



National Development Strategy for Culture and the Arts 2017 - 2027

Progress report Year 8

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Summary

The living action plan that accompanies the National Development Strategy for Culture and the Arts 'Arts, Culture and Creativity for Everyone' outlines everything achieved or started in Year Seven by the Isle of Man Arts Council (IOMAC) and Culture Vannin (CV). In August 2022, a presentation to Tynwald Members showed the [updated strategy and revised ambitions](#) and actions.

This report provides an overview of the Year Eight ambitions, detailing ongoing progress and highlighting the ongoing commitment of IOMAC and CV to the development and support of our creative and cultural communities through funding, development support, and other initiatives.

Progress update on joint actions

March 2024 – December 2025

Skills development Programme – to educate, inform, support and develop our creative and cultural communities in developing their skills

Isle of Man Arts Council

Creative Sector Sessions launched with six sessions between July and November 2025, covering themes including digital marketing, intellectual property and copyright, event management and local funding. These sessions were popular with most being fully booked 300 registrations made in advance. These professional development opportunities for island creative professionals were inclusive, free to attend and hosted at Noa Bakehouse in Douglas. Each session blended knowledge sharing and networking to convene a space for the community to meet and discuss shared challenges and collaborations.

We measured the impact and value of the sessions using **social media engagement** (482 reactions over Facebook) and **qualitative feedback** from attendees (attendees found the sessions informative and the majority of those who expressed an opinion wanted similar events in the future. It was noted that the panel events were particularly well attended and received, with attendees commenting that it was fascinating to learn about creative businesses and the stories behind their highs and lows)

The programme is presently being evaluated with plans for the series to return annually.



In June, the Arts Council applicant portal was re-launched with streamlined functions and the introduction of automated communications and application outcomes within the portal. Alongside this change, every applicant – successful and unsuccessful – now receives four areas of feedback to understand the strengths and areas for improvement within their project application.

Culture Vannin

Culture Vannin is dedicated to skills development as a charity with an educational focus. During the year, 10 weekly Manx lessons were delivered to adults in person and online, to ensure accessibility, with additional short courses for beginners and advanced students. In preparation for *Blein ny Gaelgey* Year of the Manx Language 2026, we designed a new Manx language badge for scouting and girl guiding movements, which has already been piloted. Skills development in relation to language and music have been delivered to faith leaders to encourage and facilitate the inclusion of Manx cultural elements. Music, dance, folklore and cultural context for traditions customs were delivered through workshops on themes such as Hop tu Naa, Mheillea and National Week in the Island's schools, and through the monthly Bree youth music movement. Culture Vannin's youth supergroup, Scran, achieved great success, qualifying for the Music for Youth Proms and performing at the Royal Albert Hall in November. Many of the grants awarded supported skills development, especially through festivals and events which include workshop elements for young people or the wider community – these are listed in the appendix. Highlights include a puppet workshop based on Manx folklore and tuition and development of new pieces for Skeealyn Vannin youth group to perform at Festival Interceltique de Lorient in Brittany.



Development of apps and online content in arts, culture and creativity

Isle of Man Arts Council

The Isle of Man Arts Council Modern and Contemporary Loan Collection has been photographed and digitised during 2025. The entire collection, comprising 360 works by internationally known and local artists, will be available for the public to view online at iomarts.com for the first time from early 2026. This new website section, which will include an interactive map pinpointing locations of the artworks on island, will allow the community to view and learn about each work digitally alongside accessing information to visit the works in person.

Social media engagement has increased with Isle of Man Arts Council over the past twelve months, with 1k followers gained on Facebook (**~20% increase**) and 1.8 million organic views between August 2024 to August 2025.

To assess the rapid technological advancement in the field of Artificial Intelligence, Isle of Man Arts Council members formed a working group dedicated to research and learning in the field to begin evaluating potential, trends, and positive and negative impact on the creative sector and community.

As a funder, in December 2024 Isle of Man Arts Council provided a grant to VillaGaiety to enable the annual Gaiety Theatre pantomime to be recorded and given to 14 Manx Care residential settings for 280 people who wouldn't have otherwise been able to attend a live performance with the wider community.

Culture Vannin

Online content is key to Culture Vannin's success – it allows a small team to have a wide reach. We have a significant presence on YouTube (4.87 million views), Facebook (22,456 likes/members), Instagram (2,847 followers), SoundCloud (109,213 plays), Bandcamp (51,950 plays), Flickr (750,316 views), TikTok (2,145 followers), and our newsletters for Manx music and dance, and Manx language, reach almost 1,700 subscribers. Our online engagement provides accessible educational and entertaining content about Manx culture and history, ensuring that the worldwide audience for Manx culture is informed and connected to the stories of the Isle of Man, creating a greater sense of place and connection.

Culture Vannin has two iOS apps, 'Learn Manx' and 'Manx Songs and Rhymes', with updates to the former having been implemented during the year.

New Manx dance online resources were provided, to encourage wider participation in schools in particular. We supported the Sounds of Mann concert, which had Manx songs as the focus. Our film 'Teeval Princess of the Ocean' was showcased at the Eisteddfod in Wales, at Festival Interceltique de Lorient in Brittany, and was an entrant in the Celtic Media

Festival. One of the most heart-warming films produced is [Arbory School preparing for the Manx Folk Awards](#), showing the importance of Manx culture to a sense of place, to a sense of belonging.

We are seeing an increasing number of online outputs from grants, for examples, one of our 40th anniversary grants came to fruition as a beautiful art-film with original soundtrack: [Meayll – Yn Cholloo](#).

Progress update on Isle of Man Arts Council Strategic Actions

Artist studio space subsidy – to allow artists and creatives to develop their practices

With a focus on short- and long-term provision, the Arts Development Team are undertaking research into success stories and innovation around the built environment and its connection with creative industries. In June officers attended the British Irish Council online talk 'Creatively Bringing Buildings Back to Life' and in February the meeting of the Islands Cultural Network focused on how organisations across the British Isles were successfully supporting creative industries in their micro-communities. On the Isle of Man, the Department for Enterprise's Local Economy Strategy outlines provision for pop-up retail spaces available to creative businesses and makers, with this funding stream being promoted at the Creative Sector Session in October.

Promote ways to wellbeing through creative activity – to enhance and improve wellbeing, both mental and physical health.

Wellbeing and wellness-related funding support totalling £57,537.96 was offered to multiple projects by Isle of Man Arts Council. These included:

- **Music and Dance for the Adult learning disability community** – promoting inclusion & diversity
- **Expanding Soundology's impact** – developing wellbeing through sound therapy
- **Community Prose Book** - Benefitting people with dementia, and their families.
- **Community Choir** – 149 community members: research shows that singing in a group combats loneliness, increases confidence, reduces cortisol and boosts self-esteem.

Recognise diversity, equality, inclusion & sustainability.

Enabling equitable attendance to live performance remained a priority for Arts Council funding, with ongoing grant support for subsidised ticket totalling £12,000 and reaching 749 people across four family-friendly contemporary theatre shows including the annual festive Pantomime, *The Dinosaur That Pooped*, *There's a Monster in Your Show* and *Four Seasons*. Tickets were distributed to service users of local charities Manx Mencap, the Children's Centre. Rebecca House, Cruse Bereavement, Motiv8 and Crossroads.

Progress update on Culture Vannin Strategic Actions

Create an environment for contemporary and traditional collaborations – to recognise the depth and diversity of Manx creativity and to promote on a wider stage.

Supporting a living culture which can adapt and grow and be made relevant for different audiences and generations is an essential part of Culture Vannin's work to support and revitalise our culture. Both our development work (delivered by three development officers in partnership with the community) and our grant-giving embrace this sense of past-present to ensure a vibrant living culture.

In preparation for *Blein ny Gaelgey* Year of the Manx Language 2026, we designed a scheme of Treisht projects to the value of £500 each, awarding 30 in total. We encouraged applicants to weave threads from the past into new patterns for the future, with the ability to share results online and in person, to ensure accessibility and a larger platform:

- New Manx song video based on Manx history
- Manx language and cultural murals
- Reinterpretation of traditional songs in contemporary ways
- Creating new dances to Manx song
- Using Manx on reusable shopping bags
- Translating a pop song into Manx
- Manx language challenge passport
- Stop-motion animation featuring Manx
- Stickers and stamps for various settings including healthcare
- Failt Erriu (welcome) sign made in glass mosaic for a healthcare setting and a 'gyn chengey gyn cheer' (without a language, without a country) sign for Cathedral IOM
- Recording original songs in Manx for download
- Podcast for young people
- School resources, card games and flashcards, workshops for nurseries
- Cyanotype quilt celebrating Manx and the diaspora
- Die-struck coins for jewellery – taking inspiration from ancient techniques to create something new
- Online Manx lessons for North America
- Sense of place art film using Manx
- New songs for dancing
- Visual arts celebration of diversity and inclusion

Culture Vannin offered funding of £26,000 in special grants to support *Blein ny Gaelgey* Year of the Manx Language 2026, with awards including:

- Electronic music EP by young fiddle player and Manx speaker
- Manx language opera based on traditional Manx folklore
- Podcasts; animated interviews; community talks for Rushen Heritage Trust; postcards; new songs for fire festivals; wearable Manx
- Debut album for young band
- Manx Gaelic course for parents and carers

- Manx language playground equipment for Sulby School and an outdoor mural for Foxdale School
- Collection of original stories by adult Manx language students

Raising awareness of Manx culture and our work as a charity: Culture Vannin was named charity partner for Media Isle of Man's Awards for Excellence, and has further developed its engagement pages, with a focus on corporate engagement as part of Biosphere Isle of Man: [Support Us](#) | [Culture Vannin](#) | [Isle of Man](#)

IOMAC Extraordinary Events fund 2025

Key achievements

£143k awarded to projects with a community focus

Over 22,000 residents involved as participants or audience

40 individual groups and artists

6 towns **8** venues **9** events



Isle of Man Arts Council's 60th year programme, the Extraordinary Events fund, was introduced to support new high quality and creative cultural events/projects to benefit the community in the Isle of Man Arts Council 60th Year in 2025. £100,000 was allocated to the fund for events that animated daily life and had an element that included a live audience. The fund was time limited; any events applied for were required to take place between January and December 2025. 10 applications were successful, with a total fund award of £143,524.42.

The fund was successful in initiating creative activities across the island, including

- Go Wild! a new family festival in nature in Ramsey
- A community art exhibition of 60 x faces over age 60
- The Museum of the Moon coming to Cathedral Isle of Man in Peel, which welcomed over 18,000 people.



Alongside the launch of the new 60th Anniversary programme funding stream, Extraordinary Events, three public information sharing sessions were held across the island to enable the community to ask the Arts Development Team questions directly and understand the scope of the funding stream ahead of applying.

The anniversary year also included sector-facing events focused on acknowledging the breadth and impact of the cultural community on island. The launch of the Isle of Man Post Office stamps in February saw arts and culture showcased on the general-issue stamps throughout the year, and in May at Government House applicants were invited as way of thanks for their efforts and energy in supporting arts and culture to flourish on island.

Summary of Year Eight Actions

Some actions remain GREEN because they are, by their nature, ongoing.

Skills development Programme – to educate, inform, support and develop our creative and cultural communities in developing their skills	GREEN
Development of apps and online content in arts, culture and creativity	GREEN
Artist studio space subsidy – to allow artists and creatives to develop their practices	GREEN
Promote ways to wellbeing through creative activity – to enhance and improve wellbeing, both mental and physical health.	GREEN
Create an environment for contemporary and traditional collaborations – to recognise the depth and diversity of Manx creativity and to promote on a wider stage.	GREEN

Colour coding:

GREEN: Project progressing to plan

AMBER: Project may need assistance in the future; currently handling within the project team but management team: be aware

RED: Escalation: project team need help to resolve a problem

BLUE: Action is completed or superseded and has been closed

Looking ahead

We look forward to working together to:

- Develop working relationships and seek to collaborate across Government and the community, with Department for Enterprise's Visit and Business agencies and Destination First Board
- Shape governance and strategy via the Biosphere board: the Director of Culture Vannin, and IOMAC member have joined the new Biosphere board. Both organisations have

supported the report-writing by DEFA officers in preparation for validation with UNESCO in 2026. *Blein ny Gaelgey* Year of the Manx Language 2026 will host a major exhibition and a wide range of events which will contribute greatly to this validation, showing that culture, arts and heritage are an important part of our Biosphere and our community.

- Undertake an audit of the cultural infrastructure of the Isle of Man, in particular built spaces and live performance venues, to map the breadth of provision and future development required in the next national strategy.
- Continue to engage with wider island nations through meetings and exchange such British Irish Council support, and ongoing commitment to forming the Islands Cultural Network with partners across the British Isles
- Develop a closer working relationship between Culture Vannin officers and the Arts Development Team to explore shared projects, broaden reach and learn from each other

Year Nine Actions

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Joint	Explore residencies and internships, academic research, international representation and exchange	To encourage new talent and broaden knowledge and opportunities
Joint	Development of digital engagement for wellbeing	To ensure that all members of the community have access to arts and culture
Joint	Explore possibilities for innovation centre / technical hub	To facilitate engagement with latest technology and to encourage innovation
Arts Council	Explore options for a virtual gallery	To promote visual arts internationally and to increase accessibility
Arts Council	Explore possibilities for national creative spaces and galleries	To explore the provision of identifiable spaces for the arts and creativity for the whole Manx nation
Culture Vannin	Provide opportunities for lifelong learning	Lifelong learning benefits mental and physical health. Increased cultural engagement promotes community cohesion and wellbeing

Appendices

- 1 Isle of Man Arts Council Visual statistics
- 2 Overview of successful applications by the Isle of Man Arts Council 2024-25
- 3 Culture Vannin social media reach, development budgets and grants awarded 2024-25

Isle of Man Arts Council - Visual statistics

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Applications Received



Applications Received vs Awarded

2024/2025	201	Applications received
	140	Applications awarded
2023/2024	131	Applications received
	77	Applications awarded



The '24/'25 year saw a 53% increase in applications from 131 applications received in '23/'24, to 201 in the past financial year. This marks the highest number over the past five years.

We also see an 81% increase of applications being awarded with 140 in '24/'25 compared to 77 in '23/'24.

First Time Applicants



Age Demographics

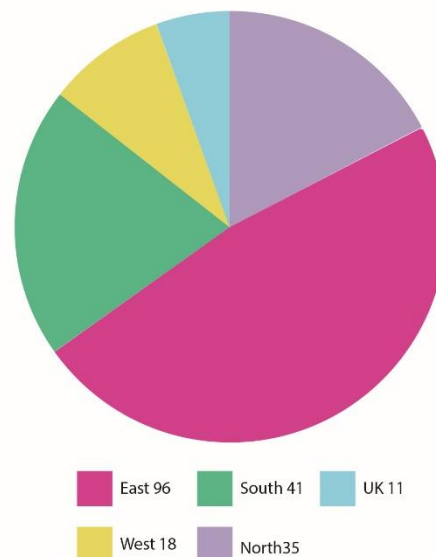
The following data looks at the average age demographics of applicants.

Underwriting	N/A
Grant	45.3
Travel Grant	36.6
Student Awards	21.8
Short Film Fund	43
Creative Industries	49.5
Extraordinary Events	53.4

Location Demographics

The following data looks at location demographics of applicants.

Andreas	3	Maughold	5
Arbory	10	Michael	2
Ballaugh	1	Onchan	20
Braddan	1	Patrick	2
Bride	1	Peel	13
Castletown	6	Port Erin	19
Douglas	70	Port St. Mary	4
German	3	Ramsey	22
Laxey	0	Rushen	0
Lezayre	1	Santon	0
Lonan	3	All Island	0
Malew	2	UK	11
Marown	2	Europe	0
		Rest of World	0



Artform Funding

Dance	£55,211.22	12.4%
Fashion	£481.60	0.1%
Festival	£37,337.61	8.4%
Film	£21,457.75	4.8%
Literature	£8,969.04	2%
Music	£107,299.31	24.2%
Podcast	£6,305.24	1.4%
Poetry	£12,614	2.8%
Student	£60,000	13.5%
Theatre	£46,881.26	10.5%
Venues	£10,240	2.3%
Visual Art	£76,279.79	17.2%

Isle of Man Art Council Grant Applicants for 2025

Applications approved in the period April 2024 to March 2025

Cheerdance UK Competition	Dance	Mar-25	£253.94
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Dancing competition	Dance	Mar-25	£266.50
Cheerdance UK Competition	Dance	Mar-25	£224.90
Pro-Excel Dance Manchester Guinness World Record	Dance	Mar-25	£5,000.00
Ballroom, Latin and Sequence Dancing	Dance	Mar-25	£350.00
Blackpool Junior Dance Festival	Dance	Mar-25	£700.00
LEAP Dance Festival 2025	Dance	Mar-25	£1,642.92
Champion of Champions 2025	Dance	Mar-25	£550.00
Dancing at Blackpool Easter Festival	Dance	Mar-25	£350.00
Mananan Festival 2025	Festival	Mar-25	£3,265.26
Xtrillion Film Screening with Director Q&A	Film	Mar-25	£350.00
An Illustrated Guide to the Folklore of the Isle of Man	Literature	Mar-25	£1,031.00
Music and Dance for the adult learning disability community	Music	Mar-25	£14,040.00
Songwriter 2024 and Band Battle 2025 events	Music	Mar-25	£2,100.00
Silo Debut Album Recording	Music	Mar-25	£7,094.00
Releasing/creating a 6 song EP	Music	Mar-25	£800.00
RBJ drumming workshops	Music	Mar-25	£5,820.96
Ian Thompson Original Music	Music	Mar-25	£1,680.00
Full Moon Festival 2025 introducing tent and acts	Music	Mar-25	£2,250.00
Travel for soloist and student for annual concert	Music	Mar-25	£387.98
Choir tour of 3 days	Music	Mar-25	£5,000.00
The Manx Bard stipends	Poetry	Mar-25	£3,100.00
Find Me by Olwen Wymark - Edinburgh Fringe 2025	Theatre	Mar-25	£6,666.00
The Dome at the Roundhouse	Visual Art	Mar-25	£900.00
Mural in the children's area of the library	Visual Art	Mar-25	£1,500.00
Paint Erin!	Visual Art	Mar-25	£6,100.49
Seascapes - an exhibition of Manx coastal photography	Visual Art	Mar-25	£1,730.00
Portraiture Masterclass with Mick McNicholas	Visual Art	Mar-25	£350.00
Dancing competition - Norbreck Castle	Dance	Feb-25	£398.00
Blackpool cheerdance competition	Dance	Feb-25	£600.00
Cheerdance UK Blackpool	Dance	Feb-25	£700.00
Cheerdance UK	Dance	Feb-25	£464.00
Cheerdance UK	Dance	Feb-25	£609.16
"Yes You Can Write": an introduction to Creative Writing	Literature	Feb-25	£350.00
North West Regional Championships	Music	Feb-25	£5,000.00
An Audience with Shirley Ballas	Dance	Jan-25	£18,000.00
Udance 2025 - Belfast	Dance	Jan-25	£2,173.00
Waves of Wonder Festival	Music	Jan-25	£15,992.00
Manx Youth Band - North West Regional Championships	Music	Jan-25	£3,860.00
The Rocky Horror Picture Show - Live Shadowcast	Theatre	Jan-25	£6,150.00
60 over 60 Face of Man - exhibition of Manx Portraits	Visual Art	Jan-25	£14,173.68
Fusion Art Fair	Visual Art	Jan-25	£8,210.00
Private View of Paper Works - Royal West of England Academy, Bristol	Visual Art	Jan-25	£350.00
2 day ballet workshop, Sadler's Wells	Dance	Dec-24	£700.00
Unity Dance Festival, Norbreck Castle	Dance	Dec-24	£583.00
Attendance at Bologna Children's Book Fair	Literature	Dec-24	£1,076.00

The Little Manx Story Collection	Literature	Dec-24	£5,000.00
Nash & Bean - Pretty Rainy Days	Music	Dec-24	£1,500.00
Crawlboard recording studio - local	Music	Dec-24	£700.00
Near Nesan, Breton Traditional Dong, Local Story, Music & Dance	Music	Dec-24	£3,000.00
Ramsey Music Society Concerts	Music	Dec-24	£2,576.00
Music Base	Music	Dec-24	£5,000.00
System of a Dhoon - L1NKN P4RK tour 2025 support	Music	Dec-24	£1,400.00
Mona's Isle Podcast (Episodes 15 - Series End)	Podcast	Dec-24	£3,900.00
"Echoes of Shadows" audio/podcast drama	Podcast	Dec-24	£1,600.00
Introduce technology to the Isle of Man Art Society	Visual Art	Dec-24	£1,790.00
Wild Child - A Nature Connection Festival	Festival	Nov-24	£26,864.35
Joint Concert with Slaithwaite Philharmonic Orchestra	Music	Nov-24	£6,000.00
Mastering Shakespeare	Theatre	Nov-24	£15,518.60
The Lunar Experience	Visual Art	Nov-24	£20,000.00
The Big Knox Event	Visual Art	Nov-24	£8,734.79
Pro-Excel Dance Miami 2024	Dance	Oct-24	£2,837.00
Unity Dance Festival, Norbreck Castle	Dance	Oct-24	£689.50
Glasgow Cheer Dance Competition	Dance	Oct-24	£481.00
October Sequence Ballroom Event	Dance	Oct-24	£336.00
Cheerdance UK competition Blackpool, November 2024	Dance	Oct-24	£570.00
Fianna Watterson - Unity Dance Promotions - Unity Dance Festival 2024	Dance	Oct-24	£488.00
Blackpool sequence dance festival	Dance	Oct-24	£269.00
WIDA British Open Championships	Dance	Oct-24	£626.94
WIDA British Open Championships	Dance	Oct-24	£350.00
Unity Great Britain Open Cup and Norbreck Unity Dance Festival	Dance	Oct-24	£667.01
Unity Dance Festival, Norbreck Castle	Dance	Oct-24	£509.00
Recording second album	Music	Oct-24	£1,260.00
Wind Orchestra Weekend	Music	Oct-24	£1,864.51
Birkenhead Underground Sound at The Swinging Arm	Music	Oct-24	£457.00
Africa Alive! Folksongs from Southern Africa	Music	Oct-24	£1,373.59
UK Tour November 2024	Music	Oct-24	£350.00
Manx Theatre Podcast	Podcast	Oct-24	£805.24
Easter Festival of Plays 2025	Theatre	Oct-24	£1,369.90
Screening of VG panto into care settings across the Island	Theatre	Oct-24	£2,900.00
Primary School To "The Amazing Thing" - January/February 2025	Theatre	Oct-24	£2,250.00
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In House PA/FOH System	Venues	Oct-24	£10,240.00
Window Wanderland (Isle of Man)	Visual Art	Oct-24	£6,350.00
Art Exhibition at Studio 42 Port St Mary	Visual Art	Oct-24	£893.81
Textile artists - talk and workshop	Fashion	Sep-24	£350.00
Theatre Re-Beginnings workshop 1 week	Theatre	Sep-24	£350.00
Unity Dance Festival, Norbreck Castle	Dance	Aug-24	£381.00
UK Dance Competitions	Dance	Aug-24	£500.00
Cheer Dance UK	Dance	Aug-24	£455.00
Toby Higgins Tour of England	Music	Aug-24	£350.00
Cheerdance UK competition Blackpool, November 2024	Dance	Jul-24	£350.00
Classique de Danse Awards: Evan O'Dea and Lula-Belle Findlay	Dance	Jul-24	£800.00
Furness Tradition Festival	Dance	Jul-24	£3,435.91
Peel Carnival Bunting Design Competition	Festival	Jul-24	£3,708.00
Safe	Film	Jul-24	£6,107.75
The Catch	Film	Jul-24	£15,000.00
Mann Tails - The Gallery Collection comic book	Literature	Jul-24	£762.04

Children's Activity Book - 52 Manx Things to Do and Make	Literature	Jul-24	£750.00
Manannan's Winterfest 2024	Music	Jul-24	£1,210.00
Manx Punx All Dayer	Music	Jul-24	£550.00
Music recording, video production and merchandise	Music	Jul-24	£1,620.00
Strathallan in the Park	Music	Jul-24	£1,000.00
All Ireland Fleadh Ceoil 2024	Music	Jul-24	£350.00
Brass Band Summer School 2024	Music	Jul-24	£350.00
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Half Naked Headline UK Tour 2024	Music	Jul-24	£1,400.00
Biskee Brisht UK Tour	Music	Jul-24	£1,212.47
The 10th Manx Bard - stipend and printing	Poetry	Jul-24	£1,635.00
On Ravensdale Hill	Poetry	Jul-24	£7,879.00
Johnno Gollow Award	Student	Jul-24	£10,000
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Norman Sayle Award	Student	Jul-24	£10,000
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IOM Arts Council Award	Student	Jul-24	£10,000
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We Will Rock You 2024	Theatre	Jul-24	£9,643.00
Babysitting Calvin, National Drama Festival	Theatre	Jul-24	£1,333.76
Ceramic workshop in Jingdezhen with Alex Simpson	Visual Art	Jul-24	£2,803.27
Salzburg Fine Art Summer Academy	Visual Art	Jul-24	£1,500.00
National Saturday Art Club Summer Show, London 2024	Visual Art	Jul-24	£700.00
Chinese Brush Painting Outdoor Workshop - Scottish Landscape	Visual Art	Jul-24	£193.75
Morris dancing tour of the Isle of Man	Dance	May-24	£4,745.00
JamFest Europe	Dance	May-24	£1,501.50
Rambert School of Ballet Junior Summer Course	Dance	May-24	£700.00
Textile artists - talk and workshop	Fashion	May-24	£131.60
Manx Litfest 2024	Festival	May-24	£3,500.00
Punk's Not Dead	Music	May-24	£1,691.20
Introducing Stage at the Rebellion Festival	Music	May-24	£1,750.00
Travel for various acts for Yn Chruinnaght Festival 2024	Music	May-24	£5,000.00
Rambert Ballet Summer Schools 2024	Dance	Apr-24	£700.00
Mad Daddy Tour (Manchester & Liverpool)	Music	Apr-24	£959.60
Total			£443,076.82

Culture Vannin

Culture Vannin's Annual Financial Statements and Report 2024-25 are online here: [Annual Reports | Culture Vannin | Isle of Man](#)

Culture Vannin's development work represents three full-time salaries, as well as a combined cultural development budget of £83,225 (2025: £80,464) covering Manx language, free translations service, Gaelic broadcasting, Manx music and dance, and online and educational resources.

Social media reach over 2024-25 financial year:

- **4,877,433** all-time views on our YouTube channels - **3.54% increase**
- **22,456** total Facebook likes and group members across accounts
52,700 people reached by our most popular post on Facebook (about Fairy Bridges)
9% increase in likes on our main Facebook page
- **2,847** Instagram followers - **16% increase**
- We started a TikTok account, which had gained **2,145** followers by the end of the financial year, with our most popular posts receiving **over 20,000 views** each – Storm Darragh in Peel; a Laxey folktale of the ghost rider of Abbey Cottage
- Over **11,673** listens on Bandcamp, with **51,950** total plays to date - **24% increase**
- **109,213** total plays on SoundCloud - **23% increase**
- 750,316 all-time views of our photos on **Flickr** – **34% increase**

Grants awarded during 2024-25 financial year

	£
Boydell & Brewer - <i>A New History of the Isle of Man</i> Vol 4 Parts 1&2	6,000
Cheumooie electronic music album and equipment purchases	1,000
Manx Language Research Group - Transcription and translation of audio for the Manx Corpus	3,000
Manx Litfest - 2024 festival and year-round events	4,000
Peel Carnival – Manx music and dance at August 2024 festival	875
Printing costs for book <i>52 Manx Things to Do</i>	750
Seafarer videos	1,500
Manx tune book	1,035
IOM Trad Music Weekend 2024	600
St Thomas's Church - 6 information banners for church	500
Manx FTMA - Manx music for TT Foodies Village	600
Bunscoill Ghaelgagh - Underwriting for Sniaghtey Bane play/musical	500
Manx Political Education Project	500
Mooijer Veggey - Possan Cloie venue hire, St Johns	1,500
Manx Folklore puppet workshop for children	1,116
Shennaghys Jiu - Celtic Festival Easter 2025	4,000
Davidson Blythe & Quayle - costs associated with 2nd album	1,500
The Sound of Mann children's concert	1,125
Archibald Knox Forum - Costs associated with "The Big Knox Event 2025"	2,512
Information boards for St Marks Heritage Trail	1,275
IOM Poetry Society - Booklet for Children's Poetry Trail	526
Arrane son Mannin - Ringfenced for song competition for Pan Celtic	675

Yn Chruinnaght - Inter-Celtic festival, July 2025	5,750
Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust - Great Laxey Mines Railways, new history and guide book	500
Rushen Silver Band - Celtic Connections CD Recording	2,000
IOM Fire and Folklore Festivals - Oie Voaldyn Manx May Fire Festival	2,500
Skeealyn Vannin preparation for Festival Interceltique de Lorient	3,044
Interpretation boards for Garey yn Ellan Ain	396