

Arts and Inclusion Exploration Commissions 2021

With the onset of Covid 19, artists and arts organisations working in the Arts and Health and Arts and Disability sectors have been seeking ways to engage with participants and services to continue their practice. These two commissions with a budget of €5,000 each are aimed at supporting an artist/arts organisation who work or intends to work with people in either the field of Arts and Health or Arts and Disability in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County.

dlr Arts Office proposes to offer these commissions to allow an artist or an arts organisation the time, space and reflection to continue to find and develop new ways of forging their practice with some of our most vulnerable residents.

These opportunities are funded by the Arts Council and supported by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Brief

Exploration and engagement are at the heart of these commissions. The process of working with people in these sectors through the Winter of 2021 is of the utmost importance, and the experience for the artist/arts organisation and the participants is the central focus of these commissions; not a final or finished 'piece'. It is envisaged that any 'outcome/s' from these commissions will come entirely through this process rather than anticipated at the onset. dlr Arts Office is open to the form that these may take.

We are open to all art forms and the artist/arts organisation may wish to work with participants from any age profile - from babies to older people - in the County in the area of Arts and Health or Arts and Disability. The artist/arts organisation may wish to work with a newly formed group of participants or an existing group. These could be linked to a service in either the health or disability sectors in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County.

The fee is €5,000 per commission to include all expenses (VAT inclusive). The commissions must be completed by January 2022.

Application Procedure

Please apply in email to arts@dlrcoco.ie by the deadline, clearly marking the subject line as 'Arts and Inclusion Exploration Commission' with the following:

1. Curriculum Vitae/s of artist/arts organisation. Provide a C.V. with full details of prior relevant experience. This should outline experience of working with people and/or services in an Arts and Health or Arts and Disability context.
Supplementary materials may be provided.

2. Outline of approach: A statement (max 2 x A4 pages) outlining how the artist/arts organisation intends to further their practice with this commission opportunity. This description must include initial thoughts as to what potential participants may experience; we would like to get a sense of why they might like to get involved in these commissions. If appropriate, a letter of support from the potential participants/service would be welcome and will aid assessment. This statement must clearly demonstrate an understanding of working with in an Arts and Health or Arts and Disability context.

Late applications or applications that do not include all the above requirements will not be accepted.

Selection Criteria:

The following criteria will apply and be weighted accordingly:

- **Demonstrated experience** of working in a collaborative manner in an Arts and Health and/or Arts and Disability context through arts practice (Supporting documentation may be included). **70%**
- **Outline of approach to this commission.** This will be assessed on the basis of the statement included as per no. 2 above. **30%**

Timeline:

Call Out: Week of 24 August 2021

Closing Date for receipt of applications: Monday 20 September at 2pm

Successful applicants notified by: Friday 24 September

Commission to be completed by January 2022

Queries

Please email any queries to Máire Davey Assistant Arts Officer

Email: mdavey@dlrcoco.ie

GDPR:

All information provided for this application will be held in line with this Local Authorities Protection Policy and will remain in the sole ownership of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office. Information supplied in the application will only be used by dlr Arts Office and the Selection Panel for the purposes of administering and managing this particular Call Out. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to allow the Arts Office to share the application with the Selection Panel for the sole purpose of selecting the commission recipients. 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.

Insurance:

The selected artists/arts organisations 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 and to provide evidence of Public Liability insurance which indemnifies Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council with a limit of indemnity of €6.5 million.

Garda Vetting:

Full Garda Clearance will be a requirement for these commissions. It is a legal requirement that all persons working with children, young people and vulnerable people are subject to Garda Vetting. In accordance with national child protection policy, Children First National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children, awarded recipients working with children must have a child protection policy, proper procedures and a child safeguarding statement in place.

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 state why they consider the information to be confidential or commercially sensitive.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council reserves the right not to select if none of the applications received are deemed to be suitable. In this instance, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council reserves the right to pursue a different procurement process.