



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office

Musicians-in-Residence Scheme 2018

Guidelines for Applicants

Closing Date: Tuesday 8th May at 2pm

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office Musicians-in-Residence Scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council, and is managed by Music Network. Three residencies are offered in 2018: two for established musicians/groups and one for an emerging musician/group.

Aims and objectives:

The aim of the Musicians-in-Residence Scheme is to provide opportunities to develop and showcase new work which may be compositional and/or performance focused, i.e. to create a new work/body of material and/or to develop a new artistic collaboration. Throughout each residency, the cultural environment of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown will be enriched through engagement by the musicians with a broad demographic via presentation of a series of performances in the dlr LexIcon Studio and Library. The wider community will have an opportunity to gain an intriguing insight into the creative process through a regular online video diary created by each musician – a series of recordings where they talk about their progress throughout the residencies.

The primary objective is to provide opportunities for musicians to create and develop new work.

Additional objectives are to:

- create opportunities for musicians to showcase new work
- support career development through mentorship
- provide the public with an opportunity to attend high quality musical performances.

Who can apply?

- established and emerging individual musicians and groups
- musicians working in all musical genres.

N.B. applicants (including all members of a group) must demonstrate a strong connection to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, i.e. live, work, be originally from or have studied in, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

What does each residency involve?

The residencies will be part-time in format, taking place over a non-consecutive period of dates from June – September 2018.

Each Residency for Established Musicians/Groups provides:

- 15 development days in dlr Lexlcon Studio
- engagement with the local community through a series of exciting artistic offerings:
 - 2 public performances in dlr Lexlcon Studio
 - 1 short performance/Q & A Session in dlr Lexlcon library
- engagement with the wider community through a video diary – a series of approx. 60 sec video diary clips captured by mobile phone and made available online by Music Network at regular intervals throughout the residency
- musician development, through mentoring sessions with Music Network
- on day 15 of the residency – ½ day allocation to the creation of a professional video to document and showcase the creative outcome.

N.B. maximum available budget: €9,000 (VAT inclusive)

(N.B. Music Network will make technical arrangements for the creation of the video. €1k will be reserved from the above project budget to cover the cost of this.

The Residency for an Emerging Musician/Group provides:

- 8 development days in dlr Lexlcon Studio
- engagement with the local community through a series of exciting artistic offerings:
 - 1 public performance in dlr Lexlcon studio
 - 1 short performance/Q & A Session in dlr Lexlcon library
- engagement with the wider community through a video diary – a series of approx. 60 sec video diary clips captured by mobile phone and made available online by Music Network at regular intervals throughout the residency
- musician development, through mentoring sessions with Music Network.

N.B. maximum available budget: €5,000 (VAT inclusive)

Programme of Work:

The details of each Residency Programme will be agreed in consultation with Music Network, DLR Arts Office and the selected musicians. Music Network will supervise the programme and mentor the musicians throughout and DLR Arts Office will liaise with the musicians regarding logistical arrangements i.e. finalising dates for development work & performances.

Please note that for all residencies, flexibility will be required around days and times available, as the studio is a multi-disciplinary space.

Selection criteria:

- artistic quality and track record in music performance/composition (N.B. for emerging musicians, demonstrated potential will also be assessed) (45%)
- quality, coherence and feasibility of proposal (artistic plan, collaborating musicians, ideas on content and presentation of performances and library talk, audience engagement etc.) (30%)
- demonstrated ability in project & budget planning and management (15%)
- approach to documenting the creative process through video clips recorded throughout the residency (10%).

Application procedure:

Applicants must submit their application to Music Network by email to operations@musicnetwork.ie . Hard copy applications will not be accepted. Late applications will not be accepted. Closing date for applications: Tuesday 8th of May at 2pm

All of the following must be supplied for your application to be eligible:

1. an outline of your proposed programme of work including artistic ideas and approaches, the benefits of the residency to you at this stage of your development as a musician, a list of any collaborating musicians and suggested outlines for performance(s) and library talk (maximum 3 x A4 pages)
2. your CV (maximum 3 x A4 pages) including your connection to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
3. biographies of proposed collaborator(s) (maximum 1 x A4 page per collaborator)
4. links to 3 sample audio/video tracks (via dropbox, soundcloud or youtube): while professional standard recordings are not essential, these should reflect the artistic quality of your work, and ideally the artistic concept proposed
5. 1 min video clip (recorded on a mobile phone) which briefly outlines your goals and what you hope to achieve creatively during this residency
6. a detailed budget for your programme including proposed fees (for you and any proposed collaborator(s)/mentors) and other programme expenditure)

7. The successful candidate will be required to undergo Garda Vetting if engaging with persons that are deemed vulnerable under the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2013.

Additional supporting documentation may be provided at your discretion, such as:

- Publicity Photographs
- Selected press reviews.

Site Visit:

Musicians wishing to make a site visit to the dlr LexIcon Studio in advance of the submission date will be accommodated on 25th April 2018 at 5.45pm. Members of the DLR Arts Office will be available on the evening to answer any specific questions. To book a place please e-mail Carolyn Brown cbrown@dlrcoco.ie. Site visits will not be accommodated outside this time.

Assessment Procedure:

A panel will consider all applications received, and make decisions regarding residency allocations.

Notification of funding decisions:

Music Network aims to inform applicants about decisions in late May 2018. All notifications will be sent by email. *Please note that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council reserves the right not to appoint if none of the applications received are deemed suitable. In this instance Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council reserves the right to pursue a different selection process. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council also reserves the right to amend the number of residencies and/or the scheduling of the residencies in response to the submissions received.*

Feedback:

Feedback is readily available upon request where an application has been unsuccessful, for 4 weeks following communication of results. To request feedback, email Music Network's Operations Administrator on operations@musicnetwork.ie stating the title of your project and contact details.

PR, Marketing and Publicity:

Musicians will work together with Music Network and DLR Arts Office to promote the performances/library and to provide PR materials, as required:

- biographical material
- high resolution colour photographs in digital format
- programme information

Music Network and DLR Arts Office will promote residency activities through their websites, e-newsletters and social media.

All publicity materials (hard & soft copy) must carry the below line of acknowledgement and the following logos: DLR Arts Office, The Arts Council and Music Network, which Music Network will provide to awardees.

“Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office Musicians-in-Residence Scheme 2018”

For further information on Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office Musicians-in-Residence Scheme 2018, please contact:

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Appendix 1: Payments/Insurance/Child Protection/ Freedom of Information

Payments:

Payments to each Musician-in-Residence will be made by Music Network through a 3-stage process. Specified requirements must be met before payment is made at each stage. These and the accompanying payment schedule will be outlined at the initial meeting between the musician and Music Network.

Insurance:

Selected musicians agree to keep Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council fully indemnified against all claims howsoever arising and howsoever caused in respect of any damage, loss or injury of any kind or nature, whether arising directly or indirectly from the provision of the residency. Evidence of Public Liability insurance indemnifying the Council with an upper limit of €6.5 million will be required.

If selected musicians engage others to collaborate with during their residency they must also have Employer's Liability Insurance of €13 million in place which indemnifies Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. It is also their responsibility to ensure that collaborating musicians, engaged by them, have Public Liability cover of €6.5 million which indemnifies both Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the musicians.

Child Protection:

The successful candidate will be required to undergo Garda Vetting if engaging with persons that are deemed vulnerable under the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2013.

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 to a request for information under the aforementioned Act. Applicants should also state why they consider the information to be confidential or commercially sensitive.

Appendix 2: Background Information

dlr Lexlcon Library, Dún Laoghaire:

In autumn 2014 dlr Lexlcon, the new Central Library & Cultural Centre opened to the public. This iconic public building is a crucial part of a programme of regeneration in Dún Laoghaire. It includes a major commitment to provide public facilities and represents the single biggest investment by the Council in a civic amenity. dlr Lexlcon is a key component in the delivery of the cultural programme in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and its environs. It is a vibrant centre of learning and creativity for all those who live, work in and visit the county. It accommodates general reading rooms with a rich collection of some 80,000 books.

Arts Office:

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council supports the development of the arts at a local level and aspires to provide opportunities for all who live in, work in and visit the County to engage with the arts as creators, participants and spectators.

Since the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office was established in 1994, the County Council has developed a high quality programme including exhibitions, learning and participation initiatives, festivals, public art projects and artists' residencies.

The goals of the Arts Development Plan 2016 -2022 are:

Goal 1: Public – Engage and Inspire

Goal 2: Artists – Time and Space

Goal 3: Partners - Enrich and Strengthen

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