

Ask NAC! – Engagement Sessions for Arts Self-Employed Persons (SEPs)

(6 and 20 May 2021)

On 6 and 20 May 2021, the Arts Resource Hub (ARH) held Ask NAC Engagement Sessions for SEPs to offer clarification and support for any concerns they might have. The group sessions were hosted by D/C&SE Linda Dorothy de Mello and Senior Consultant, Chua Ai Liang.

Key topics addressed during the first session on 6 May included interest in the upcoming SEP Grant, other forms of grant support and work opportunities.

The focus of the second session on 20 May was on the revised <u>Safe Management Measures (SMMs)</u> which were announced in mid-May. The challenges of adjusting performances and class schedules to comply with the revised SMMs and the corresponding financial implications were raised, especially if SMMs were to continue. Some of the key clarifications on the SMMs include:

- Alignment between MOE and NAC SMMs. The positions of both organisations are aligned to suspend in-person classes for children 18 years and under, and NAC will defer to MOE's position for this age group.
- Proceeding with scheduled performances. Whether to proceed with a scheduled performance will need to be a business decision each organisation or individual needs to make for themselves, keeping in mind the SMMs for performers that need to be in place (e.g. remaining masked, maximum number of performers, etc.) and if this still makes the performance feasible.
- Timeline flexibility for funded deliverables. For productions that have been funded by NAC grants which might need to be delayed because of the prevailing situation, NAC will try to be flexible. Grant recipients who might have further queries can speak to their respective account managers to clarify.
- Notification process for digital productions. For digital productions, NAC will
 need to first be notified here on the SMMs being put in place, the production
 venue, performers, etc. No additional approval from NAC will be required to
 proceed with the production.



(1 April 2021)

On 1 April 2021, The Arts Resource Hub (ARH) re-launched the Ask NAC Engagement Sessions to provide our SEPs with an avenue to share their questions and find out more about the current slate of support and grant schemes for arts SEPs under the Arts and Culture Resilience Package (ACRP). The group sessions were hosted by D/C&SE Linda Dorothy de Mello and Senior Consultant, Chua Ai Liang.

Some key topics addressed during the session included income support, grants and NAC support for projects by SEPs, including the upcoming SEP Grant. Other topics covered include support for mid-career switches, the rental of spaces for artists and networking and collaboration opportunities for SEPs.

