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**Creative Sligo Open Call 2022**

**Introduction**

Sligo’s five-year strategy 2018 - 2022 aligns with the Government’s initiative in placing creativity at the centre of public policy for the first time, and in encouraging and supporting greater access to and participation in creativity, to improve the wellbeing of all citizens. It will foster better and more innovative collaboration between the public and private sectors, and between artists, creatives, and the wider community; to empower and enable every person living in Sligo to have the opportunity to realise their full creative potential.

# The Creative Ireland Values in Sligo

Culture and Creativity in Sligo will be guided by the Creative Ireland values of *Collaboration, Communication, Community, Participation, Inclusivity and* *Empowerment*, which have specifically informed the development of the County’s Strategic Priorities for the period 2018-2022. These values reflect the necessary ingredients of a successful and sustainable cultural and creative sector and the wishes of all stakeholders, as explicitly expressed through their engagement with Sligo County Council in developing this strategy.

## Collaboration

## Public engagement and consultation identified an appetite for collaboration in designing and delivering new projects and programme-based activities, sharing resources and facilities, and creating new opportunities for creative partnerships and alliances. Fostering and supporting opportunities to engage and collaborate across a wide range of cultural and creative sectors will form the pillar stone upon which the strategy for culture and creativity in Sligo will be realised.

## Communication

## The rich extent of creatives and artists who live and work in County Sligo together with the desire of individuals and communities to engage with them, has emphasised the need to increase awareness and connectivity between sectors. Establishing networks, improving lines of communication, and generally increasing awareness of the opportunities to engage with communities and creatives will be a priority for the coming period, and will lead to an enhanced cultural life and experience for residents of the County.

## Community

Communities are at the heart of culture and creativity in County Sligo in terms of audiences, participants, gatherings of creatives and in the sharing of experiences and resources. The capacity and willingness of communities to engage in delivering cultural opportunities will determine the success of the Strategy in reaching target audiences throughout the County. Communities will be supported in accessing, creating, and delivering cultural activities for the benefit of all, in partnership with other stakeholders.

**Participation**

The vitality of Sligo's cultural and creative sector is enriched where participation is fostered. Facilitating greater access and public engagement with culture, in all its forms, will be encouraged by addressing key factors such as economic, social, physical, and geographical disadvantage.

**Sligo County Council’s Creative Ireland Open Call** is an opportunity for community groups and individuals to apply for funding in order to collaborate with creatives and artists, to work with communities / places of interest / latest technologies in realising the vision of Creative Ireland i.e., to enable creativity in every community and to provide an opportunity for each individual to realise their full creative potential.

Applications for funding are invited for projects which will take place from May to 14th October 2022.

Funding will be divided into two categories:

* Category A) €500 - €1,000
* Category B) €1,001 - €5,000
* Category C) €5001 - €10,000

Funding applications may be submitted to support the following Culture and Creativity themes:

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| * Creative Innovation
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| * Climate Action in the Community
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| * Support for Creatives
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| * Landscape: Culture and Natural Heritage
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The following criteria must be clearly met in order to qualify your project for consideration:

* The quality of the project and the collaborative nature of the proposal.
* Collaboration must include creatives and/or artists working in conjunction with communities / places of interest / latest technologies.
* The ability to align with and deliver the vision and priorities of Sligo’s Culture and Creativity Strategy.
* The unique nature of the project proposed.
* The benefit to professional artists and creatives community.
* The ability to deliver the project in 2022.
* Clear governance and structure of collaborative arrangement.
* The extent to which the proposal builds awareness of and supports ***Pillar II of the Creative Ireland Programme - Enabling Creativity in Every Community.***

Successful applicants must ensure that the **Creative Ireland Programme** and/or the **Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht** are publicly acknowledged in all publicity

* Traditional Media Press Releases and Interviews
* Social Media Content
* All Advertising

in relation to any proposals funded under this initiative with appropriate use of relevant logos as provided.

Where proposals involve work or activity that involve contact with children or relate to the provision of educational, research, training, cultural, recreational, leisure, social or physical activities to children, local authorities must ensure that applicants are informed of their obligations and ensure that their Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy complies with national and/or local guidelines**.**

**Tax Requirements**

Applicants who apply for funding to this Creative Sligo Open Call do not have to be registered for tax purposes. If the applicant is registered for tax purposes, then they are required to be tax compliant. In line with revised tax clearance procedures, which came into effect in January 2016, the Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference number must be submitted to the local authority for verification purposes. VAT should only be paid where it is included in the proposal.

**\*Creatives:** This denotes anyone working within a creative industry/sector, including craft, design, fashion, architecture, film, photography and food.

**All monies granted in this call must be drawn down and all claims submitted by October 31st 2022.**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Please complete ALL sections of the application.**

**Please read the Criteria for Assessment and make reference to them in your answers.**

**FUNDING CATEGORY FROM CREATIVE SLIGO**

Funding may not be used to support pre-existing proposals, or for any other purpose unrelated to the above programmes. You may only apply for one Category of Funding.

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Amount sought

**Please Tick One Category**

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| **Category A****€500 - €1,000** |  | **Category B****€1,001 - 5,000** |  | **Category C****€5,001 - €10,000** |  |

**Describe your organisation: What is its status and structure? (e.g. Co. Ltd. by Guarantee, Registered Charity, Voluntary, etc.) Please include governance and staffing/executive structure.**

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| Organisation:  |  | Contact Person: |  |
| Address: |  | Telephone: |  |
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**Governance/Committee**

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| Committee Member Name:  | Position, Role, Skills or Duties: |
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**Bank Details**

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| Name of Bank: |  | Bank Sort Code: |  |
| Address of Bank: |  |
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**Describe your Institution/Group and in particular the collaborative element with Communities in County Sligo.**

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**The Project**

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| Name of Project: |  |
| Location: |  |
| Date(s)/Duration: |  |

**Creative Ireland Sligo**

Which of Sligo County Council’s Culture & Creativity themes or priorities best suits your project, please select only **ONE**?

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| 1.Creative Innovation |  |
| 2. Climate Action |  |
| 3.Support Creatives |  |
| 4.Landscape: Culture and Natural Heritage |  |

**Project Description:**

Tell us about the project. In doing so outline how it came about, what it hopes to achieve, who is involved, how it is organised, how it meets the assessment criteria of the scheme.

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**Please provide details if elements of this project are already being supported through any of Sligo County Council’s funding streams or through other sources of funding or sponsorship (Arts Council, Sligo LEADER etc.)**

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**Disclaimer**

It will be a condition of any application for funding under the terms and conditions of the Sligo County Council Creative Ireland Open Call that the applicant has read, understood, and accepted the following:

1. Sligo County Council shall not be liable to the applicant or any other party, in respect of any loss, damage or costs of any nature arising directly or indirectly from:
2. The application or the subject matter of the application.
3. The rejection for any reason of any application.
4. Sligo County Council shall not be held responsible or liable, at any time in any circumstances, in relation to any matter whatsoever arising in connection with the administration of activities. In respect of monies provided by Sligo County Council, the council does not undertake the role of ‘Client’ or ‘Employer’ as defined in the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.
5. By submitting an application, applicants agree to the processing and disclosure of the applicant’s information by Sligo County Council, and to other third parties if required, for Fund administration, reporting, evaluation, and audit purposes; and successful applicants’ further consent to the disclosure of this information (e.g., name of successful applicant, amount of award, event details, etc.) by these parties in connection with the marketing or promotion of the Fund. Sligo County Council and the Department of Arts, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht are parties to a Memorandum of Understanding which reflects the terms of the arrangement between the parties and all such parties agree to employ appropriate measures to keep applicants’ data safe and secure; to prevent its unauthorized or accidental disclosure, access, or alteration; and to ensure that personal data will be processed only in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Data Protection legislation.

**The following marking criteria will be applied -**

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| **Criterion A** |  | **Maximum Marks** |
| **Quality of the project** **and the collaborative engagement between Creatives and Communities** |  | 200 |
| **Criterion B** |  | **Maximum Marks** |
| **Alignment of the project with the Culture and Creativity Themes as outlined** |  | 200 |
| **Criterion C** |  | **Maximum Marks** |
| **The unique nature of project submitted** |  | 200 |

**SENDING YOUR APPLICATION**

**Please also** submit your application form, **by email, if possible, marked in the Subject Box: *Creative Sligo Open Call: 2022*** tocreativeireland@sligococo.ie

**CLOSING DATE: 4pm, 14th April 2022.**

**LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**Only one** **copy** of supporting material is required.

**The following can be emailed:**

* Letters of support are required where partnerships, communities or other organisational supports are listed under programme or income.
* If your organisation, event, or activity involves working with people under 18 years of age, you must include a copy of your organisation’s Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy.
* Publications / press material from your previous activities, limited to the past two years
* CV’s / biographical information about artists / curators /performers / facilitators whom you plan to engage for your programme.

**Note: If you post material you wish to have returned, please include an appropriately sized, stamped, addressed envelope with your application and indicate those items you wish to have returned.**

For further information, please contact, creativeireland@sligococo.ie

Download the [Sligo Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022](https://www.sligococo.ie/corporateplan/Sligo%20Culture%20%26%20Creativity%20Strategy.pdf) available on Sligo County Council website.