



Community Foundation North East

About the Edwin John Easydorchik Travelling Scholarship

Edwin John Easydorchik was born in Stannington, Northumberland, in 1949. After studying painting at Central School of Art and Design in London he was awarded the Sir James Knott Travelling Scholarship from the Royal College of Art, London. It allowed him to travel extensively in Italy. He returned to complete his Masters Degree at Newcastle University from 1973 to '75.

Edwin has built a very successful career as an artist having had 18 solo exhibitions and 80+ group exhibitions. He lives in Sydney, Australia and has a second studio in Beijing, China. The travelling scholarship and the opportunities he has had to travel was key to his career and he now wants to make that possible for other young artists.

How to apply and eligibility criteria

Please read this information carefully and ensure you meet the eligibility criteria, and you can provide all the requested information – applications that fail to do so will be rejected at assessment stage.

An annual scholarship of £4k will be awarded to a fine art graduate, aged under 25 years old and born in Northumberland, Tyne & Wear or County Durham to travel overseas for at least 3 months. This scholarship will not fund UK travel.

Alongside completing the online application form, please also upload a supporting statement. You should include details here about where you would like to go, how it will impact on your practice and a fully researched budget. We need to understand how this funding will make a difference and how else you will fund the activity. Priority will be given to applicants who have some of the funding in place already. Please tell us how you fund your artistic activities e.g. support from parents, part-time work, grant, loan, commissions etc.

You do not need to be living in the North East but if you are not, you must provide evidence that you were born here - a photo of your birth certificate is ideal.

You should also provide examples of your work, ideally as links but if files need to be sent separately, please use wetransfer and send to Jo Cundall: jc@communityfoundation.org.uk.

Finally, we need at least one reference.

Successful applicants will need to complete a monitoring report including evidence of travel and a detailed report (it is suggested a detailed diary be kept).

How are decisions made?

Decisions are made by a panel, including a former Sir James Knott trustee and a lecturer and artist