

## **Early Years Irish Language Arts 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 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 a 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. 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. For further information please see [www.araschronain.ie](http://www.araschronain.ie)

Naíonra Chrónáin, located on the grounds of Áras Chrónáin, keep up to date with early years research and always ensure that the 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.

#### **What are we looking for?**

We are looking for individuals, collectives, organisations or companies to develop exciting and ambitious new artistic work for an early childhood audience where the Irish language is a focal point. The commission is open to any art form.

#### **The expectations of the commission are:**

1. Early Years children (2.5-5years) will be engaged with the creation process of the work and their voice will lead the way
2. Close collaboration with the teachers at Naíonra Chrónáin to create artwork that could be a model for other Early Years facilities, while remaining feasible for the space of the Naíonra.
3. The duration of the commission will be discussed with the awarded creative (s) but likely duration is one year.

#### **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 piece of work
- 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

### **Artist's information session**

Interested Artists are invited to an information session in Áras Chrónáin between at **10.30 – 12pm** on the **14<sup>th</sup> December**. Present will be Director of Áras Chrónáin Brian O' Gaibhin and South Dublin Council Assistant Arts Officer Meabh Butler who can answer any questions you may have. If you wish to attend, please contact Meabh Butler – [mbutler@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:mbutler@sdblincoco.ie)

### **Timeline**

- Application open Monday **21<sup>st</sup> November**
- Artists information event in Áras Chrónáin **14<sup>th</sup> December**. Present will be Director of Áras Chrónáin Brian O' Gaibhin and South Dublin Council Assistant Arts Officer Meabh Butler.
- Last queries **10<sup>th</sup> January 2023** to Meabh Butler – [mbutler@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:mbutler@sdblincoco.ie)
- Applications closing date **5pm 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**
- Assessment will take place week of the **23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**
- Award Notification first week of February

### **Award Amount**

The commission is for €30,000 inclusive of VAT

Appointed creative (s) will be provided with a space in Áras Chrónáin for the duration of the commission

A short documentary / film of the commission will be produced by Áras Chrónáin

A space will be made available in Áras Chrónáin if the artist/s wish to take up residency

The commission will be managed by the awarded creative (s) in close liaison with the South Dublin Arts Office 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 the Naíonra Chrónáin, Parent of a child at the Naíonra, and an Early Years Arts Specialist. There may be additional teachers from Naíonra and additional parents assessing the proposals.

### **Selection Criteria**

1. Ambition, scale, innovation of the scope and development 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

## **Application process**

Electronic submissions via <https://sdcc.submit.com> only

You will be asked to upload the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae/s of lead artist and collaborators (if relevant)
- A proposal in response to the expectations, objectives and selection criteria of the commission (max word count 1,500)
- 3 examples of relevant artistic projects in support of proposal. One copy of supplementary information is sufficient per application. Accessible file types: .doc, .docx, .pdf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff, .aac, .aiff, .flac, .m4a, .mp3, .ogg, .wav, .wma, .3gp, .avi, .flv, .m4v, .mkv, .mov, .mp4, .mpg, .webm, .wmv, .ppt, .xls, .xlsx, .zip. All documents of selected work must be clearly titled.
- Links to moving image/film/sound recordings (the combined length of your film/ audio must not exceed 10 mins in length)
- Budget Breakdown, outlining other income received if relevant
- Timeline outlined

## **Eligibility**

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

The applicant will be liable for any financial overruns to the project. Neither South Dublin County Council nor Creative Ireland will bear responsibility for overruns.

The selection panel reserves the right not to grant an award if the standard of applications does not satisfy the criteria of the award in full. The decision of the panel is final.

Eligibility and compliance with these guidelines and conditions does not guarantee receipt of an award.

Acceptance of these conditions and guidelines is implied by submission of an Application to the Early Years Irish Language commission.

South Dublin County Council reserves the right to publicise the awarding of the fund. Successful applicants may be asked to be available for promotional material.

Applications and information will be kept on file for no longer than 12 months.

## **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 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.

