



**Mayo Arts
Service**

PUBLIC ART

Open Commission Call: Navigating a future Artist Brief

Introduction

Mayo County Council's Arts Service are commissioning professional practicing artists living in Mayo to create artwork in response to the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and our lives going forward. This is an opportunity for artists to create artwork that will be presented in 2021. Artists working in all artforms: visual arts, performance, music, theatre, film, literature, street spectacle, dance, multi-media, interdisciplinary practice etc. are welcome to apply. This commission is part of Mayo County Council's Public Art Programme.

Theme

Artists are best placed to respond to these unusual times of social change through their artistic practice. This commission will give selected artists an opportunity to research and create new work that explores and reflects on questions, insights and themes that have arisen from Covid 19 and our future. The theme is open to interpretation and creative response; it should take a form that best suits the practice of the individual artist.

This commission is in recognition of the ongoing impact of the Covid 19 on the County of Mayo and commissioned artwork will create a dialogue through contemporary arts and provide a legacy for the Mayo public.

Commission

Mayo Arts Service retain the right to award up to four commissions by four artists living in County Mayo. The artwork is to be completed by the end of May 2021. The commission will culminate in an artwork; or documentation of an artistic process, being presented to the public in 2021. This is an open competition for professional practicing artists working in all artforms and recipients will be selected based on their submission.

How the artwork is presented to the public is flexible, for example it could take the form of an intervention, event, performance, display, installation, recording, online, documentation of process etc. or other forms of dissemination. Mayo Arts Service will work with the selected artists on how the work will be presented to the public. A proposed possible outcome is sufficient at submission stage. Successful artists are required to document the artistic process in some way, at the discretion of the artist.

Eligibility:

- Professional practicing artists living in Mayo.
- Artists working in all artforms welcome to apply.
- Artists at all stages of their career.
- Artists who are able to continue with their practice at this time or in an adapted way.

Budget:

Each commission is to the value of €5,000 in total, including all expenses and travel. It is expected the majority of the budget will be allocated to the artists fee. The number of commissions will depend on the quality of applications but will not exceed four commissions.

Timescale:

Open call advertised	Mid August.
Deadline for questions/ clarifications	18th September.
Application closes	30th September at 5pm.
Recipients Announced	Late October.
Work completed by	End of May 2021.
Work showcased to public	During 2021.

Commission to be complete by end of May 2021, seven months from commission being awarded. Artists to propose their own timeline within this timeframe.

Panel

The selection panel will consist of independent arts expertise. Mayo County Council retains the right not to commission if a selection is not recommended by the judging panel.

Applications:

Applications for the commission should give a clear indication of the proposed process, timescale, and proposed possible outcome(s) and how these would be experienced by, or presented to, the public and documented as a permanent record.

Selection criteria:

Criteria	Marking
Relevance to theme	300
Artistic Quality (ambition and originality of concept)	250
Track record of artists and ability to deliver quality outcome (or potential for emerging artists).	250
Clarity and practicality of submission	200
Total	1000

Submissions:

Submissions are via email. Hardcopy submissions will not be accepted. Please ensure large files (over 1MB) are submitted via wetransfer (wetransfer.com). Images should be no smaller than 150 dpi and not exceed 300 dpi. Email submissions will be presented to the selection panel in digital format.

Deadline for submissions: Wednesday 30th September 2020 at 5pm.

Submissions must contain:

- Textual description of proposed commission, process and why you are applying for this commission.
- Outline of relevance to the theme (max 400 words).
- An up-to-date artistic C.V.
- Examples of recent relevant work (web links or e-file).
- Examples of previous commissions and/or relevant references.
- Proposed timeline.
- Outline how artwork will be documented.
- Draft budget.

Submissions not including full list above will not be eligible.

Note:

- Artists selected may be required to provide an up-to-date tax clearance certification.
- Garda Vetting and Child Protection: It is a legal requirement that all persons working with children, young people and vulnerable people are subject to Garda Vetting. In accordance with national child protection policy, Children First National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children, awarded recipients working with children must have a child protection policy, proper procedures and a children's safeguarding statement in place.
- Artists need to ensure they have their own Public Liability insurance if creation of artwork involves the public.

For further information:

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T: 094 9064376. Deadline for queries is Wednesday 18th September 2020.



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Closing date for receipt of application 30th September 2020 at 5pm.