

## About

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The Cultural Participation Fund promotes participation in culture. Everyone deserves the chance to be involved in culture in their own way. At school and in their leisure time. Cultural activities are fun, bring people together and make all of our stories visible.

Culture shapes everyone. We are all touched or influenced by culture. And vice versa: everyone, in whatever form, helps shape culture. That's why we provide subsidies for special cultural initiatives all over the Netherlands. From Zeeland to Groningen. From small to large. Across all disciplines.

We support projects in which participants produce their own beat, appear on stage, create the most beautiful products with traditional crafts, or form an orchestra with their class. Regardless of how diverse the manifestations may be, they all have one thing in common. The participants do not experience culture passively. They create, make, develop; they shape culture.

### **Who are involved?**

The Cultural Participation Fund collaborates with national government, the local authorities and the provinces, and stakeholders involved in cultural education, the amateur arts, popular culture, and cultural participation, such as sector associations and institutes, interest groups, and knowledge and research institutions.

### **Who is it for?**

The FCP is for everyone living in the Netherlands.

### **How can we help you?**

#### *Subsidies*

We have various subsidy schemes for cultural education (at schools) and cultural participation (in leisure time).

Not all schemes are open for applications all year long. New schemes may also be added throughout the year. Please consult our website for the current overview.

#### *Advice and inspiration*

Want to find out whether your project is in line with one of our subsidy schemes? We'd be happy to advise you. In our online magazine, we reveal the power of culture through interviews, commentaries and the stories of cultural creators.

### **When was the Fund established?**

The Cultural Participation Fund was set up in 2008 and has been in operation since 1 January 2009.

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