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### April 2023

### The Alan James Creative Bursary and Residency Programme

The EFDSS Creative Bursary and Residency Programme aims to support artists in exploring new creative ideas inspired by and sourced from traditional English folk music. This programme provides artists with an opportunity to undertake creative exploration without the pressure of a final product.

**The award** **offers**

* a bursary of up to £2,000,
* research facilities at the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library,
* and up to five days of rehearsal space at Cecil Sharp House (*bursaries can be undertaken remotely if rehearsing in Cecil Sharp House is not possible).*

Alan James was the former Chair of EFDSS who died suddenly in April 2019. In the spirit of Alan’s eclectic musical tastes and his ability to foster exciting artistic collaborations, we are particularly interested in receiving applications which explore English folk music in the context of cross-genre or cross-art form collaborations and explorations and welcome applications from all. English folk music must be the core element of the proposal. There are **four awards** to be made.

The award is aimed at artists with a track-record as professional creative artists. The bursary may be used to fund e.g. artists’ fees, travel and accommodation. Artists should be seeking research and development funding rather than additional funding for an existing project. Artists will have the opportunity to informally share the outcomes of the research and development at the end of their residency if they wish to EFDSS staff and invited guests in person or through audio/video recordings.

Previous bursary awardees have gone on to develop their R & D work further to produce material for recording and performance, and complete new shows including Angeline Morrisons’ The Sorrow Songs; Rowan Rheingans’ Dispatches on the Red Dress; and Sam Sweeney’s Fiddle: Made in the Great War (show/album). For past recipients go to <https://www.efdss.org/artist-development/artists/bursaries>

We particuarly welcome applications from artists of colour and disabled artists.

**Closing date for applications: Tuesday 30 May 2023.** Candidates informed by Thursday 6 July 2023. Bursaries to be completed by 29 February 2024.

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