

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Re: Nomination of Members to the Steering Group and Stakeholders Group of the Limerick 2020 Bid

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The Steering Group of Limerick 2020 request that the Council nominate two Councillors to the Steering Group and four Councillors to the Limerick 2020 Stakeholder Group of the Limerick European Capital of Culture 2020 Bid.

European City of Culture

For 30 years the European Union has designated one or more cities as a European Capital of Culture. The European Capital of Culture designation is for a period of one calendar year during which a city and/or a region organises a series of cultural events with a strong European dimension, promoting cultural diversity and common features of our European Heritage. Ireland is eligible to host the European Capital of Culture in the year 2020.

The European Capital of Culture initiative is one of the most prestigious and visible European cultural awards in the EU, and is awarded on the strength of an exceptional programme of events to a city, that is both local and European. It's also awarded on the strength of co-operation shown locally in the field of culture that helps promote a lasting dialogue at European level.

Our bid for European Capital of Culture is about reimagining Limerick. The culture of a city does not have a beginning or an end. It is a continuous elaboration, retrenchment, expansion and consolidation. Limerick and its people are on a pathway of change, development, regeneration and engagement.

The Bid

The Bid is about Limerick's potential over the next five year period and the transformational role of Culture. A cultural strategy for the bid is being developed in tandem with the social and economic needs of the city and region of Limerick, so as to ensure a coherent, balanced and integrated approach is achieved for the Limerick 2020 vision.

The Steering Group

The Steering Group is made up of the Charter Signatories including the University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick Institute of Technology, Limerick

Chamber, LEDP, Shannon Group, Shannon Foynes Port, Limerick City and County Council and Former Chair and Vice Chair of Limerick City of Culture.

Currently Limerick City and County Council is represented by the Mayor and Chief Executive. The Council is requested to nominate two additional members to the Steering Group.

Stakeholder Group

The stakeholder group represents a key group of cultural, political and business/industry representatives to advise and assist in the Bid preparation.

Through participation in a series of meeting workshops the stakeholder group will engage and discuss the bid process and document, as it is formulated. The Council is requested to nominate four members to the Stakeholder Group.

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Mike Fitzpatrick, Director
Limerick 2020 European Capital of Culture Bid
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