

## **“We do not remember days, we remember moments”**

### **Moments that Matter Commission: Artists Brief**

LauraLynn Ireland’s Children’s Hospice, with support from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council’s Arts Office, is delighted to announce an artist’s commission focusing on families that avail of LauraLynns services.

This commission is designed to be responsive to families identified by LauraLynn. The aim is to show the beauty and connection within everyday moments in the lives of the families that attend LauraLynn’s Children’s Hospice Service. We are looking for professional artists/companies that work in one or more of the following areas: Visual Art, Dance, Theatre, Music, Opera, Musical Theatre, Physical Theatre, Spoken Word, Creative Writing, Circus Arts or Performance Art.

We are particularly interested in practitioners who work in a collaborative manner, are flexible in their approach and responsive to the needs of those involved.

This commission is funded by Creative Ireland and LauraLynn’s Children’s Hospice and supported by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

### **About LauraLynn**

LauraLynn Ireland’s Children’s Hospice (Laura Lynn) was formed in 2011 following the merging of the long-standing Children’s Sunshine Home and the LauraLynn Foundation. Its mission is to provide a Community of Care that delivers evidence-based, personalised services to children with palliative care needs, complex care needs and complex disabilities, while also providing family support services and a home to our residents where quality-of-life is paramount.

LauraLynn comprises LauraLynn Hospice Service – the only children’s hospice in the State - and LauraLynn Disability Service. All services are run from LauraLynn’s main campus in Leopardstown, Dublin 18.

LauraLynn’s Hospice Service provides specialised palliative care to children with life-limiting conditions, from across Ireland, as well as support to their whole family. It also offers a range of bereavement care, supports and events. In 2019, the service cared for 280 families, with another hundred families availing of its activities/events programme. Since opening, LauraLynn has cared for more than 460 children and their parents, brothers, sisters and wider family. In 2021 the service will be open 10 years.

Further details regarding the work of LauraLynn can be found on our website [www.lauralynn.ie](http://www.lauralynn.ie).

## **Brief**

The brief for this commission is to engage with families identified by LauraLynn and to explore the quotation "We do not remember days, we remember moments" (Cesare Pavese), in the context of families living with a child with a life limiting illness.

Exploration of the artform with the families using this theme is central to this commission. The process of working with the families is of the utmost important and their experience is the central focus of this commission; not a final or finished 'piece'. It is envisaged that an outcome from the commission will come entirely through this collaboration with the families.

LauraLynn will support the artist/s in the creation of this work to ensure that the families can navigate any issues that may arise.

The commission fee is €10,000 to include all expenses (VAT inclusive).

## **Application Procedure**

Please apply in email to [arts@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:arts@dlrcoco.ie) by the deadline, clearly marking the subject line as LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice Commission with the following:

- Curriculum Vitae/s of lead artist and collaborators (if relevant)
- A proposal in response to the commission brief (max word count 1,500). This should include details of how the applicant(s) will approach the process, with particular emphasis on the engagement with families.
- 3 examples of relevant artistic projects in support of proposal
- Budget breakdown
- Timeline outlined

***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:

- Quality and creativity of artistic proposal 40%
- Evidence of working in a collaborative manner with the general public through arts practice 35%
- Feasibility of proposal 25%

## **Timeline:**

Call Out: Week of 1 December 2020

Closing Date for Queries 5pm, 15 January 2021

Closing Date for receipt of applications: 5pm, 30 January 2021

Assessment Period: Week of 10 February 2021

Successful applicants notified by: Week of 17 February 2021

Commission to be completed by mid July 2021

## **Queries**

Please email any queries to Máire Davey Assistant Arts Officer

Queries relating directly to LauraLynn will be forwarded for comment by LauraLynn staff and returned by dlr Arts Office

Email: [mdavey@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:mdavey@dlrcoco.ie)

## **Insurance**

The selected artist/s agree to keep LauraLynn Children's Hospice 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 LauraLynn Children's Hospice with a limit of indemnity of €6.5 million. It is the responsibility of the selected artist/s to ensure that other person(s) not employed by LauraLynn Children's Hospice, but employed by the artist/s

to assist them with the commission have adequate Public Liability (€6.5 million) and Employer's Liability (€13 million) cover which indemnify both LauraLynn Children's Hospice and the artist.

## **Garda Vetting**

Full Garda Clearance will be a requirement for this commission. 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.

*We reserve the right not to allocate funding and/or to allocate partial funding. If no applications are deemed suitable by the selection panel we reserve the right to follow an alternative procurement process.*

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