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COUNTY COUNCIL
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SLIGO ARTS SERVICE - CALL FOR ARTISTS (ALL ART FORMS)

Sligo County Council Arts Service will create a new Artist Panel for the lifetime of the new County Sligo Arts Plan 2020-2025.

Artists wishing to work in **Arts Participation** contexts including Arts + Health, Arts and Older People, Arts and Education, Arts

and Communities and Cultural Diversity, across all art-forms, are invited to apply. There will be two panels.

1. Experienced Artists 2. Emerging Artists

Arts participation is a core value across all areas of the work of Sligo Arts Service, aligning with The Arts Council of Ireland's understanding of arts participation 'to include a broad range of practice where individuals or groups collaborate with skilled artists to make or interpret art. The practice involves a mutually beneficial two-way engagement that nurtures and values the different ideas, experiences and skills of all involved.' See <http://www.artscouncil.ie/Arts-in-Ireland/Arts-participation/Overview/>

Criteria

- **Experienced artists** must have a track record of a **minimum of three years professional practice** in any art form in Arts Participation.
- **Emerging artists** must demonstrate an interest in Arts Participation. Some evidence of engagement to date is desirable but not essential.
- **Emerging artists** must be willing to work alongside an experienced artist for a period of time.
- Artists must demonstrate a commitment to **Arts Participation** and to enhancing the lives of participants through arts practice.
- Artists must be willing to keep informed about current practice and to work in **partnership** with health practitioners, teachers and community leaders.
- Artists should demonstrate that they combine a sense of **fun, joy and collaboration** with **professional dedication** and high **artistic vision**.
- It is essential that successful applicants undertake **child protection/vulnerable adult training** and undergo Garda vetting by Sligo County Council before taking up project placements.

In addition to opportunities to work on Arts Participation projects, artists on the panel will also be informed of training and other artist supports and opportunities offered by Sligo Arts Service during the period 2020-2025. The panel will also have the opportunity to apply to the Teacher Artist Partnership (TAP), an initiative of the Department of Education & Skills and Creative Ireland, delivered by Sligo Education Centre in primary schools in Sligo.

How to Apply

Expressions of interest should be emailed to Sligo County Council Arts Office in the form of a short letter of max 600 words, accompanied by a CV or short bio with links to images or samples of relevant work. The letter should set out:

1. A brief description of your training and practice.
2. Why you might wish to work in **Arts Participation**, with reference to previous similar work if applicable.

Sligo Arts Service will shortlist applications. Successful artists will be invited to a short interview in City Hall in early January 2020.

For further information, telephone

Catherine Fanning (Arts & Health Co-ordinator) 086 842 4969 or Rhona McGrath, Sligo Arts Office 071 911 4466

Expressions of Interest must be **emailed** to arts@sligococo.ie by **Wednesday 11th December 2019** with the subject '**Artist Panel 2020-2025**'

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