

Advice for Applicants

Job Applications

The best feedback I ever received was to cut the jargon and focus on fact-based statements. Everybody will say they are punctual, write about a time that you have achieved something that directly relates to the role you are applying for.

Don't shrink yourself – You have an amazing wealth of experience, and you deserve this role/commission, shout about it.

If the application requires a CV, keep the formatting clean and the colour palette neutral – I once showed my CV which had a red header to a friend who worked in recruitment, I thought it was slick as anything, she gave a little tsssk noise and said, “oh red, aggressive”.

More on CV's –include jobs where the experience is relevant to the role you're applying for. As working-class artists our CV's are often RAMMED with extra jobs, we don't need to include all of these when

Ask a friend to look over your finished application, friends can see you and all the great things you're doing, so if you've missed anything or you're not bigging yourself up enough then they will tell you. (They'll also spot typo's – important!)

Funding Applications

Ask for help – Most funding bodies have advisors who can help you. If you have access requirements then you will usually be able to get assistance with writing bids (Especially via ACE)

Be clear about what you are asking for. Think if you were a complete stranger reading this for the first time, would your idea be visible? Spell out exactly what you need.

Ask a friend or peer to read over your bid for clarity.

Match funding can come in all shapes and sizes including support-in-kind, if people are able to offer you advice or mentorship without charge, find out what their day rate is and include this in your application.

I found [this website](#) really useful recently when talking about funding. It's full of great advice from Producer and Artist Dais Hale covering things like applying for Project Grants or DYCP (Developing Your Creative Practice) Dais ran workshops on zoom during lockdown and they were so useful.