

## Grant Talks 2016 Recap

On Tuesday, 6 December 2016, the Kingston Arts Council (KAC) hosted a free information-sharing event on local, provincial, and federal funding opportunities that are available to organizations, individual artists, and collectives in Kingston. The event took place in the Malting Tower in the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning. Over 50 people came out to hear from invited speakers. An annual event, GRANT TALKS has become a key part of KAC's programming and brings together artists, local institutions and grants officers in an attempt to shed light on the often-complex process of securing funding from external organizations.



Back Row, L to R: Loree Lawrence, Diana Gore, Matt Dubblestein, Claude Schyer, Elizabeth Cohoe  
Front Row, L to R: Debbie Holdich, Caroline Petznik, Lesley Rudy, Frances Cordero de Bolanos, Jacquelin Heichert, Danika Lochhead

The GRANT TALKS 2016 speakers included:

- Claude Schryer, Inter-Arts Office Coordinator, Canada Council for the Arts
- Frances Cordero de Bolaños, Senior Program Advisor, Canadian Heritage
- Loree Lawrence, Multi and Inter-Arts, Community-Engaged Arts and Community Arts Council Program Officer, Ontario Arts Council
- Caroline Petznick, Grants Officer for the City of Kingston Heritage Fund, Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries, and Historic Sites Inc
- Lesley Rudy, Grants Coordinator, Community Foundation for Kingston & Area
- Elizabeth Cohoe, Director - Service Projects 2016-17, Rotary Club of Cataraqui-Kingston
- Matt Dubblestein, Dean, Awesome Kingston
- Jacquelin Heichert, Grants Officer, Kingston Arts Council

The evening began with introductory remarks from KAC Executive Director Danika Lochhead, followed by short Pecha Kucha-style presentations from each speaker. After the presentations, attendees had the opportunity to speak to the grants officers one-on-one and network with other peers in the Kingston community. The KAC is committed to being a resource for the local arts community and events like GRANT TALKS provide much-needed networking opportunities and an occasion to gather for conversation and information-sharing.



Image: Loree Lawrence, Multi and Inter-Arts, Community-Engaged Arts and Community Arts Council Program Officer, Ontario Arts Council answering questions from an audience member.

Thank you to the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning for the support provided for this event.