

Sliabh Luachra Musician in Residence Guidelines for Applicants

Applications are invited from professional Irish traditional musicians for the position of Sliabh Luachra Musician In Residence.

The Residency is part of the Sliabh Luachra Music Trail project which is supported by the Arts Offices of Cork County Council, Kerry County Council, Limerick City and County Council and in association with the Arts Council. The residency will be located in the Sliabh Luachra region which includes parts of counties Cork, Kerry and Limerick.

The residency will operate in support of the following objectives:

- To support performance, education and public awareness of the musical heritage of Sliabh Luachra.
- To actively work with locally based musicians and cultural interest groups.
- To develop and support opportunities for young people to learn and participate in the musical heritage and practices of the region.
- To help celebrate, preserve and promote Sliabh Luachra music and cultural heritage through a planned programme of activity.
- To support and mentor local festivals and events.
- To identify and develop new opportunities to grow public engagement and participation in the region's music traditions.

We welcome applications from practicing musicians with a strong understanding and practice of the musical style and repertoire of this region.

The residency will be awarded as a contract for services. A work programme will be agreed with the successful applicant and, in addition to delivery of residency services, will allow some time for the musician to develop a personal programme of work and research to develop her/his artistic practice.

The Local Authorities also intend to establish a panel of musicians that will support the Sliabh Luachra Music-in-Schools programme which will be aligned with the Musician in Residence work programme.

Your application must include the following:

- Completed Application Form
- A CV outlining your professional experience and achievements, to date.
- Examples of your work as a musician (recordings, written work, web links to previous projects you have worked on, etc).
- A residency proposal of not more than two A4 typed pages outlining:
 - a. How you would aim to support the objectives of the Sliabh Luachra Project.
 - b. Any initiatives or projects which you would propose to do based on your understanding of the cultural landscape of the region.

- c. An outline of how you would intend to develop your personal artistic practice over the course of the residency.

All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be assessed by a panel comprising nominees of the three local authorities and traditional music expert. A shortlist may be formed from which applicants will be interviewed.

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- The applicant's demonstrated experience and record of achievement.
- The applicant's demonstrated understanding of the residency and his/her capacity to deliver an effective programme of work over the course of the residency.
- The applicant's willingness and capacity to actively work with local stakeholders, venues, festivals and other musicians in a manner that supports the aims of the residency.
- An assessment of the applicant's personal work programme in the context of the residency.

Assessment of applications and interviews

- Applications will be evaluated by an assessment panel which will include one traditional music expert and representatives of each council.
- Depending on the number of applications, all or a shortlist of applicants may be invited to interview.
- We expect interviews to take place in July.
- The assessment panel will make recommendations for appointment.

Award of Residency

- The successful applicant will be offered a contract for service with Cork County Council.
- The position will be awarded for a 10 month period, to take place from September 2024 to June 2025
- A work programme to include a 20 hour working week will be agreed as part of the contract. 5 hours of this is allowed for the artist's own work and practice development. This work will require flexibility and availability outside normal working hours.
- The successful applicant will be paid a flat rate fee of €22,400 inclusive of all travel and accommodation costs.
- The residency may be extended for a further period on the basis of performance at the discretion of Cork County Council in consultation with the artist and with the other stakeholders.

Applications may be submitted by post or by email to

Arts Officer,
Cork County Council,
County Hall,

Carrigrohane Road,
Cork
T12K335

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 5pm Wednesday, July 10th 2024

Any enquiries regarding the residency should be sent to the Arts Office, Cork County Council Arts Officer by email arts@corkcoco.ie or by phone to 021 4276891