



## **Limerick Artist in Schools Programme Sept 2019 - June 2020** **Invitation to Limerick Festivals for Expressions of Interest**

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 5pm**

As recommended in the recent Evaluation of the Artist in Schools Programme Limerick 2017/2018, Limerick City & County Council Culture and Arts Department is pleased to announce an open call to Limerick festivals to submit Expressions of Interest to participate in the delivery of Limerick's Artist in Schools Programme 2019/2020.

*'It is the recommendation of this report that working with organisations such as festivals allows for a broader art form base and therefore ensures that the programme meets the objective to enhance and diversify pupil's creative education.'*

The Artists in Schools Programme is part of the annual programming by Limerick City and County Council Culture and Arts Department for young people, children and education. The Artist in Schools Programme is funded by The Arts Council with support from Creative Ireland and Limerick City and County Council.

### **What is the Limerick Artists in Schools Programme?**

- It's a part of the Culture and Arts Department youth programme in rural areas;
- It's delivered by professional creative practitioners in a primary school setting;
- It's designed to enhance and diversify creative education;
- It's an opportunity for primary school students to actively engage in contemporary cultural production while working with professional creative practitioners;
- It's designed to develop local festivals capacity to deliver education programmes.

### **Why Festivals?**

This new approach to the delivery of the Limerick Artist in Schools Programme by partnering with Festivals as organisations with a capacity to bring a broader artform base to the schools programme experience was piloted over the last two years with great success. From findings and discussions with festivals, it was found that youth reach and outreach programming in festivals in Limerick was low. This pilot partnership programme is identified as an opportunity to support festivals to develop models of youth engagement.

**Please Note:** Festivals who wish to apply must demonstrate capacity to deliver a unique programme and a willingness to develop a youth programme as part of their 2019/2020 programme, in line with the Limerick Cultural Strategy, A Framework 2016-2030 & Creative Ireland's Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 (Strategy documents available online or on request).

### **How does it work?**

Limerick Culture and Arts Dept., Limerick City and County Council commits to:

- Provide a grant of the value of €4,000 to the successful festival to design and deliver the 2019/2020 Artist in Schools Programme in a specified municipal district in County Limerick as part of Creative Ireland Programme in Limerick.



- Manage the application process and identify three schools from a specified district to participate in the 2019/2020 Artist in Schools Programme.
- Undertake an evaluation process and provide feedback forms for teachers and pupils.

The successful festival commits to:

- Work in partnership with Limerick City and County Council Culture & Arts Dept. to deliver the 2019/2020 Artist in Schools Programme.
- Identify facilitator(s) employed by the festival to design and deliver a programme of workshops suitable for primary schools students.
- Deliver this programme of workshops in the school setting during normal class hours to three primary schools in Sept 2019 – June 2020.
- Ensure that the outcomes of this programme are celebrated publically.
- Manage the budget of €4,000 to cover festival costs related to Artist in Schools facilitator(s) fee(s), travel, materials, and administration costs associated with 2019/2020 Artist in Schools Programme. Please note that schools will be located in the County and the facilitators will require their own transport.
- Contribute to the evaluation process by providing feedback from facilitators' and festival's perspective as well as gathering feedback from teachers and pupils as part of the last workshop.

If you are a Limerick-based festival who is interested in collaborating on this project, and has the capacity to deliver the 2019 Artist in Schools Programme, please submit your completed Expression of Interest Form by email to: [artsoffice@limerick.ie](mailto:artsoffice@limerick.ie)

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