

## Criteria for Assessment

### Venues and Organisations Criteria for Assessment

- All previous conditions of funding are fully and satisfactorily met.
- Quality of artistic programme
- Evidence of Strategic Development
- Accessibility for diverse audiences and participants in terms of location, cost, people with additional needs and young people;
- Demonstrated commitment to growing and diversifying audiences and deepening public engagement;
- Significant contribution to artistic and professional development of artists;
- Contribution to the professional development of local artists

### Festival and Events Criteria for Assessment

- All previous conditions of funding are fully and satisfactorily met.
- Festivals and events for which arts activities are at the core of their programme.
- The potential for the project to stimulate public interest in the arts; promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or assist in improving the standards of the arts.
- Supports the festival or event to engage professional artists (all artforms) including local artists where appropriate.
- The applicant can demonstrate that there is a need and demand for the festival or event.
- The applicant can demonstrate that the festival or event has clear aims and objectives, is well planned, publicised and managed and represents value for money.

### Terms and Conditions

- **Governance:**
  - If the organisation is a Company Limited by Guarantee it must be in compliance with the Companies Act 2014.
  - If the organisation is a charity, it must be registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority.
- Demonstrate sound financial management. Audited accounts must be provided where grants are in excess of €10,000.
- Assistance will be given only in respect of specific activities commencing after January 2017 and not towards the payment of past debts. Payment of grant aid will be made on receipt of written acceptance of a grant offer and on agreement of a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Recipients of grant aid must acknowledge the sponsorship role of Sligo County Council by including the Sligo County Council crest and logo on all websites, brochures, posters and programmes. Failure to acknowledge the council's sponsorship role may result in the withdrawal of any grant offer.
- All funding applications are considered on an annual basis.

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## Appeals

- Feedback will be provided only on written request. Requests for feedback and appeals must be made in writing no later than 14 days subsequent to an offer or rejection of the application. Appeals will be dealt with within two months.
- Sligo County Council is subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 1997, 2003. If you consider that any information supplied by you is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, this should be highlighted and the reasons for sensitivity specified. In such cases, the relevant material will, in response to an FOI request, be examined in the light of the exemptions provided for in the Acts.