

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
in partnership with AIB**

**Call for Collaborative Artist to work on an exhibition for
the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon**

June 2017

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, in partnership with Allied Irish Bank (AIB), is seeking expressions of interest from professional collaborative artists who are interested in engaging with a women's group from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County to select an exhibition programme for the Municipal Gallery at dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire.

We are looking for a visual artist who is experienced in working collaboratively, flexible in approach and responsive to the needs of the participants.

Project outline

The Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon (<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/municipal-gallery-dlr-baths-studios>) provides opportunities for people of all ages to learn more about the arts.

The Gallery hosts five exhibition programmes every year. Each involves the public in various ways; one of the programmes each year actively engages people from the selection stage. For example in 2015, a group of older persons from the County worked with artist/facilitator Claire Halpin to select an exhibition from the collection of the OPW.

In 2018 this show will be drawn from the AIB Collection where a group of women from the Women4Women network, working with the successful applicant, will select work from female artists from this large body of works.

It is envisaged that the artist will collaborate with the group from the end of October 2017 – February 2018 to develop an exhibition of artworks from the collection for an exhibition which will open in April 2018. The project partners require the successful applicant to record/document the project as it develops, for public dissemination.

The budget assigned for the artist to this project is €3,890, and this includes meetings with the group, meetings with the project partners and any other project fees as per breakdown below. Please note that the project budget is VAT inclusive. The appointed artist will be required to have Public Liability Insurance with cover of €6.5 million.

The exhibition will be project-managed by the Arts Office of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Arts Office, in consultation with AIB will be responsible for the installation, promotion and management of the exhibition.

Summary Timeline

Application deadline: 12pm Thursday 24 August 2017

Successful artist informed by: 14 September 2017

Research period for the artist: 18 September – 13 October 2017

Collaboration with the group: October 2017– February 2018

Exhibition opens: week of 2 April 2018

Project fees and breakdown

- 12 x 2hr sessions with the group: €1,200
- 6 x meetings (with project partners): €40 x 6: €240
- 2 days install of the exhibition: €175 x 2: €350
- 8 x days (to include feeding into print material, assisting with public engagement programme: €175 x 8: €1,400
- Research: €700
- Total: €3890

Applicants should note that payment/s will be processed through the PAYE (payroll) system for taxation purposes for individuals. (i.e. those who do not have a registered company).

Please apply in writing and include 3 hard copies of each of the following (email applications will not be accepted)*

- Curriculum Vitae with relevant experience clearly outlined
- An expression of interest clearly stating why you have applied and the relevance of the opportunity to your work to date. This proposal also needs to state your approach to the project and participants. (2 A4 pages in length maximum)
- Two written references (related to collaborative practice)
- Supplementary information that will support the application, for example short description of relevant previous projects and photographs/audio or visual documentation*

* Please note that supplementary information will not be returned to applicant (applicants should ensure that they do not send any unique or irreplaceable material).

Guidelines:

- Selection will be based on the written proposal, references and any additional supplementary material supplied.
- Applicants may be called to an interview if deemed necessary by the selection panel.
- Applications received after 12 noon on Thursday 24 August will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- Emailed applications will be deemed ineligible.
- Applications that do not include 3 hard copies as requested will be considered ineligible.
- The successful candidate may be required to complete Garda Vetting if engaging with persons that are deemed vulnerable under the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2013

Selection criteria and marking

- Experience of facilitating programmes which increase participation in the visual arts in community settings
(Marks will be awarded out of 40)
- Quality of relevant previous work
(Marks will be awarded out of 35)
- Knowledge of visual art
(Marks will be awarded out of 25)

Insurance

Please note that the successful applicant will be required to have Public Liability Insurance with cover of €6.5 million. Non-Vat registered service providers may be liable for Professional Services Withholding Tax. The successful applicant may be required to provide Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council with a tax clearance certificate prior to signing of contracts.

Freedom of Information

The provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1997-2003 apply to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Applicants should state if any of the information supplied by them is confidential or sensitive and should not be disclosed in response to a request for information under the aforementioned Act. Applicants should state why they consider the information to be confidential or commercially sensitive.

Support from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Arts Office will act as the liaison support between the successful applicant and the Women4Women Network in the start-up stage of the project and if further support is required during the lifetime of the project.

AIB Collection

Over 30 years ago AIB began collecting Irish art. The collection covers the period from 1880 to 2008 and now numbers more than 3,000 pieces by many of the country's finest artists. These include paintings, sculptures, tapestries, photographs, drawings, limited edition graphics, installation, DVD and Video. The emphasis, from the 1990's, was on buying works by living artists and this commitment to contemporary art became stronger with the passage of time until 2008.

AIB now has an extensive Lending Programme with artworks continuously on loan to public institutions including many branches throughout Ireland and the UK. In 2012 thirty-nine key artworks were donated to the State and these are now housed in the Crawford Gallery, Cork.

This exhibition will showcase works by many of the finest female artists from the Collection.

Women4Women

Women4women dlr is supported by Southside Partnership. It is a non-profit networking group for women with different life experiences and from different cultures living in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County.

They create and hold spaces where women from diverse backgrounds can meet, share and learn.

Through courses, workshops and International Women's Breakfasts the network promotes the empowerment and development of women and seek to influence decisions made in the county which affect their lives.

All queries to: mdavey@dlrcoco.ie or (01) 271 9528

(Site visits to the gallery space may be facilitated on request)

Applications to be sent to:

Máire Davey, Assistant Arts Officer - Participation and Learning

The Arts Office, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council,

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire,

Co. Dublin.

Deadline for applications is **Thursday 24 August at 12 noon**

* Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council reserves the right to extend the engagement of the selected artist. The Council also reserves the right to pursue a different selection process if applications are deemed unsuitable.

All opportunities are subject to funding received.