

**Westmeath County Council
Arts in Context Residencies 2011
(to include Schools, Health Care & Community Centres)**

Applications are invited by the Arts Office for the 2011 Arts in Context Residencies.

The Arts in Context Residency scheme provides project funding to artists to enable them to work with schools and groups in the voluntary/community sector for arts projects including residencies, and arts-in-context projects. The aim of the fund is to provide a maximum fund of **€1000** is available from Westmeath County Council for each project. Funding issued by Westmeath County Council will go directly to pay the artists fees and the school or group must supply and materials required for the project. This scheme is competitive and will be assessed by an independent panel.

Applications must be received by Friday February 25th 2011.

The nature of this scheme is to encourage meaningful collaboration between a selected group of individuals and an artist working on a particular project over a particular duration of time and to allow the group an opportunity to engage with an artist directly on a specific project. The rationale for this project is based on the fact that it gives employment to an artist working with a group over a given period and it allows the group to gain specific skills and expertise in the area of the arts. Due to the competitive nature of this scheme not all applications will be successful.

Recipients of grant aid must acknowledge the sponsorship role of Westmeath County Council in all publicity material including brochures, posters programmes and websites. Failure to do so may affect future funding to your organisation.

General Criteria

- Applications must be submitted before the stated deadline.
- Applications must be fully completed and signed.
- Any requested accompanying material must be submitted.
- Applicants must be located or provide services within Westmeath County Council's administrative area.
- The work in respect of which funding is sought must be artistic or cultural in nature. All work must be completed by December 31st 2011.
- You must demonstrate efforts to secure income from other sources for artistic materials and other expenses.
- Your organisation must demonstrate observance of standard codes of practice in general welfare issues – such as, child first guidelines, health and safety regulations, and equal access.
- There should be a recognition and accommodation of the culturally diverse interests of the County.
- You must have procedures in place for the documentation and evaluation of the work you are undertaking.
 - **A individual artist may only apply for a maximum of 2 arts in context residency schemes.**
 - **In 2011 all groups will only be applicable to receive funding for one scheme from Westmeath County Council**

Fund Criteria

- Involvement of professional arts and cultural workers in the planning and implementation of the project/ activity.
- Technical and artistic expertise of facilitator(s).
- Artistic ambition of project proposal.
- Relevance of artistic project to the specified school or group.
- Impact on professional development of the artist in this area of practice.
- The nature and quality of the partnership between the supporting agencies.
- The level of involvement of participating school or groups – e.g. input into project design.
- The depth and quality of the planned experience for participants.
- Stimulating dialogue on importance/ relevance of art within a community or group setting.

Operational Criteria

- Evidence of collaboration and co-operation with proposed participants in ensuring feasibility of the project.
- Evidence of level of match funding (in kind) committed to the project.
- Public presentation of work where appropriate
 - Applicants must complete all sections of the form. All questions must be answered even if it is to state that the question is not relevant. The form must be complete, signed and received by the Westmeath County Council Arts Office.
 - The application form may be typed or hand-written. Please complete in block capitals using additional paper where required.

Freedom of Information

Applicants completing this form please note that information provided to Westmeath County Council may be disclosed in response to a request made under the Freedom of

Information Act (1997 & 2003). However every effort will be made to protect confidentiality, particularly in relation to commercially sensitive material.

Arts In Context Application Form

Name of Applicant Organisation:

Address of Applicant Organisation:

Telephone Number :

E. Mail :

(Please note if successful payments will be issued to named artist that will facilitate the project)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please give a description of the project you want to undertake. (attach a proposal if necessary)

Where will the project take place?

When will the project take place?

What are the main objectives of the project?

What are the expected outcomes?

Will the project have a public performance/exhibition/publication?

If yes please describe

Organisation information

Please briefly describe your school/ organisation/group

Please indicate the age profile and gender of the group that will be working on the project

Please give a brief history of the group partaking in the project.

Are you a non profit making organisation?

How long has the organisation been established?

How many members do you currently have?

ARTIST/S INFORMATION

To be completed by professional artists. Please attach a C.V. along with examples of previous work.

Artistic discipline

Please state the artistic purpose of the project

What are you planned methods of documentation and evaluation of work?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budget breakdown for the project

Project Expenses

Equipment/ Venue Hire	€
Transport/ Insurance	€
Materials	€
Printing/Marketing/ Administrative costs	€
Monitoring and evaluation	€
Other Costs (give details)	€
Artists Fees Total	€
Artist Fees	€
Travel Expenses	€
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR PROJECT	€
Amount Requested from WCC 2011	€

APPLICANT STATEMENT

I have completed all relevant sections of this of this application form and confirm that all information provided is truthful and accurate.

Name (printed):

Signature:

YOU MUST INCLUDE:

- Artist C.V.
- Examples of previous work of the applicant(s).
- Evidence of local support, match funding (in kind) hire of hall etc.
- Outline of proposed evaluation

Completed applications, with relevant accompanying material must be submitted to :

County Arts Office, County Buildings, Mount Street,
Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Tel: 044-9332140

By Friday 25th February 2011.