

How you can support AUE's Solidarity Fund

Artists' Union England Solidarity Fund was launched earlier this year to provide small grants to AUE members who are experiencing financial hardship.

The Solidarity Fund began making grants in August, from donations to establish a central fund. A crowdfunding campaign was also launched during the summer to raise further funding and to make the scheme sustainable.

How you can support and help grow the Solidarity Fund

All of the money raised on behalf of the Solidarity Fund is used to make small grants for the benefit of AUE members in financial distress.

Whether you are an AUE member or not, you can support the Solidarity Fund, helping to make it a sustainable and long-lasting resource for artists, by taking part in our Artist Sales promotion, selling artworks and donating 25% (or more if you wish) of the selling price to the Solidarity Fund.

To take part we recommend you choose small artworks. Prints, drawings and small paintings are ideal because they can be wrapped and posted at a relatively low cost. For example, to send a medium sized parcel, weighing under 1kg, to an address in the UK, using the Post Office will cost no more than £5.20.

Having selected the artwork(s) you want to sell, email solidarityfund@gmail.com an image or images along with details of medium, size and price. Don't forget to include your name, contact details and links to your social media accounts where your work is displayed.

Use the hashtag #AUEsolidarityFund when posting the artworks for sale to your own social media accounts. We will also promote your work using the Solidarity Fund Facebook page and Instagram, also using the #AUEsolidarityFund hashtag

Please note, while the Solidarity Fund will provide a 'shop window' to promote your work we are not acting as 'shopkeepers' and do not offer any e-commerce facilities. Therefore, when someone wants to buy the work you are offering for sale, the transaction takes place between you and the buyer.

Once you have successfully sold your work and received payment, to donate 25%, or more if you wish, of the sale to the Solidarity Fund use the Donate facility on AUE's website, entering the amount you are donating and using the 'Designate to' drop down menu to choose Solidarity Fund.

After making your donation please email solidarityfund@artistsunionengland.org.uk to let us know that you have made a donation and how much. This helps us to keep on top of administration and just as importantly to be able to thank everyone who has sold artwork, contributed to growing the fund and helping other artists.

Donations from all sales will go to the Solidarity Fund's central fund and will enable us to continue making regular awards of small grants to AUE members in need.