



Offaly County Council

Creative Ireland Community Project – call for applications 2017

1. Introduction

Offaly County Council, with financial support from Creative Ireland, seeks to award two grants of €2,500 to communities working with artists to explore and present aspects of Offaly's heritage through art.

Heritage can include any of the following **monuments, archaeological objects, heritage objects including archives, architectural heritage, flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, landscapes, geology, heritage gardens and parks, inland waterways, folklore and local history.**

This is a multi-disciplinary commission and applications are invited from communities that may work with visual artists, film makers, musicians, writers, theatre practitioners, choreographers, dance makers, new media and more.

2. Context

Creative Ireland is the Government's Legacy Programme for Ireland 2016. In spring 2017 Offaly County Council prepared a one-year *Culture and Creativity Plan* for Offaly.

<http://www.offaly.ie/eng/Services/Heritage/News-Events/Offaly-Culture-and-Creativity-Plan-2017.pdf>. During the remainder of the year we will prepare a 2018-22 five-year Culture and Creativity Plan.

The responses to this call and delivery of the two projects will inform the development of the 2018-22 Culture and Creativity plan for Offaly.

The Creative Ireland Programme has collaboration at its heart – between central and local government, between heritage, culture and industry, between artists, communities and policy makers– to facilitate a culture of creativity. This project, drawing together heritage, communities and artists, ideally fits in with Pillar Two of Creative Ireland, Enabling Creativity in Every Community. See <http://creativeireland.ie/> for more on Creative Ireland.

The *Secrets of Offaly* project sets out an example of the type of collaboration we are seeking (albeit that this was a larger budget project). In 2014 communities were invited to submit an aspect of their heritage which was not widely known and artists were asked to respond. This led to three very dynamic and interactive projects. In Clonbullogue/Bracknagh, Amanda Rice, artist in residence at Trinity College Dublin, engaged with artefacts and objects bequeathed to the college by the Offaly scientist and geologist John Joly (1857-1933). Amanda created a visual artwork entitled '*Notes on the (Microscopical) Character of Krakatoa*', an interactive installation comprising of a research presentation, sound, video and sculpture with the local community in. In Kinnitty, Ciaran Taylor

worked with the community recreating scenes on location from the life and films of Rex Ingram, the Hollywood silent movie director from the town with Kinnitty Tidy Towns. In Clara, Composer Tom Lane, director Maeve Stone and composer /artist Rory Grubb worked closely with the Clara Musical Society to reveal the Offaly secret of the industrial Goodbody Family. They concentrated on the history of the Goodbody Jute manufacturing industry in Clara, using jute as the raw material to create a sound installation with an accompanying live performance by Clara Musical Society.

Earlier this year Laois and Offaly tendered for artists to promote the *All Ireland Pollinator plan* and sound artist Karen Power is working with Offaly County Council on this commission.

There is a vibrant library network in the county which can be utilised as a resource and space as part of this call.

3. Finance

- The value of this commission is €2,500 per project, inclusive of all costs including any fees, transport, expenses, materials, insurance, services required and any VAT that falls due on costs.
- All groups/ individuals awarded must have a valid Tax Clearance Number/access number, a bank account (not credit union) in the name of the group and an e-mail contact.
- A detailed breakdown of costs associated with all elements of the project should be submitted.
- This grant will be awarded on the basis of a fixed price, and as such, all costs must be quoted (and clearly indicated) as a fixed price in Euro. No other amount over and above the negotiated amount will be paid.

4. Timetable

- The closing date for receipt of submissions is **5pm on Friday June 30th 2017**.
- Successful communities /artists will be notified by mid-July. The project must be completed by end of October 2017.

5. Selection Process

- The selection panel will include representatives of the Offaly Culture Team.
- We reserve the right to ask for clarity of information or to reconsider elements such as delivery procedures, budget, time schedule or any such factors deemed necessary for a successful outcome.
- We reserve the right not to proceed with any proposal under this invitation and consider other appropriate courses of action.
- The decision of the Selection panel is final.

6. Assessment Criteria

- This is a competitive process and your proposal will be assessed using the following criteria;
 - Community Reach – estimate of target group and level of contact. (25 marks)
 - Demonstrating the dynamic of bringing artistic approach to explore and communicate and aspect of heritage. (25 marks)
 - Artistic excellence, creativity and originality of proposal presented, on a standalone basis, with reference to other competing applicants and in relation to the brief. (25 marks)

- Feasibility of the commission, such as time/budget/ and the track record of the community / artist to deliver (25 marks)

7. Contract Conditions

- All work activities must be carried out in accordance with Health and Safety Guidelines and Acts.
- The successful community groups/ artists will be required to provide regular updates to Offaly County Councils.
- Offaly County Council will not be liable for any other expenses incurred by the community group/artists.
- Offaly County Council undertakes to use their best endeavours to protect confidential and commercially sensitive information provided by you in this application subject to the Council's obligations under Law and including the Freedom of Information Act, 2014. Should you wish that any of the information supplied by you should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity, you should, when providing the information, identify same and specify reasons for its sensitivity. If your application is successful the price will, as a matter of course, be available to the public outside of the scope of F.O.I. legislation. Offaly County Council will consult with you about the release of confidential and commercially sensitive information before making decisions on any F.O.I. request received. If, having considered your views, Offaly County Council is of the opinion that the information should be released in the public interest; you will have the option of appealing the decision to the Information Commissioner. Please note that in the event that no information is identified by you as sensitive, with supporting reasons, then it is likely to be released in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Acts.
- Offaly County Council's own Child Protection Policy requires that any project involving young people has the appropriate Child Protection Policies and/or certificates in place. We are unable to fund projects that do not have this assurance, therefore, it is the organisations responsibility to ensure that any person hired by them has the appropriate Child Protection Training.

8. How to Apply

- Please submit by email or hard copy. If hard copy is submitted, please include a digital copy of all documents submitted, on CD or USB. Please note if submitting by email the total maximum size for emails is 5MB. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that emails are received.
- Please submit:
 1. A completed application form (attached here and available in Word).
 2. A proposal to include:
 - a. An outline of your concept including forms of engagement with the local community (max 1000 words);
 - b. Indication of how you propose to use the budget (for the purposes of establishing feasibility) including *inter alia* headings such as artist's fee and any other fees, other resources needed, transport/travel/ accommodation costs, production costs.
 - c. Timescale breakdown – research / community contact / production / delivery

Please address your application to
 Creative Ireland Commission
 Offaly County Council
 Áras an Chontae

Charleville Road
Tullamore
County Offaly

Or email creativeculture@offalycoco.ie (max size per email 5MB)

For further enquires please contact 057 9346839 or email creativeculture@offalycoco.ie

9. Submissions

Deadline for receipt of applications is **5pm on Friday 30th June 2017**

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Creative Ireland Community Project Application Form

This application form should be submitted with the full submission requirements as detailed in the project brief.

Community and artist's Name	
Contact person for community group	
Artistic Discipline	
Postal Address	
Phone number(s)	
Website	
Email	
Title of proposal	
Concept of the Proposal (summary)	
Signature	
Date	