (by email or post) between the Arts Council and the Abbey Theatre, from January 1st 2021 to date.	Journalist	Part grant
FOI/2021/0598	22/06/2021	20/07/2021	Non Personal	Copies of all internal audits completed in the period 1 May 2019 to 1 May 2021.	Journalist	Part grant
FOI/2021/0597	27/05/2021	25/06/2021	Non Personal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The target aims and objectives of NPU's pipecraft project as detailed in their application(s) to you. 2. The formal inhouse monitoring and analysis the Arts Council hold on file indicating the Arts Council's satisfaction that the target aims and objectives as set out by NPU in their first (only?) report (2009) and subsequent applications for grant-aid are being met. 3. The Arts Council's own formal report(s) which supports and underpins the rationale for continued funding of NPU's Pipecraft project with public money. 	Business/ Interested Group	Refused
FOI/2021/0595	18/03/2021	20/04/2021	Non Personal	Access to any reviews of the Laureate for Irish Fiction and / or reviews of Laureate na nÓg by the Arts Council during 2019, 2020 or to date in 2021.	Journalist	Information provided outside FOI
FOI/2021/0594	20/01/2021	17/02/2021	Non Personal	A list/database/or spreadsheet of all purchase orders of over €20,000 for the period 2018, and for the last three quarters of 2020.	Journalist	Granted
FOI/2021/0593	20/01/2021	10/02/2021	Non Personal	Copies of all records held referring or relating to the establishment of a scheme to showcase art produced as part of the €1 million Covid-19 fund.	Journalist	Part granted

2020						
FOI/2020/0592	30/11/20	04/01/2021	Non Personal	Copies of any records relating to a complaint made by a parent regarding the manner in which an audition featuring teenagers was handled by Youth Theatre Ireland (YTI). The audition in question took place in September 2020. A discussion relating to the handling of the complaint by YTI was aired on Radio 1's Liveline programme on October 14 th .	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2020/0591	17/10/20	18/11/20	Non Personal	All records relating to the recent tender of a contract for outside PR/communications advice, and the decision not to award a contract to any of the bidders.	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2020/0590	12/10/2020	13/11/2020	Non Personal	Copies of all records relating to the decision to issue and subsequently cancel the tendering process issued earlier this year for communications advice. I am not interested in the tender document itself or records relating to the selection of criteria for inclusion in the tender document	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2020/0589	19/09/2020	19/10/2020	Non Personal	Copy of all correspondence (including emails) between (to and from) the Arts Council and Minister Catherine Martin, in relation to Covid-19, since her appointment.	Journalist	Granted
FOI/2020/0588	06/07/2020	04/08/2020	Non Personal	Copies of any representations, comments, or letters received by the Arts Council with regard to the €1 million Covid-19 fund. For avoidance of doubt, this should not include applications for funding, only correspondence commenting on the scheme itself.	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2020/0587	06/07/2020	04/08/2020	Non Personal	A list/database/or spreadsheet of all purchase orders of over €20,000 for the period 2019 and for the first quarter of 2020.	Journalist	Granted
FOI/2020/0585	20/05/2020	18/06/2020	Non Personal	Any records concerning the Joint Purchase Scheme created between November 1, 2019 and May 1, 2020.	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2020/0583	28/02/2020	06/04/2020	Non Personal	Copies of all correspondence sent by the Arts Council to the Abbey Theatre, confined the period from June 1 2019 to the end of February 2020.	Journalist	On-hold due to COVID 19 restrictions – no access to hard copy files. Requester has been notified

FOI/2020/0582	26/02/2020	01/04/2020	Non Personal	Correspondence with public bodies regarding the whereabouts of art works purchased under scheme for the purchase of works of art at half-price by public bodies and the commitment to retain said works in public ownership.	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2020/0581	14/02/2020	13/03/2020	Non Personal	All minutes of board meetings held during 2019. If you do not have a board, the board-equivalent body will suffice, ie, governing authority, management committee, etc	Journalist	Information available outside FOI on Arts Council Website
FOI/2020/0580	23/01/2020	20/02/2020	Non Personal	All correspondence with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to the artists' tax exemption since January 1, 2018.	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2020/0579	27/01/2020	25/02/2020	Non Personal	Copies of all records relating to the plan by the Arts Council to move from Merrion Square to a different property. covering the period 1 January 2019 to date of receipt of the request.	Journalist	Refused
FOI/2020/0578	27/01/2020	25/02/2020	Non Personal	All records relating to the decision to transfer responsibility for Culture Night to the Arts Council.	Journalist	Records don't exist
FOI/2020/0577	06/01/2020	04/02/2020	Non Personal	A list of the artworks purchased by the Arts Council in 2019, and the cost of each purchase. A list of the artworks sold by the Arts Council in 2019, and the cost of each sale. A list of the artworks purchased by the Arts Council in 2018, and the cost of each purchase. A list of the artworks sold by the Arts Council in 2018, and the cost of each sale.	Journalist	Information available outside FOI – Annual Report

2019						
FOI/2019/0576	13/12/2019		Non Personal	Access to all minutes of the Abbey Working Group created since April 2019.	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2019/0575	10/12/2019	07/01/2020	Non Personal	<p>1. Any business case proposal related to the potential relocation of the Arts Council head office on Merrion Square.</p> <p>2. . Any value for money analysis/appraisal prepared for the proposed relocation of the Arts Council head office on Merrion Square.</p> <p>3. All correspondence between the Arts Council and the Department of Culture related to any proposed relocation of the Arts Council head office on Merrion Square, between 1 January 2019 and 9 December 2019.</p> <p>4. All board minutes of the Arts Council from 1st May to 9th December 2019</p> <p>5. All correspondence between the Arts Council chief executive and the chair of the board related to any proposed relocation of the Arts Council head office, between 1 January 2019 and 9 December 2019.</p>	Journalist	Refused
FOI/2019/0574	09/12/2019	07/01/2020	Non Personal	Copies of all correspondence between the Arts Council and RTÉ with regard to the sale of artworks by the national broadcaster. Copies of any other records held by the Arts Council relating to the sale of these artworks.	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2019/0571	31/10/2019	04/12/2019	Non Personal	<p>A full list of all the art works that were bought under the Joint Purchase Scheme operated by the Arts Council in the 1960s and 70s;</p> <p>This list to include the names of the organisations with which the Arts Council co-operated in each case.</p> <p>(2) A list of all the art works listed in (1) which, to the Arts Council's knowledge, have since been sold, and whether the council recouped any percentage of the sale proceeds;</p> <p>(3) The total amount of money recouped by the Arts Council from sales of the art listed in (1).</p>	Journalist	Information provided outside FOI

FOI/2019/0569	08/08/2019	05/09/2019	Non Personal	A copy of the Diversity and Equality audit of current HR practices, including recruitment, induction and advancement / promotion.	Journalist	Records don't exist, audit scheduled to take place Q4 2019.
FOI/2019/0568	30/08/2019	01/10/2019	Non Personal	A gender breakdown of the number of applicants for the Markievicz bursary scheme. - copies of any records referring or relating to gender or equality issues associated with the Markievicz bursary scheme in the period 1 January 2019 to date of receipt of this request	Journalist	Records don't exist, gender breakdown report provided (generated by information available on database)
FOI/2019/0567	28/08/2019	26/09/2019	Non Personal	A copy of the Mazars report into Wexford Festival Opera. Access to all correspondence during 2019 between Orlaith McBride and Dr Mary Kelly, chairperson of Wexford Festival Opera.	Journalist	Part grant
FOI/2019/0566	26/08/2019	24/09/2019	Non Personal	Copies of all records relating to the provision of funding for 2019 for Druid Theatre.	Journalist	Part grant
FOI/2019/0565	26/08/2019	17/09/2019	Non Personal	<p>What is the monetary amount of funding provided by the Arts Council to Poetry Ireland on an annual basis;</p> <p>2. What is the monetary amount of funding allocated by Poetry Ireland to 'Muldoon's Picnic'? Please provide a response in respect of each of the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019;</p> <p>3. In respect of (2) above, please specify what amount of funding allocated in respect of 'Muldoon's Picnic', (a) is allocated to events in Ireland; and (b) outside of Ireland;</p> <p>4. As a member of the Board of Poetry Ireland, does Mr Muldoon received payment for that role? If so, how much has been paid to Mr Muldoon for each of the years since is appointment on 2 September 2014;</p> <p>5. Does Mr Muldoon received reimbursement of expenses for attending Board meeting of Poetry Ireland? If so, please specify how much and for each of the years since his appointment on 2 September 2014;</p> <p>6. Did Mr Muldoon attend the Board meeting of Poetry Ireland when 'Muldoon's Picnic' was first proposed as a project to be funded by Poetry Ireland? Are there minutes of such meetings available?</p>	Journalist	Records relating to 1 - 3 provided outside of FOI. Requester referred to Poetry Ireland for information relating to 4 - 8

				7. Did Mr Muldoon sit on the Board of Poetry Ireland when funding for 'Muldoon's Picnic' was (i) discussed; and (ii) approved? 8. Does Poetry Ireland have a conflict of interest policy?		
FOI/2019/0564	10/07/2019	13/08/2019	Non Personal	A copy of 'Record of Processing Activities' (ROPA).	Journalist	Records don't exist as organisations under 250 staff and not holding sensitive data are exempt.
FOI/2019/0563	15/07/2019	13/08/2019	Non Personal	All correspondence between the Arts Council and Galway 2020, in relation to the European Capital of Culture project planned for Galway in 2020, from January 1 2018 to June 1 2019; a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations in relation to same.	Journalist	Part grant
FOI/2019/0562	05/07/2019	07/08/2019	Non Personal	The amount allocated to the Festival Investment Scheme "Band B" for 2018 and 2019,	Client	Information provided outside FOI
FOI/2019/0561	07/05/2019	05/06/2019	Non Personal	Access to any minutes of meetings of the Aosdana Working Group created since the start of November 2018.	Journalist	Part grant
FOI/2019/0560	28/03/2019	30/04/2019	Non Personal	Access to any correspondence regarding the International Lughnasa Friel Festival, including correspondence with Donegal County Council, since 2016.	Journalist	Information provided outside FOI
FOI/2019/0559	28/03/2019	30/04/2019	Non Personal	Access to minutes of any meetings of the Abbey Working Group during 2019.	Journalist	Information provided outside of FOI
FOI/2019/0558	19/03/2019	17/04/2019	Non Personal	Copies of all correspondence between the Abbey Theatre and the Arts Council from November 1st 2018 – March 18th 2019. Also copies of any records created as a result of correspondence between the two, and details of any meetings between the two bodies.	Journalist	Part granted
FOI/2019/0557			Non Personal	Internal Audit		Refused
FOI/2019/0556	21/01/2019	20/02/2019	Non Personal	Copies of all records held relating to the decision to withhold €300,000 in funding from the Abbey Theatre.	Journalist	Part grant

FOI/2019/0555	15/01/2019	12/02/2019	Non Personal	All correspondence between the Arts Council and the Abbey Theatre regarding funding to the Theatre since 1 July 2018. Access to any minutes of meetings of the Abbey Theatre Working Group during 2018. Access to all correspondence between the Abbey Theatre and the Arts Council during 2018.	Journalist	Information provided outside of FOI
FOI/2019/0554	07/01/2019	06/02/2019	Non Personal	All correspondence between the Irish Society of Stage and Screen Designers (ISSSD) and the Arts Council during 2018.	Journalist	Part grant
FOI/2019/0553	07/01/2019	06/02/2019	Non Personal	The last two Abbey Theatre board packs: copies of the agendas for any any board meetings and minutes of those meetings, along with agenda/ minutes of any subcommittees. Copies of the agenda/ minutes of the development subcommittee included in the packs. Copies of the agenda/ minutes of the audit/risk subcommittee included in the packs. Copies of any reports from the CEO included in the packs.	Journalist	Part grant

