

To each member of the Cultural SPC

Report on Theatre Bursary and Short Film Bursary Proposals

Objective 1 of the cultural strategy is to grow Limerick's cultural capacity by retaining and attracting creative practitioners to live and work in Limerick. Investing in professional opportunities for artists is one of the ways this can be achieved. There are number of artistic disciplines that can be invested in including Theatre, Film, Music, Literature, Visual Art, Circus and Architecture. This Bursary Scheme is to support professional artists to develop their practice and career growth in Limerick in Theatre and Film.

There is a total of €50,000 allocated under this strategic objective and a recommendation to progress 2 open calls;

- Limerick Theatre Bursary – 3 Bursaries – total €15,000
- Limerick Short Film Bursary – 2 Bursaries – total €16,000

Approval is sought to recommend progressing open calls based on the criteria set out for these two bursary schemes.

It is proposed that Theatre Bursaries and Short Film Bursaries will be considered by an independent selection panel appointed by Limerick City and County Council. The panel will make recommendations for the awards to Limerick City and County Council. The recommendations are put to Limerick City and County Council for approval.

Later in the year a recommendation for further bursaries under literature, music, visual art, circus and architecture will be brought forward for consideration.

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