



Wexford County Council

Per Cent for Art Commission

M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme

THE BRIEF:

Wexford County Council under the Per Cent for Art Scheme invites submissions for three public art commissions valued at €20,000 each.

These three commissions will be awarded under a Two Stage Open Competition to take place Sept 2018 – Sept 2019.

The focus of these commissions are on **socially engaged and/or co-authored artistic productions** which involves professional artists producing work in collaboration with local communities of place or interest. The work must respond to the local context in a meaningful way and take place over a period of time.

The commission can be in **any art form** or combination of art forms i.e. Visual art, film, writing, theatre, music, sound, traditional arts and must involve a public artistic output at the end. This output could be a performance, exhibition, book, film screening, reading, sculptural installation etc. where members of the public and local communities can be involved and/or attend.

The proposal can be submitted on behalf of a single artist or arts collective. This can be from artists working in a single art form or across disciplines or art-forms.

The focus of the commission is on the creation of new and original artwork(s) and/ or events that involve meaningful collaboration with local communities. Experimental ways of working with communities of place or interest is actively encouraged as is innovation and excellence in artistic practice.

Artists are not expected to have identified a community partners or host at Stage One of the application process. In Stage Two the shortlisted artists will fully develop their proposals and Wexford Arts Office and the Municipal District managers will assist them in making contact and establishing relationships with people from existing community groups, arts organisations, voluntary groups and individual in the areas identified in the brief.

The areas identified in the brief are **Enniscorthy and Gorey Municipal Districts** which are the districts most affected by the new M11 By pass. The three €20,000 commissions will take place in Enniscorthy and Gorey Districts, in the areas and communities along this route. See Supplementary Information and Map in Appendix.

Artists are invited to consider the social, environmental, historical, and the particular rural/urban contexts in their research for these proposals.

The value of each commission is €20,000 including VAT. This amount is fully inclusive of all costs including fees to the artist/arts group, any necessary research, production/realisation, insurance, documentation and VAT.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Stage One - An Open Call: Expression of interests are invited from artists, including artists groups.

Stage one requires the following:

1. **Completed application form and checklist.**
2. **CV** (max 3 pages)
3. **A statement of Interest** i.e. initial thoughts on how you would approach the commission from an artistic and community engagement point of view. This is not a proposal. (500 words max).
4. **Examples of previous art work** 5-6 relevant examples of your previous work with one separate page clearly listing: medium, context, year, etc.

Selection Criteria for Stage One

- Quality of the artists previous work and track record or demonstration of artistic potential
- Demonstrated ability to work with communities or potential.
- Innovation and new ways of thinking and engagement.

Closing date for submission: Thursday 27 September 2018 by 4pm.

Online applications only.

Email application to: lisa.fortune@wexfordcoco.ie

All four documents must be collated into one PDF document (Max size 10 MB)

Stage Two – Detailed Proposal

Stage Two will comprise of a limited competition with up to ten artists shortlisted from Phase One invited to develop proposals for the commission. Each will be paid €700 on completion and presentation of proposal. The Arts Office Enniscorthy and Gorey municipal districts managers will host an information meeting for the shortlisted artists the week 22-26 October 2018 - providing them with an overview of the local context. It is envisaged this meeting will help the artists shape and respond to the brief at this stage.

TIMELINE

- **Deadline Stage One : Thurs 27th Sept 2018 (All artists notified by 12 October)**
- **Deadline Stage Two Proposals: 30th Nov 2018.**
- **All Artists notified by 10 Dec 2018.**
- **Commissions to take place : Jan – Sept 2019**

Selection Panel

A selection panel will include nominees from Wexford County Council: Arts Office, Municipal Districts, artists /public art curators and community representatives.

Selection Process:

- Commission procedures are in line with Wexford County Councils Public Art Policy 'People, Time and Place' (2010) and 'Public Art: Per cent for Art; General National Guidelines' (2004).
- The application process is designed to be as 'artist friendly' as possible.
- Worked up proposals are not sought for Phase One of the commission process.
- Shortlisted artists for Phase Two will be resourced and paid a fee of €700 for proposal development.

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