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This open competition marks the centenary of the birth of artist Anna Cheyne (1926 - 2002), and honours the outstanding achievements of her career. Anna, who was a resident of Lisburn, exhibited widely throughout Britain and Ireland, and from the 1980s participated annually in both t-Oireachtas and the Royal Ulster Academy exhibitions. In 1994 she achieved one of her life goals when she was appointed an Academician of The Royal Ulster Academy.

The award is funded by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.



Eligibility

The Anna Cheyne Visual Arts Award is open to practising visual artists working in any medium. Candidates must be aged **25 years or over** and either have been born in Northern Ireland, be a resident of Northern Ireland, or have parent(s) who were born in Northern Ireland.

Entry Procedure

An artist may submit up to two finished pieces of visual art in any medium. An official entry form must be submitted in advance detailing all submissions - **no works may be submitted without the completed entry form having been previously sent. The closing date for the receipt of entry forms is Mon 15 Dec 2025 by 1pm.**

A CV must be included, indicating, if relevant, previous awards obtained. If this information is not submitted applications will be disqualified. Please ensure the form is completed in block capitals to avoid incorrect information being listed.

Artworks must not exceed 800mm in their greatest dimensions i.e. length or breadth, inclusive of frame/mount/stand. All 2D works must be framed or presented to a normally acceptable standard (clip-on glass frames are not acceptable) and supplied with D rings for hanging. Only original and recently executed works are eligible and preferably not previously exhibited.

Submission Days

Mon 5 & Tues 6 Jan (9.30am-9pm) only.

Submissions, **clearly labelled** with the entrant's name and contact details, to be delivered to:

ISLAND Arts Centre
Lagan Valley Island
Lisburn, BT27 4RL

Collection of Submissions

Not purchased submissions must be collected on

**Mon 16 or Tues 17 Feb
9.30am - 9.30pm.**

If submissions are not claimed during these times, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council reserves the right to dispose of them without compensation to the owner.





Judging

Representatives from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland will judge the competition. The judges have the right to decide on any award, their decision is final, and no correspondence concerning the award can be entered into.

Submissions will be judged according to:

→ Originality → Creativity & Innovation → Quality of Execution

Any award-winning submissions will be purchased by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

Exhibition

ISLAND Arts Centre will host an exhibition of work submitted. Due to limits in space it may not be possible to include all submissions in the exhibition. ISLAND Arts Centre will facilitate the sale of submissions during the public exhibition period. All sales, including award winning pieces, will be subject to 25% commission plus VAT.

Exhibition Dates:

13 Jan – 14 Feb

ISLAND Arts Centre: **Galleries 1 & 2**

Opening Hours:

Mon – Fri	Sat	Sun
9.30am - 9.30pm	9.30am - 4.30pm	Closed

Awards Ceremony

The winning artist(s) will be announced at the exhibition preview on **Mon 12 Jan 2026, 7 - 9pm** at ISLAND Arts Centre.

Insurance

While all reasonable precautions will be taken, artists are strongly advised to insure their submissions for the period of the competition from the date of handing in to the date of collection.

Photography of Work

Submission of entries acknowledges the right of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to photograph work for publicity purposes in connection with the Anna Cheyne Visual Art Award. The copyright of all such photographs will remain the property of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council. Copyright of all artworks will remain the property of the artists.

Disclaimer

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed rules, conditions and regulations and to settle and determine all or any matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the competition, and also to refuse or to cancel any entries, disqualify competitors, prohibit exhibition of works, and relax conditions, as the Council may deem expedient. The decision of the Council shall be final in all respects.

Neither the Council nor any of its officers will be responsible or accountable for anything that may happen (from any cause or circumstance whatever) to any entry or property brought into the premises at ISLAND Arts Centre, or for anything else in connection with, or arising out of, or attributable to, the competition and exhibition. Each entrant shall be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss; injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from, any article exhibited by him or her, and shall indemnify the Council against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

Official Entry Form

Deadline for receipt is Mon 15 Dec 2025 by 1pm. (Maximum two pieces)

Entry Details		Description of Submission 1	
Name		Size of Artwork:	
Address		Retail Price (£stg):	
		Medium:	
Town		Description of Submission 2	
Postcode		Size of Artwork:	
Telephone		Retail Price (£stg):	
Email		Medium:	

I declare that the work submitted for the award was conceived and executed wholly by me.

I declare that I have read the rules of the award and agree to be bound by them.

Signature		Date	
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Please return to lisa-marie.denton@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

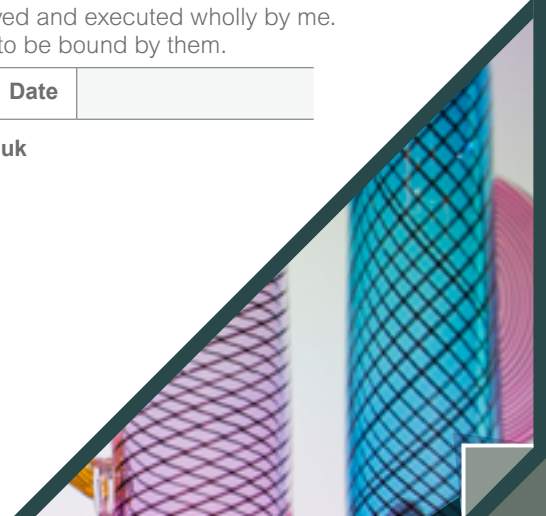
Frequently Asked Questions

What if my submission is sold during the exhibition?

You will be required to submit an invoice to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council. Please note that all purchases are subject to 25% commission plus VAT.

Does it cost anything to enter?

There is no charge for submitting work.





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