

Roscommon County Council Arts Office Commission

**1920::2020
Culture Night – Decade of Centenaries**



The **Culture Night – Decade of Centenaries 1920::2020** Commission marks the second in a series of visual art commissions for County Roscommon celebrating our extraordinary citizens through exceptional, challenging and unexpected visual art projects.

The 2020 commission to the value of €5,000 is supported by the Arts Office/Arts Council of Ireland Culture Night Programme, together with the Community Strand of the 2020 Decade of Centenaries Programme. The commission will be facilitated by Roscommon County Council Arts Office and Creative Ireland Culture Team.

The commission seeks visual/ film/ multidisciplinary artists to respond to Roscommon's Struggle for Independence around the period of 1920, with 2020 vision. The work will be produced as an outdoor projection on a number of buildings in County Roscommon on Culture Night, 18th September 2020 and for 2 further nights 19th and 20th September.

How to Apply:

Roscommon County Council Arts Office invites professional artists to submit applications for consideration for this commission.

Applicants must have been born or currently live in County Roscommon.

We are inviting artists to submit a document, labeled with the name of the artist or artist team and must include:

- Max two-page project proposal outlining the artist statement, ideas and concepts for the project, budget and timeline. If possible a visual representation should also be included;
- A current one-page CV (or one for each member of the team, if applicable);
- Artists must recommend a professional company with whom they propose to work to create the outdoor projection (there is a separate budget to produce the projection at four locations);
- Images of three recent, relevant projects (up to a maximum of 2 images per project) including a written description of the materials, size, title.
- Video work must be abridged to max 2 minutes duration and links and passwords to be included in the document.

Applications should demonstrate the following:

- Clear track record of relevant personnel;
- New work / work which reflects the commission themes and objectives of being exceptional, progressive, challenging and relevant to 2020;
- High artistic merit;
- Clearly achievable in the timeframe outlined.
- An understanding of creating a work for final production as an outdoor projection;

- Applicants must have been born or currently live in County Roscommon.
- The objective of the State centenary commemoration programme for the years 2019 – 2023 is to ensure that this complex period in our history, including the Struggle for Independence, the Civil War, the Foundation of the State and Partition, is remembered appropriately, proportionately, respectfully and with sensitivity. A key objective of the initiative is to promote a deeper understanding of the significant events that took place during this period and recognise that the shared historical experience of those years gave rise to very different narratives and memories. (Information on Ireland's Decade of Centenaries Programme is available here: <https://www.decadeofcentenaries.com/>);
- In these ever-changing times we live in, Culture Night 2020 is based on the theme of 'Culture Night Re-imagined'. This is Roscommon's response to bring culture to our venues and to our citizens, imaginatively.

Budget

- The total inclusive artist budget of €5,000 should include: artist's fees, any other professional service fees, materials and fabrication, insurance, transportation, travel, accommodation and liaison with the projection production company to completion.
- A separate budget of €8,000 is available to produce the projections at up to 4 locations. Payments will be managed directly between Roscommon County Council and the production company.
- It is expected that the work will be projected on the council cultural venues of King House, Boyle; Douglas Hyde Centre, Frenchpark; and Roscommon Arts Centre; as well as at one other location, simultaneously on Culture Night, 18th September 2020 and for 2 further nights 19th and 20th September.

The final piece must be made available to Roscommon County Council and funding partners for sharing on websites/social media thereafter and for archival purposes.

Applications should be emailed by Monday 6th July to artsofficer@roscommoncoco.ie, with the subject **Culture Night – Decade of Centenaries Commission**



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