

DCMS Arts Sector Coronavirus bulletin 09 July 2020

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1. Key updates

NEW: [Secretary of State announces outdoor performances to be allowed from 11th July: 09/07](#)

- Further information published in new guidance referred to below.
- This marks a move to Stage 3 of the Roadmap for Reopening

NEW: [DCMS publish Guidance for Performing Arts returning to Training, Rehearsal and Performance: 09/07](#)

NEW: [Guidance for the public on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation in England published: 09/07](#)

NEW: [£1.57 billion investment to protect Britain's world-class cultural, arts and heritage institutions: 05/07](#)

The investment includes:

- £1.15bn for cultural organisations through grants and loans
- £100m of targeted support for national cultural institutions
- £120m capital investment to restart construction
- Dedicated new funding for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales

NEW: [Chancellor announces Plan for Jobs: 08/07](#)

- The Chancellor's plan is designed to support jobs by focussing on skills and young people, create jobs with investment in shovel-ready projects and greening our infrastructure, and protect jobs through a VAT cut for the hospitality sector and a landmark Eat Out to Help Out discount scheme for diners.

NEW: [Lifeline support for Performing Arts Venues in Scotland: 03/07](#)

- A targeted £10m fund to support Scotland's performing arts venues.

NEW: [Minister announces £4 million lifeline for the arts in Northern Ireland: 01/07](#)

- Communities Minister Carál Ní Chuilín announced a major £4m lifeline for the arts sector

NEW: [Funding for councils to address coronavirus pressures and cover lost income: 02/07](#)

- Scheme to compensate councils in England for losses from museums and cultural assets
- All relevant losses, over and above the first 5% of planned income from sales, fees and charges, will be compensated for at a rate of 75p in every pound.

NEW: [Secretary of State announced the 5 Stage Roadmap for Reopening the performing arts sector 25/06](#)

- DCMS are supporting theatres and performing arts to engage in rehearsals, recording and broadcast without an audience. This is part of our phased reopening of these sectors.
- We are currently at stage two of the performing arts roadmap. We will move through

stages, three, four and five working closely with the sector, medical and public health experts. All decisions on timing will be taken in light of expert medical advice and the latest social distancing guidelines

NEW: [Maintaining records of staff, customers and visitors to support NHS Test & Trace 02/07](#)
[Privacy notice for maintaining records of staff, customers and visitors: 03/07](#)

- Assist NHS Test and Trace by keeping a temporary record of your customers and visitors for 21 days, in a way that is manageable for your organisation, and assist NHS Test and Trace with requests for that data if needed. This could help contain clusters or outbreaks.
- Further information can be found [here](#), including FAQs and a toolkit for business

NEW: [DfE published guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings 01/07](#)

- This includes confirmation of activities that can be run for children over the age of 5 and under 18.

NEW: [DfE announced schools and colleges due to reopen in September: 02/07](#)

- Plans released for all students in all year groups to return to school full-time in September.

NEW: [Health Secretary announces plans for lockdown measures in Leicestershire: 29/06](#)

- [Localised lockdown measures](#) are in place in a set area in Leicestershire

NEW: [Easing of lockdown measures announced: 23/06](#)

- The Prime Minister announced last week further changes to measures from 4th July

NEW: [Art Fund: Respond and reimagine grants: 16/06](#)

- New grants to help museums, galleries and cultural organisations respond to immediate challenges, and offer support to adapt and reimagine ways of working for the future.
- Funding from £10,000 to £50,000. The Art Fund will consider offering 100% funding.
- Next deadline for applications is Monday 6 July

NEW: [Template: claiming for 100 or more employees through Job Retention Scheme: 19/06](#)

- Complete a template with the details of the employees you're claiming for and upload this when you claim (for claims on or after 1 July 2020).

NEW: [MHCLG Announce Code of Practice for Commercial Property Sector 19/06](#)

- a code of practice to encourage commercial tenants and landlords to work together to protect viable businesses.

NEW: [Self-employed new parents can claim support grant: 17/06](#)

- Further details of the change for self-employed parents will be set out by the start of July in published guidance.

2. Arts reopening

[Entertainment and Events Working Group:](#)

- As part of the Cultural Renewal Taskforce, the working group will cover ticketed (and non-ticketed) entertainment and events (indoor and outdoor), including cinemas, theatres, music venues, festivals, concerts and esports gatherings.

[Our plan to rebuild: The UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy: updated 26/05](#)

[Government announces roadmap taskforces: 13/05](#)

[Culture Secretary announces Cultural Renewal Taskforce: 20/05](#)

Devolved nations approaches:

- [Scotland routemap: 21/05](#)
- [Wales roadmap: 15/05](#)
- [Northern Ireland approach: 12/05](#)

Related guidance:

- [Safe public spaces - urban centres and green spaces: 22/05](#)
- [Staying alert and safe - social distancing guidance for young people: 24/05](#)
- [Volunteer placements, rights and expenses](#)
- [Elite sport - return to domestic competition guidance: 01/06](#)
- [Timeline for retail to reopen in June: 25/05](#)
- [Guidance for shops and branches on reopening: updated 29/05](#)
- [Plans announced for London's Covid-19 recovery: 23/05](#)
- [Responsible contractual behaviour guidance: 07/05](#)
- [Construction Leadership council guidance: 07/05](#)
- [CLC Covid-19 Contractual Best Practice Guidance: 07/05](#)

3. Business support

[Business support homepage](#)

- [Financial support for businesses: updated 29/05](#)
- [Find coronavirus financial support for your business self-checker](#)
- [Business support website](#)
- [Business support helpline](#)

Support schemes for businesses

- [Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme \(CBILS\)](#)
Supports SMEs to access loans of up to £5 million in value, first 12 months interest free.
- [Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme \(CLBILS\)](#)
Businesses with annual turnover of over £45 million can access loans of up to £25 million
- [Claim back Statutory Sick Pay paid to your employees due to coronavirus: updated 29/05](#)
The scheme will repay employers the [current rate of](#) SSP that they pay to current or former employees for periods of sickness starting on or after 13 March 2020.
- [Processing ticket refunds for cancelled charity events: 16/04](#)
Changes to help charities process refunds, collect donations and claim Gift Aid
- [Billion pound support package for innovative firms hit by coronavirus: 20/04](#)
£1.25bn government support package for businesses driving innovation and development
- [Advice on staying secure during COVID-19](#)
Guidance from the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure for businesses and insolvency office holders on managing security risks during the pandemic.

Bounce Back Loans Scheme**[Apply for a coronavirus Bounce Back Loan: updated 04/05](#)****[Details of Bounce Back loans scheme](#)**

- Businesses will be able to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000 at 2.5% interest.
- Loans should reach businesses within days.
- Government provides lenders with 100% guarantee, pays fees & interest in first 12 months.

Guidance on Small Business Grants Fund; Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund; and Local Authority Discretionary Grant Scheme

- [Guidance on business support grant funding: updated 23/05](#)
- [Business rates: expanded retail discount: updated 02/04](#)
- [Apply for the coronavirus Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund: updated 08/06](#)
- [Local Authority Discretionary Grant Scheme: 02/05](#)
- [Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund guidance version 2: updated 23/05](#)

Further support and guidance

Finance and procurement

- [Filing charity annual returns during the coronavirus pandemic: 16/03](#)
- [Companies to receive 3-month extension period to file accounts during COVID-19: 25/03](#)
- [Insolvency law: help companies trading while exploring options for rescue: updated 14/05](#)
- [Companies House support for businesses hit by COVID-19: 16/04](#)
- [Tax helpline to help businesses affected by coronavirus: updated 26/03](#) - 0800 024 1222
- [Procurement policy note 02/20: Supplier relief due to Covid-19: updated 19/05](#)
- [Financial Conduct Authority: Letter to insurance companies on ensuring SMEs: 15/04](#)
- [Government to support businesses through Trade Credit Insurance guarantee: 13/05](#)
- [Parents returning to work after extended leave eligible for furlough: 09/06](#)

Construction

- [Letter from BEIS Secretary of State on construction: 31/03](#)
- [Construction Leadership Council: site operating procedures v3: 15/04](#)
- [Procurement policy note 02/20: Guidance notes for construction contracts: 06/04](#)
- [Responsible contractual behaviour guidance: 07/05](#)
- [Construction Leadership council guidance: 07/05](#)

Other

- [Rules on carrying over annual leave to be relaxed: 27/03](#)
- [Holiday entitlement and pay during coronavirus: 13/05](#)
- [£1.3 million fund to support Destination Management Organisations: 07/04](#)
- [Pay no Customs Duty and VAT on importing museum and gallery exhibits: 27/05](#)
- [Reporting serious incidents to the Charity Commission during the pandemic: 03/06](#)

[Help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus: videos and webinars](#)

Free webinars to help businesses understand the support available including:

- Multiple dates - [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme – How to make a claim](#)
- Multiple dates - [Coronavirus COVID-19 Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme](#)
- Multiple dates - [Coronavirus Self-Employment Income Support Scheme \(SEISS\)](#)

Review individual topics from the webinars on financial support for small businesses.

- [Tax deferral](#)
- [Loans for small businesses](#)
- [Business support grant funds](#)
- [Support for wages and income](#)
- [Coronavirus: HMRC business support videos](#)

Keep up to date with all the latest available webinars [here](#) and DIT webinars [here](#).

Support across the UK

- Information for individuals and businesses in [Northern Ireland](#), [Scotland](#), and [Wales](#)

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) guidance on secure home working

- [NCSC guidance](#)

- [Home working: preparing your organisation and staff](#)
- [Suspicious email guidance](#)
- [Training for staff](#)
- [Moving your business from the physical to the digital](#)

4. Employee support

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

- [Guidance for employers: updated 12/06](#)
- [Guidance for employees: updated 05/06](#)
- [Furlough next steps: 29/05](#)
- [Fact sheet](#)
- [Check which employees you can put on furlough: updated 12/06](#)
- [Step by step guide for employers: updated 11/05](#)
- [Steps to take before calculating your claim: 12/06](#)
- [Legal framework for the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme: 20/05](#)
- [Guidance for research organisations: 05/06](#)

HMRC will reimburse 80% of furloughed workers' wage costs up to £2,500/month. Employers must:

- Designate affected employees as 'furloughed workers,' and notify employees
- Submit information to HMRC about the employees that have been furloughed.

From 1 July businesses will be given the flexibility to bring furloughed staff back part time. Individual firms will decide hours and shift patterns their employees will work, and will be responsible for paying their wages while in work.

The scheme updates mean that the following will apply for the period people are furloughed:

- **June and July**
 - The government will pay 80% of wages up to a cap of £2,500 as well as employer National Insurance (ER NICs) and pension contributions.
 - Employers are not required to pay anything.
- **August**
 - The government will pay 80% of wages up to a cap of £2,500.
 - Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions.
 - For the average claim, this represents 5% of the gross employment costs the employer would have incurred had the employee not been furloughed.
- **September**
 - The government will pay 70% of wages up to a cap of £2,187.50.
 - Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions and 10% of wages to make up 80% total up to a cap of £2,500.
 - For the average claim, this represents 14% of the gross employment costs.
- **October**
 - The government will pay 60% of wages up to a cap of £1,875.
 - Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions and 20% of wages to make up 80% total up to a cap of £2,500.
 - For the average claim, this represents 23% of the gross employment costs.

Self-employment Income Support Scheme

- [Updates to the guidance on Self-Employment Income Support Scheme](#)
- [Self-Employment Support Scheme extension: 29/05](#)
- [Claim a grant through the Self-employment Income Support Scheme: updated 12/06](#)
- [How HMRC works out trading profits and non-trading income: updated 07/05](#)

- [Online eligibility checker tool](#)
- Individuals can apply for the first SEISS grant until 13 July - eligible individuals can claim a taxable grant worth 80% of their average monthly trading profits.
- Applications for the second grant will open in August. Individuals will be able to claim a second taxable grant worth 70% of their average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering three months' worth of profits, and capped at £6,570 in total.

5. Health guidance

[Coronavirus: collected guidance: updated 01/06](#)

Latest government guidance for health professionals and other organisations.

- [Staying alert and safe \(social distancing\): updated 03/07](#)
- [Staying safe outside your home: updated 24/06](#)
- [Six people can meet outside under new measures to ease lockdown: 28/05](#)
- [Working safely during coronavirus: updated 14/06](#) and [Webinars](#)
- [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection: updated 11/06](#)
- [Guidance for contacts of people with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection who do not live with the person: updated 01/06](#)
- [Public advised to cover faces in enclosed spaces: 11/05](#)
- [How to wear and make a cloth face covering: 11/05](#)
- [Face coverings to become mandatory on public transport: 04/06](#)
- [Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do: updated 12/06](#)
- [Guidance on spending time outdoors in England: 13/05](#)
- [Guidance on accessing green spaces safely: updated 14/06](#)
- [Safer public places – urban centres and green spaces: updated 22/05](#)

[NHS Test and Trace service: 27/05](#)

- [NHS test and trace: how it works: updated 11/06](#)
- [NHS test and trace: workplace guidance: 27/05](#)

Those who have been in close contact with someone who tests positive must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.

[Public health border measures to come into force 8 June: 02/06](#)

[Travellers exempt from English border rules: 03/06](#)

6. Sector support and funding

[NLHF Heritage Emergency Fund grants details](#)

- The £50m Heritage Emergency Fund accepts applications for two grant levels, £3,000 to £50,000 or £50,000 to £250,000, to cover emergency costs during this difficult time. Applications close **30 June 2020**.
 - [Guidance for grants from £3,000 to £50,000](#)
 - [Guidance for grants from £50,000 to £250,000](#)

England

[Arts Council England Covid-19 support](#)

- ACE are making £160 million of emergency funding available:
 - £90m [financial support for National Portfolio Organisations](#)
 - £50m [financial support for organisations outside of the National Portfolio](#)
 - £20m [financial support for artists, creative practitioners and freelancers](#)

Wales

[Welsh government £18m support package for culture, creative and sport sector: 01/04](#)

- £7m [Arts Council of Wales](#) Arts Resilience Fund to support artists and arts organisations.
- £1m Cultural Resilience Fund for museums, collections, conservation services, archives and community and public libraries.
- £750k Emergency Relief Fund to support the smallest and most vulnerable independent sector sport, museum and heritage organisations.

[Welsh Museums Federation Covid-19 Resilience Grants](#)

£325,000 in funding for a Resilience grant scheme for Welsh museums and heritage attractions.

Scotland

Creative Scotland has launched a variety of funds for the Cultural and Creative Sector:

- [Creative Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund](#): This £4 million fund will offer one-off bursary payments of £500 to £2,500 to help support freelance creative professionals.
- [Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development](#): The £7.5m fund will support creative practitioners to develop work for up to 12 months with a maximum award of £50,000.

[Museum Galleries Scotland funding overview: 06/04](#)

£700,000 fund of which £400,000 for accredited, independent museums who care for Recognised Collections; £300,000 supports non-Recognised Collections; and £55,000 Digital Resilience Fund

- **Urgent Response COVID-19 Fund** - for independent accredited museums up to £60,000 to cover up to 3 months of core costs.
- **Digital Resilience COVID-19 Fund** - up to £3000 to support digital working during closure.

[Third Sector Resilience Fund \(TSRF\): updated 08/05](#)

This is a £20m emergency fund from the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations for charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations working in Scotland.

Northern Ireland

[Northern Ireland Creative Support Fund: updated 02/06](#)

- £1.5m fund for arts organisations, freelance artists, creative practitioners and performers.
- Creative Support Fund worth £500,000 for small to medium sized organisations

Other funding sources

- [Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund covid response](#)
- [Art Fund: 17/03](#)
- [Paul Hamlyn Foundation Contingency Fund: updated 28/05](#)

7. Sector information

- [Arts Council England: coronavirus guidance](#)
- [Arts Council England: Financial support for organisations outside of the National Portfolio](#)
- [Arts Council England: Financial support for National Portfolio Organisations](#)
- [Arts Council England: Financial support for artists, creative practitioners and freelancers](#)
- [Arts Council England: Economic Support Package Q&A](#)
- [Arts Council England: open funding programmes](#)
- [Arts Council England: Support for organisations from Government and other sources](#)
- [Arts Council England: Support for individuals from Government and other sources](#)
- [UK Theatre](#) - UK Theatre is the UK's leading theatre and performing arts membership organisation.

- [Society of London Theatre \(SOLT\)](#) - works with and on behalf of its Members to champion theatre and the performing arts.
- [ACAS \(Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service\)](#) - COVID-19 advice for employers and employees

[Culture Diary: cultural activities to watch at home](#)

- The Culture Diary is the home for UK culture and wants your online programme listings so it can easily share the best of UK arts and culture with the public, government and the wider sector - including theatre, dance, art exhibitions, VR experiences, music, opera, circus arts, open calls, initiatives, seminars on adapting to the times ahead, and anything else creative and of interest to the cultural.
- Register [here](#) and [upload](#) your events. Add the tag 'Culture from the Couch' when uploading to ensure easy filtering of your lockdown-related events. Follow [this guidance](#) to help add your content.
- Any questions about using the website can be directed to info@theculturediary.com."

[BBC Culture in Quarantine](#)

- Bringing arts and culture into your home

8. Key information sources

Check regularly for updates

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): UK government response](#)
[Sign up for email alerts](#)
- [Public Health England](#)
- [NHS guidance](#)
- [FCO Travel advice](#)

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