

Early Years Creative Performance Irish Language Commission 2023

A Collaboration between Creative Ireland South Dublin, South Dublin Arts Office, Áras Chrónáin, and Naíonra Chrónáin

Introduction

The Creative Ireland South Dublin programme wishes to commission an **Early Years Irish Language Creative Performance artwork**. This commission will be delivered in collaboration with children from Naíonra Chrónáin located on the grounds of Áras Chrónáin in Clondalkin.

Áras Chrónáin, Irish Cultural Centre is an unique oasis of vibrant Irish Language, Music, Song, Dance and Culture experienced and enjoyed by young and old from every walk of life. Áras Chrónáin Irish Cultural Centre is located in a magnificent Georgian house on 2.9 acres in a wonderful picturesque surroundings right in the heart of old Clondalkin village.

Naíonra Chrónáin, located on the grounds of Áras Chrónáin, keep up to date with early years research and ensure at all times that children are provided the highest quality Early Years Care and Education. There is a strong belief in outdoor play and work to provide children with opportunities to learn and develop through play.

The Irish language and Irish culture hold a special place in the cultural tapestry that makes up South Dublin County with Áras Chrónáin in Clondalkin Village serving as a cultural hub for spoken Irish, and for all aspects of Irish culture.

Objectives

- Develop process to work with young children in project creation
- Create a model for other educators and practitioners to work in Early Years Arts and Irish Language
- Create a participant-led performance piece for Cruinniú na nÓg 2023
- Generate advocacy in early childhood arts and the Irish language

Our objectives are based on the values of the Creative Ireland South Dublin Programme:

- Reflection and Enquiry
- Open Exchange
- Public Engagement
- Sustainability

What are we looking for?

We are looking for an ambitious Early Years performance commission to be delivered for Cruinniú na nÓg South Dublin 2023.

The expectations of the commission are:

1. Early Years children (0-6years) will be engaged with the creation process of the work and their voice will lead the way
2. A creative performative arts experience and the Irish language are the focal points of the commission.
3. Close collaboration with the teachers at Naíonra Chrónáin to create artwork that is a model for other Early Years facilities while remaining feasible for the space of the naíonra

Of note:

- We are looking for a multi-disciplinary performance with a primary creative form as theatre, animation, puppetry, dance, or such. We are *not* looking to engage where music is the primary creative activity.
- This performance project will be pitched to TG4 for Cruinniú 2023. The expectation is that this will be ambitious and an exemplar for the Early Years Creative sector.

Timeline

- Applications open Friday 13th May 2022
- Applications close **Friday 3 June 2022 5:00pm**
- Award Notification by 1 July 2022
- Delivery of project between July 2022 – June 2023
- A performance of the commission must be delivered for Cruinniú na nÓg 2023. Cruinniú falls as the second Saturday in June.

Award Amount

The commission is for €50,000.00 inclusive of VAT

The commission will be managed by the awarded creative(s) in close liaison with the Creative Ireland South Dublin Programme Manager and Áras Chrónáin. You are responsible for the delivery of the project, any risk assessment, insurance, etc. for the commission.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by an independent selection panel comprising of the SDCC Arts Officer, Manager of Áras Chrónáin, Head Teacher at Naíonra Chrónáin, Parent of child at the naíonra, and a Early Years Arts Specialist. There may be additional teachers from the naíonra and additional parents assessing the proposals.

Selection Criteria

1. Ambition, scale, innovation of the scope and development of the project plan
2. Process plan of how the children will be engaged in the creation of the work
3. Feasibility of the proposal
4. Potential impact of the Early Years Arts Sector
5. Quality of previous ambitious work

Eligibility

The Commission is open to individual professional artists and organisations who work in early childhood arts and with the Irish Language.

Freedom of Information

The provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1997-2003 apply to South Dublin County Council. Applicants should state if any of the information supplied by them is confidential or sensitive and should not be disclosed in response to a request for information under the aforementioned Act. Applicants should state why they consider the information to be confidential or commercially sensitive.

Submissions will be kept for twelve months for the purpose of documenting the selection process and ensuring transparency of the selection process.

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 child safeguarding statement in place.

Insurance

We reserve the right to seek confirmation of public liability cover.

Tax Clearance Certificate

We reserve the right to seek a Tax Clearance certificate.