

Grant Talks 2015 Recap

On Wednesday, December 2, the Kingston Arts Council (KAC) hosted a free, interactive, and 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 and the room was packed, full of people with ideas and questions, such as “what funding opportunities are available to my organization?” and “if I’m an individual artist, what are some ways that I can secure funding?”



The evening kicked off with an introduction from the KAC’s Executive Director, Bebhinn Jennings, who talked about her experience of getting to know Kingston and its vibrant and exciting arts community. Following this, seven granting organizations took to the stage, one-by-one, to deliver a Pecha Kucha-style presentation (20 slides; 6 – 7 minutes in length) on the grants and funding they offered. Our esteemed guests included Frances Cordero de Bolaños, Program Officer, **Department of Canadian Heritage**; Sayyida Jaffer, Program Manager, **Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)**; Janice Lambrakos, Information Services Coordinator, **Ontario Arts Council**

(OAC); Caroline Petznick, Managing Director, **Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries, and Historic Sites (KAM)**; Lesley Rudy, Grants Officer, **Community Foundation for Kingston & Area (CFK&A)**; and Matt Dubblestein, Dean, **Awesome Kingston**. The **Kingston Arts Council's** Grant Officer, Katharine Vingoe-Cram, closed out the presentation portion of the evening.



Attendees then had the opportunity to meet with the granting organizations directly, ask specific questions and make plans to connect further with them for support.

“These types of events are so important to help put faces to names for those looking to secure funding, to realize that there are people in place within these organizations to help guide and support in the application process,” said Bebhinn Jennings, ED, Kingston Arts Council. “We had more than 50 people come out to learn and connect and we were really encouraged to see the collaboration and creative idea-sharing that took place during the networking part of the evening.”





Testimonials from attendees:

"Talking one-on-one with reps was most fruitful."

"I got an idea as to what organization would be the most appropriate for us to apply to."

We want to extend a huge thank you to the granting organizations for joining us at our event and for sharing great information and grant application tips to the Kingston community!



From L to R (back row): Lesley Rudy, CFK&A, Caroline Petznick, KAM, Matt Dubblestein, Awesome Kingston, Marc Shaw, Awesome Kingston, Katharine Vingoe-Cram, KAC.

From L to R (front row): Janice Lambrakos, OAC, Frances Cordero de Bolaños, Department of Canadian Heritage, Sayyida Jaffer, OTF.

For more information on the organizations' funding opportunities, please visit their websites.

Department of Canadian

Heritage <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1266037002102>

Ontario Trillium Foundation www.otf.ca

Ontario Arts Council <http://www.arts.on.ca/site4.aspx>

Kingston Association of Museums, Galleries, and Historic Sites <http://www.kingstonmuseums.ca>

Community Foundation for Kingston & Area <http://www.cfka.org>

Awesome Kingston www.awesomekingston.org

Kingston Arts Council www.artskingston.ca

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