

Call for proposals: Art Commission, the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (dlr) invites applications for a commission for the creation of new artwork as part of the dlr Public Art Programme, connected to the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility located at Cabinteely Park (*see Appendix 1 for further information about the Grainstore*). The budget for the commission is €20,000 inclusive.

We are looking for an artist(s) or organisation with experience of working collaboratively and a flexible approach towards working with young people. We are open to a broad range of artistic disciplines, including visual arts, film, animation, digital arts, performing arts, sound art. We encourage collaborative/team proposals and a multi disciplinary approach within the parameters of the budget for this commission.

The outcome of the commission must be centred in the Grainstore and there should be scope for the wider public to share in this. In addition there must be some outcome that takes place in the Studio, dlr LexIcon. The outcome of the commission should take inspiration from young people's experience of the Grainstore. The selected artist(s) should engage directly with young people from the area. Following the selection process the Grainstore Manager will broker relationships with youth groups who may be relevant to the process. The Grainstore will provide spaces for workshops as support for the commission; days and times will be agreed with the Grainstore Manager.

A site visit will be arranged before the submission deadline. This will take place at 11.00am on Friday 6 October and interested applicants are encouraged to attend this. Please email grainstoreco@dlrcoco.ie to book a place for this.

Key objectives of commission

- Creation of new work
- Creative consultation with young people from the area
- Elements for interaction and public engagement with local audiences

The closing date for submissions is Thursday 2 November at 5.00pm

Budget information

The budget for the commission is €20,000 inclusive. This amount is to be fully inclusive of fee, expenses, all costs associated with the creation and exhibition/ showcasing of the work, insurance and VAT. There will be no rental cost associated with a performance or event taking place in the Grainstore/dlrLexIcon as part of the outcome of the commission.

Non-VAT registered service providers may be liable for Professional Services Withholding Tax. The successful artist will be required to provide Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council with a tax clearance certificate prior to signing of contracts.

Selection Process

Applicants are required to submit 4 copies of the following:

- **A typed curriculum vitae**, including the names of 2 referees who are familiar with the work of the applicant(s) (*maximum 3 typed pages*). If the application proposes working directly in a collaborative manner, at least one of the referees should be familiar with the applicants experience in the area.
- **A project proposal** for the commission, which should include:
 - an outline of the project - how the applicant proposes to approach it artistically
 - the format they envisage the engagement with young people taking and suggestions of a group(s) that they would be interested in engaging with;
 - details of a possible realisation or outcome of the project;
 - budget (including fees to the artist, all costs relating to the creation of the work, public engagement, insurance and VAT, if applicable, contingency).
- **Supplementary information** that will support the application, for example a short description of relevant previous projects examples/samples of previous work in published or visual form (e.g. books, video excerpts, photographs, DVD's)* or website links.

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

Please ensure that all submitted materials are clearly marked with the applicant's name and contact details.

Criteria for selection

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| ➤ Quality and originality of the project proposal | (35/100) |
| ➤ Demonstrated experience of working collaboratively with young people and members of the public | (30/100) |
| ➤ Quality of previous work | (20/100) |
| ➤ Demonstrated ability to develop, manage and deliver the project. | (15/100) |

Please note applicants will be short-listed on the basis of their submissions and short-listed applicants may be called for interview. The selection panel will comprise of representation from dlr Arts Office, dlr Public Art Steering Group, the Grainstore and an external with relevant artistic expertise.

Timeline for the commission

- Site visit for interested applicants: Friday 6 October @ 11am
- Deadline for submissions: Thursday 2 November @ 5pm
- Interviews for shortlisted applicants: Mon 11 or Tues 12 December
- Artist(s) appointed by: end-December 2017
- Commission to be completed by: October 2018

Submissions

- Applicants are responsible for the cost of delivering applications.
- Emailed or faxed submissions will not be accepted.
- Late submissions will not be accepted.
- All materials submitted should be clearly labelled with the applicant's name and contact details.
- All reasonable care will be taken with each submission, however Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council will not take responsibility for any loss or damage which may occur in transit, storage or packing.

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 have a tax clearance certificate prior to signing of contracts.

Garda Vetting

The successful candidate will be required to undergo Garda Vetting 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 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.

Submission of entries

Please send all submissions to:

dlr Arts Office, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

Clearly marked: Ref. Grainstore Art Commission

Deadline for submissions: Thursday 2 November @ 5pm

****Please take note of the following:***

- Submissions by email or fax will **not** be accepted.
- All materials submitted should be clearly labelled with the applicants name and contact details.
- Late submissions will not be accepted.

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

The commission will be jointly funded through Per Cent for Art funding generated by capital construction projects under the Department of the Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government Per Cent for Art scheme; and through Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office programme.

Appendix 1

Information on the Grainstore, dlr's youth arts facility

The Grainstore is a beautiful Grade 1 listed building situated in the heart of Cabinteely Park. Thanks to the hard work of parents living in the area, it was developed into a local youth arts centre and as it grew Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council took over programming the building. Under the support of the County Council, it has continued to evolve and is now a vibrant, thriving hive of youth arts activities.

"Local young people have found a home in the Grainstore, a supportive environment which encourages self-expression, creativity and empowerment."

For nearly 20 years, the Grainstore has provided a space for young people to be involved in serious play, artistic experimentation and risk-taking in a safe space. Young people who have taken part in projects and events at the Grainstore have described it as a place for:

"freedom, fun and friendship, self-expression and discovery, ...a space to be creative, to learn, to discover, ...a place where young people can express their talents , "a place of growth and arts, a place of togetherness."

" A place that can bring a whole group of young people together, where they can show support for each other and work hard to try and achieve great things."

Throughout the week, a diverse range of classes are available for young people to take part in and every Wednesday from 6-9pm anyone aged 13-25 is welcome to come to the Grainstore to take part in arts activities with Canvas. Wednesdays are kept free for young people to take over the Grainstore and develop their own vision of what the space should best be used for. The building itself includes a multipurpose hall with a sprung floor for dance, exhibitions, and performances etc., a large workshop space, a music rehearsal room, a media room, a recently refurbished state of the art recording studio, reception area and office.