

dlr Lexlcon
Visual Art Commission 2018-19
Closing Date: 19th of October 2016 at 12 noon

Open Submission Brief

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council wishes to commission two visual artists to create a new body of work which will culminate in an exhibition (by each artist) in the Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexlcon.

Commission Details

The theme of the commission is to create a new body of work that is responsive to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County. Applicants are invited to engage with the geographic, cultural and/or social context of the area.

Two artists will be selected by way of an open submission selection process. Each artist will be paid a commission of €10,000 and will be given an agreed period of time of at least 1 year to undertake the commission. The resultant artworks will be displayed in the dlr Lexlcon Gallery over a five to seven week period (including installation and take-down), in 2018 or 2019 at dates mutually agreed by the selected artist and the dlr Arts Office. The number of artworks to be included in the exhibition will be agreed between the commissioner and the artist prior to the signing of contracts. The artist must take into account the exhibition space and must create a body of work suitable to that context. Please refer to the gallery policy (www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/gallery-policy) for further details about our programming priorities.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from artists who are living in, working in or originally from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown or who have studied visual art in the county.

This opportunity is open to individual artists or artists who work in a collaborative manner. Applications for group shows will not be considered.

The body of original artwork must be responsive to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County. The Gallery Learning Programme is central to all exhibitions in dlr Lexlcon Gallery, selected artists must be open to having their work mediated for a general public audience. The selected artists will also be required to take part in the Gallery Learning Programme as part of the overall commission.

Artists who have been commissioned to create new work by dlr Arts Office in the last five years are not eligible to apply for this opportunity.

What we offer:

- Artist commission*
- Marketing material and PR
- Technical assistance for install
- Exhibition Launch
- Gallery Learning Programme
- Curatorial support during installation if required
- Insurance of the artworks while on site. On occasion an artwork may be deemed to fragile to be covered by dlr's insurance, in this case the artist may insure it themselves or remove it from the exhibition.

** Please note that this amount is to be fully inclusive of fee, transport of artworks (including insurance while in transit) display or framing costs, expenses, insurance and VAT. Installation costs and marketing expenditure will be met by the Commissioner. The commissioned artists will be required to have Public Liability Insurance with cover of €6.5 million and a specific indemnity to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.*

Learning Programme

dlr Arts Office strives to create opportunities for the general public to engage with the arts, as creators, participants and spectators. The Gallery Learning Programme forms an integral part of each exhibition in the Municipal Gallery and is intended to develop and enhance opportunities for audiences to view and experience high quality art.

Mediation opportunities may include, but are not limited to, workshops, demonstrations, talks and screenings. Applicants must be open to the mediation of their work to the general public and specific audiences as decided by dlr Arts Office. This includes clear labelling of all works and inclusion of a mediation panel in plain English written by dlr Arts Office. Selected artists are required to be involved in an element of the learning programme up to a maximum of 10 hours. This could include participation in the Artists in Conversation Series, one tour of their work and/or an artist's workshop. These commitments are included in the overall commission fee of €10,000.

Facilitated Gallery Visit for interested applicants

The Arts Office will host a site visit to the Gallery on Thursday 22nd of September at 6.30pm to introduce the space and answer any specific questions. To book a place for this, please email Carolyn Brown at cbrown@dlrcoco.ie. Facilitated gallery visits cannot be accommodated outside of this time.

The Gallery

The Gallery consists of two spaces: Gallery 1 is 22m x 5.9m x 3.335m high and Gallery 2 is 4.65m x 5.75m (average dimensions as room is not square) by 3.5m high. Lighting is a mix of wall washers and spotlights. Gallery 1 has no natural light; Gallery 2 has a full length window which may be blocked off by way of a timber screen. Power points are set into the gallery floor. There is one projector which is set into the ceiling in Gallery 2 and projects onto the back wall of the gallery. 2D works may be no larger than 2200mm high x 2250mm wide. 3D works may not exceed a weight of 730kg per metre squared. Artworks may not be hung from the ceiling or screwed to the floor. The Gallery is un-invigilated, thus artists are advised not to exhibit artworks of a delicate nature unless they are to be displayed in locked plinths (a limited number of which can be provided by the Arts Office).

Proposals & Selection Process

Applicants may only submit one application

Applicants are required to submit four copies of the following:

1. A typed curriculum vitae (this should state your connection to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown);
2. An outline of the proposed approach to the commission. Please include as much detail as possible at this stage, as to material, scale and suggested exhibition layout, you may include sketches;
3. A short description of previous work (max 150 words), if appropriate;

Applicants are required to submit one copy of the following:

4. Examples of previous work (no more than 20 images in total). Each image should include the title, its dimensions, the material/medium, the date and your name. This should be submitted either as print-outs, such as photographs, or digital files in J-peg format on CD Rom. Videos must be submitted on CD Rom. YouTube, Vimeo links etc. may also be included with C.V. Please supply direct links to any pages/sites you wish the panel to view and a brief explanation (max 50 words) of what will be viewed. All digital supporting material should be PC/Microsoft Office compatible;
5. Publications, catalogues, press reviews (max of 4)



Selection criteria

Applications will be adjudicated by the Arts Office and independent adjudicators with arts expertise. The decision of the selection panel is final.

Submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Suitability of outline proposal to the brief and gallery context (40/100)
- Quality of previous work (40/100)
- Experience of delivering projects/commissions within set budgets and timelines (20/100)

Summary Timeline

Facilitated Gallery Visit: Thursday 22nd of September at 6.30pm

Deadline for receipt of applications: Wednesday 19th of October at 12 noon

Successful applicants informed by: End of December 2016

1st Commission Exhibition: 2018

2nd Commission Exhibition: 2019

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.

Submission deadline

The deadline for receipt of Proposals to the Arts Office is

12 noon on Wednesday 19th of October 2016

Please send applications as hard copy only to:

Carolyn Brown Assistant Arts Officer, The Arts Office, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, to arrive by the deadline stated above.

Email submissions will not be accepted.

Please note that applications will not be returned and applicants should ensure that they do not send any unique or irreplaceable material as part of their application.

Background Information

dlrLexlcon, Dún Laoghaire

In autumn 2014 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.

The library includes a public 'living room' floor overlooking a beautiful new park; this floor accommodates informal access to a taster collection, the Internet, newspapers and magazines. In addition there are extensive resources for the local community and a dedicated suite for young people. The Municipal Gallery is on this level also. The main lending library includes a state of the art children's library and caters for the varied needs and interests of all children. It plays a pivotal role of support for the Primary and Post Primary Schools in the County. The top floor in the building is dedicated to Local Studies, recording the history and heritage of the county. It also acts as a repository for the county's extensive local history collection. The room for the writer-in-residence is on this level.

The Council has a long and rich tradition of cultural provision in the county. dlr Lexlcon has further developed its reputation as an area rich in artistic activity and continues to increase access to the arts for the general public. dlr Lexlcon provides a unique opportunity for local art, heritage and cultural groups to showcase their work to a broader audience at a high quality, purpose-built venue. A multi-purpose performance space adjacent to the café seats approx. 100 people.

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.

Key priorities identified are:

- Participation in the arts for all, in particular children, young people, older people and dlr's local arts community.

- The encouragement of opportunities for the creation and showcasing of work.
- That all activities will offer opportunities for further learning and engagement.
- Advocacy for the development of the arts at local level.

For further information

Please contact Carolyn Brown, e-mail: cbrown@dlrcoco.ie or phone (01) 236 2760
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.

These commissions are jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council.