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BRIEF:

Context of the Award:

Drawing on themes of cultural diversity, social identity and the relationship between visual art and ideas of cultural, ethnic and economic divisions in society, Mayo Arts Service invites submissions from practising curators working in the context of cultural diversity.

This award will allow the successful applicant the time to develop new work, to research and develop new ideas and to work with the cultural and arts organisations and culturally diverse communities in Mayo.

Purpose of the Award:

- To provide time to **research, develop and document** a body of work which could result in a project; exhibition; or written account of the award, stimulating knowledge and discourse in the context of cultural diversity
- To enable a curator working in the context of cultural diversity to engage with relevant Mayo based cultural and arts organisations
- To offer opportunities to curators to **research, develop and document** a body of work relevant to their current or emerging research in the context of cultural diversity
- To support research that engages with culturally diverse communities in Mayo
- To encourage and support new ways of thinking and engaging new audiences

Benefit of the Award:

- Budget €15,000
- Inclusive of two-week Tyrone Guthrie residency in 2021.
- Support from Ballina Arts Centre.
- Support of Mayo Arts Service

Outcomes of Residency Award:

The curator is responsible for the project management of this award. Mayo Arts Service support the selected Curator on how the work engage with communities and be presented to the public. This may include

- Engagement with artists working in the area of cultural diversity
- Engagement with cultural organisations and arts organisations locally, to inform the curator's practice
- Engagement with specific group/s within the community to build a body of work.
- A presentation of work to the public at Ballina Art Centre for example: panel discussion, event, or exhibition

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Essential Requirement:

- All research undertaken is documented in both written and visual formats

Who is Eligible to Apply:

- This award is aimed at curators based in Ireland
- This award is not aimed at those in full-time education.

Application Procedure

Please submit **one** PDF document with the following information:

- Provide a brief biography of your professional background and experience outlining why this opportunity appeals to you (500 words maximum)
- An up to date CV
- An outline of your proposed timeframe and work plan for the duration of the residency from January to July 2021
- An indication of resources, organisations and/or individuals you propose to engage with and why they are relevant to your proposal

Please provide images of the following:

- Current or recent examples of relevant curatorial practice in the context of cultural diversity
- Images should not exceed a total of 10MB.
- No more than 10 images should be submitted

*Please note that applications are accepted via email only. Postal submissions will not be accepted.

Selection Criteria:

The quality and content of the curator's proposal	20
The feasibility of the curator's proposed activities	20
The quality of proposed engagement with the communities identified in the proposal.	20
The quality of proposed engagement with the art and cultural venues and organisations identified in the proposal	20
The quality of proposed audience engagement	20
TOTAL	100

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Amount Awarded:

The successful applicant will be awarded €15,000. The award is inclusive of all related costs to the proposed final outcomes at the end of the residency. Examples of costs may include the following:

- Curators Fee
- Artist Fees where applicable
- Art Handling & Courier Costs
- Installation costs where applicable.
- Technical and staff hire
- Promotional Costs
- Travel costs

Timescale:

- Open call October 19th.
- Deadline for queries is Monday 9th November 2020.
- Application closes Monday 16th November at 5pm.
- Recipients Announced early December.
- Work commences January 2021
- Work completed by end of July 2021.

Panel:

The selection panel will consist of independent arts, cultural and expertise. Mayo County Council retains the right not to commission if a selection is not recommended by the judging panel. Applicants may be invited to discuss their application online as part of the application process.

Important Notes to Applicants:

- A minimum of 30 days should be spent on the award that will take place over the 7-month period from January to July 2021. It could be considered as one block of work or over a period of weeks. How the curator proposed to manage this time should be outlined in their submission.
- Part of this award entitles the successful applicant to a two-week residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerig, Co. Monaghan. The residency can take place at agreed dates between the Tyrone Guthrie Centre and the curator at any time in 2021. This residency is funded separately to the curator award of €15,000
- Ballina Arts Centre will support the successful applicant with exhibition, office, and workshop space during the months of January to July 2021. The successful applicant must correspond in advance with Ballina Arts Centre to agree on the required use of space in terms of dates and times.

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- 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 children's safeguarding statement in place. See [Tusla.ie](https://www.tusla.ie) for more information
- The selected applicant may be required to provide an up-to-date tax clearance certification and public liability insurance
- The successful applicant must adhere to ongoing government advice on COVID 19 health guidelines. See [Gov.ie](https://www.gov.ie) for more information

For further information: Katriona Gillespie, Assistant Arts Officer, Mayo County Council, Email: kgillespie@mayococo.ie. T: 094 9064666. Deadline for queries is Friday 6th November 2020.

Information on Partner Organisations:

Mayo Arts Service is responsible for the development and implementation of services which provide support for the arts in Mayo. We aim to make arts accessible and inclusive to all. Our work is firmly based on the principles of quality, access, inclusion and long-term value. We provide information, promotion, advice and programming across all art forms; music, visual arts, literature, drama, dance, film, community arts and public art. Annually our service works with over 300 community groups and impacts directly on the lives of at least 125,000 people who attend events organised or funded by the arts service.

The **Creative Ireland** Programme is the Government's legacy programme for Ireland 2016 – a five year initiative from 2017 to 2022 which places creativity at the centre of public policy. It is a high-level, high ambition, all of government initiative to mainstream creativity in the life of the nation so that individually and collectively, in our personal lives and in our institutions, we can realise our full creative potential. The Creative Ireland Programme is a culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. The core proposition is that participation in cultural activity drives personal and collective creativity, with significant implications for individuals and societal wellbeing and achievement.

Ballina Arts Centre plans and programmes across the whole spectrum of art forms and practices, to develop audiences for all arts forms. The programme includes visual arts; music development; theatre & dance; cultural cinema and literary & educational events. As part of the Centre's Education programme, the venue presents a programme of workshops, talks, seminars around the exhibition programme. Funders for the Ballina Arts Centre include the Arts Council, Mayo County Council, Ballina Town Council, along with a considerable local contribution. Ballina has been designated as a key locus to ensure equal provision of arts service within the county of Mayo, which spans considerable geographic distances.

This award is an initiative of Mayo County Council in partnership with the Arts Council of Ireland with support from the Creative Ireland Programme in response to the Creative and Cultural Jobs Stimulus Measure Funding 2020.



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