

# SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL AND CREATIVE IRELAND

## Open Call for submissions

## Visual Art Commission 2023

### City Hall, Sligo





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**Closing Date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 4 p.m.**

As part of Sligo's 2023 Creative Ireland programme Sligo County Council wish to select an art piece to be commissioned for exhibition in City Hall, Sligo.

## **Commission Details**

The theme of the commission is to create an art piece that is reflective of the communities of County Sligo. Applicants are invited to engage with the topography, heritage, and culture of Sligo City or County.

The successful artist will be selected by an open selection process and will be paid a commission of €10,000\* paid in two instalments over an agreed period of time to develop the commission.

*\* Please note that this amount is fully inclusive of fee, transport of artworks (including insurance while in transit) framing costs, and expenses.*

## **Eligibility**

Applications are invited from artists who are living in, working in or originally from County Sligo, or who have studied visual art at ATU Sligo. This opportunity is open to individual artists or artists who work together in a collaborative manner. Applications for group shows will not be considered under this commission.

Sligo County Council will hold individual site visits to City Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October to introduce the space and answer any specific questions. To book a place for this, please email [CreativeIreland@sligococo.ie](mailto:CreativeIreland@sligococo.ie)

## **Proposals & Selection Process**

Applicants may only submit one project proposal.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. A typed curriculum vitae.
2. An indication of your link to County Sligo.
3. An outline of the proposed approach to the commission. Please include as much detail as possible at this stage, as to material and scale, you may include sketches.
4. A short description of previous work (max 150 words), if appropriate.
5. Examples of previous work (no more than 20 images in total). Each image should include the title, its dimensions, the material/medium, the date and your name. YouTube, Vimeo links etc. may also be included. Please supply direct links to any pages/sites you wish the panel to view and a brief explanation (max 50 words) of what will be viewed. All digital supporting material should be PC/Microsoft Office compatible. Where possible all information should be compiled into a single pdf document.
6. Applications should be no larger than 10MB.

## **Selection criteria**

Applications will be adjudicated by a selection from Sligo County Council's Culture Team alongside independent adjudicators with visual arts expertise. The decision of the selection panel is final. Submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- **The ability to match the prescribed theme and context of the commission.**  
(40/100)  
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- **Quality of the artist's previous work.** (40/100)
- **The artist's experience of delivering projects/commissions within set budgets and timelines.**  
(20/100)

## **Summary Timeline**

Facilitated Gallery Visit: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.

Deadline for receipt of applications: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 4 p.m.

Successful applicants informed by: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November,  
2023