

dlr Primary Arts Programme

Call for creative practitioners 2023-24

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLR), in partnership with Blackrock Education Centre, is looking for four experienced artists/creative practitioners to work with children and teachers in the classroom setting.

We are also looking for two emerging artists/creative practitioners to join the programme. We are open to practitioners who work in any artform.

About the programme.

The purpose of the programme is to partner a Creative Practitioner with a primary school class and teacher. They will explore creativity in the classroom together. A Creative Practitioner is a professional artist/facilitator with an artform background, for example; a dancer, a visual artist, a writer, or a musician.

DLR's [Primary Arts Programme](#) started in 1994. We have partnered with Blackrock Education Centre since 2008 to deliver the countywide programme. We recognise that life-long learning has a positive impact for people. We also believe that early intervention helps address education inequality. Through our partnership with Blackrock Education Centre, we work to ensure that children have access to cultural education regardless of circumstances.

We expect the four experienced creative practitioners to have worked with children in a classroom setting before or on longer-term projects (not just once-off workshops). The emerging creative practitioners will be required to have worked with primary school aged children through the arts, but not necessarily on a longer-term project.

What will I be paid and when will the programme take place?

- The timeline for this programme is October 2023 – May 2024.
- Each creative practitioner will be paid for 24 hours in the classroom setting (these may be broken down as age appropriate by agreement with the artist and the class teacher. However, the hours cannot be used in less than a month as a block).

- The fees are €60 per hour for facilitation; with an additional €500 payment for research and €250 for blogging about the programme. Payments will also be available for coming to three scheduled meetings with all the artists and teachers during each project. Five meetings with the teacher outside of contact hours with the class will be paid for, if these are required (these can be phone meetings or in person).
- The two emerging creative practitioners will be expected to work with a mentor who will support and assist their development. We envisage that this will be four sessions, two in the classroom and two outside.

How do I apply?

Please email your application to mdavey@dlrcoco.ie with the subject line **dlr Primary Arts**.

Please include:

- For **experienced practitioners**, a Curriculum Vitae with details about your experience in a school or on longer-term projects.
- For **emerging practitioners**, a Curriculum Vitae with details about your experience working with children as an artist.
- One A4 page that outlines your interest in working in a primary school and how this opportunity will benefit your arts practice.
- Two referees (these should be related to your work in collaborative arts practice with primary school aged children).

You may also include:

- Examples of your work if that helps your application. These could be photographs, links to websites, videos or other items that will help us get a sense of your experience.

Any questions?

Contact Máire Davey, Assistant Arts Officer

Email: mdavey@dlrcoco.ie or telephone: 01 2362756

If you have any access needs to make an application, please let me know.

Deadline for applications: 12 noon 16 August 2023

How do we decide who is selected?

We use these criteria and marks to decide who will work on this programme. We invite an artist who has experience of working with children in schools to help us mark the applications.

- Experience of and interest in working with children through the arts in a school setting.
(Marks will be awarded out of 65)
- Previous artistic experience of the applicant
(Marks will be awarded out of 35)

Please let us know if you are a happy to facilitate in Irish.

Garda Vetting

Full Garda Clearance will be required for these opportunities. It is a legal requirement that everybody working with children, young people and vulnerable people are subject to Garda Vetting.

Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information Act 2014 applies to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. This Act gives people the right to request information held by public authorities and the right to have personal information held about them corrected or updated where the information is incomplete, incorrect, or misleading.

If you feel that any of the information you submit as part of your application is confidential or sensitive, you should let DLR Arts Office know. You must clearly state why you think the information is confidential or commercially sensitive, and why it should not be released as part of a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Data protection laws mean that your personal data should generally only be stored where there is a lawful basis, such as your consent, or where

there is a legal obligation. Any information you provide for this application will be held for a period of five years from the date you submit it and will only remain in the ownership of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office. DLR Arts Office will only use the information you give in your application administer and managing the Visual Art Commission, and selection process. You may withdraw your consent to the retention of the information relating to your application at any point by sending an email to arts@dlrcoco.ie.

If none of the applications submitted for this opportunity reach the minimum marks required, we may decide to look at a different way to deliver this programme.