



## VACMA 2023 SUPPORTING ARTISTS

### VISUAL ARTIST & CRAFT MAKERS AWARDS

The Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards (VACMA) are a programme of small grants schemes delivered with a range of local authorities and art agencies across Scotland to support Scotland-based visual artists and craft makers in their creative development.

Established by Creative Scotland, these partnerships give support at a local level and work with local panels to offer funds to support practitioners at all stages of their career who have demonstrated a commitment to their work and in developing their practice through new work, new skills or new opportunities. Applicants can apply for fixed bursaries of £500 and £750.



This project was funded by the National Lottery through  
Creative Scotland's VACMA Fund

*Local Freelance Artists have been supported both financially and through mentoring to develop their practice by creating new work, developing new skills and / or creating new opportunities within the Creative Industries in Aberdeen.*

## STATISTICS

Number of Artists supported by Bursaries / Professional Development Opportunities	18
Number of Artist Support Sessions	35
Number of Artists employed	3
Mentoring Session Hours	20

## FEEDBACK

*Without the support of Creative Learning and the VACMA bursary, the development of my business and creative practice would not have flourished as much as it has today. Thank you.*

**Craftmaker**

*VACMA has allowed me space to develop my work and branch off down another avenue which I would not have done without the financial support of this award. I am very grateful to VACMA for this opportunity.*

**Visual Artist**

*Aberdeen City Council's Creative Learning team were really helpful and supportive during the whole process. I appreciated all the advice and mentoring and would recommend applying to anyone.*

**Visual Artist**

*Fabulous scheme! I felt well supported and appreciate very much the award. Thanks guys!*

**Craftmaker**

