



## CULTURE NIGHT - TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART TRAIL

LOUGHNANEANE PARK, ROSCOMMON TOWN, CO ROSCOMMON, IRELAND

### OPEN COMPETITION

**FOR ROSCOMMON BASED/BORN ARTISTS**

### ARTIST BRIEF

Opens Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025. [DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Monday 23<sup>th</sup> June 5PM.](#)



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## 1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir**, supported by the Arts Council and managed by Local Authority Art Offices, is a national programme celebrating culture, creativity and the arts. Delivered nationwide in cities, towns, villages, rural locations and online, it seeks to actively promote the belief that this rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives, today and every day. The 20<sup>th</sup> edition of Culture Night will place on **Friday 19 September 2025**.

Roscommon County Council Arts Office wants to support **emerging artists**, of any arts discipline, in experimenting with innovative Public Art. This project will deliver on Roscommon County Council's Arts Plan - **Place for Art: Art for All, 2023 – 2028** to support artists and arts professionals, working in all art forms at all stages of their career, to make great work that can be enjoyed and valued; and enrich public engagement with the arts in all its forms.

Roscommon County Council Arts Office now invites proposals which respond creatively to the public space around the Amphitheatre in Loughnaneane Park, Roscommon Town. The commission intends to provide **opportunities for dialogue and inspire** the local community in relation to Public Art.

We invite original submissions from artists for the design and execution of:

**4 x Temporary Artworks**

**Commission budget per artwork: €2,000**

**This is an open call for artists to propose temporary Public Art, in any art-form,  
that is original, creates public dialogue and evokes curiosity.**

**Proposed artworks** should be:

- Innovative.
- Professional and contemporary.
- Inspire or create dialogue.
- Made in a manner / from materials suitable for showcase or exhibition outdoors. It may rain on the day so artists should be conscious of this.

All works must be completed and installed to be launched at the Amphitheatre area in Loughnaneane Park on Culture Night 2025, open to the public.

**All works will be published** in a booklet with artist biographies ahead of the event.

There will be an **Artist Presentation to the public** on Culture Night by each of the artists, speaking about their work, process and inspiration.

After the event, works which are more permanent / physical / sculptural in nature may be showcased again, at the discretion of the Arts Office in liaison with the artist, including the potential to leave them in place over the weekend. Works that are more temporary in nature might not suit further display, again this will be a conversation between the office and artists once works have been more defined.

This is an exciting opportunity for locally-based artists, who may not have experienced of Public Art commissioning, to consider and experiment with it in a supportive and open themed public art programme. **Any art-form** can submit a proposal to this call out.

Words that may help inspire artists:

**Innovative**

**Thought-provoking**

**Tactile**

**Impactful**

**Discover**

**Mystery**

**Connect**

**Balance**

**Collected**

**Challenging**

## 2. BUDGET

The overall Budget for the commission is €2,000.00 including VAT. This will be payable in two half payments of €1,000, one at the beginning of the project and one on successful installation of the commission in the park for Culture Night.

Budget management is the responsibility of the successful Artist(s) and fully inclusive of all costs including, but not limited to, artist fees, travel, any necessary research, materials, manufacture/fabrication, site preparation, installations, lighting and all associated site works, artist insurance, documentation and VAT.

## 3. TIMETABLE & DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The indicative timeline for the stages of the application and award process is anticipated as follows:

Activity	Schedule	Period	
Artist Call Published	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	May	6 weeks
Deadline for Queries	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	June	
Submission Deadline	5pm Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	June	
Site Visit for successful Artists	July 2025	July	1 day
RESEARCH, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION & INSTALLATION	Commence commission July 2025	July	10 weeks
Artist Launch – Culture Night 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	September	

*Note: The Contracting Authority reserves the right to amend this timetable.*

## 4. SUBMISSIONS & QUERIES

For submission and queries contact Mary Smyth on: [msmyth@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:msmyth@roscommoncoco.ie).

Deadline for queries is Friday 13th June 2025.

Submissions must be submitted electronically, and should be in a format which can be viewed by standard software – e.g. Microsoft Word or Powerpoint, JPEG, PDF and/or PNG. It is preferable that the text and images are included in one document. If you are having any difficulties please contact Mary.

Incomplete submissions, late submissions or submissions in any other format will not be accepted.

Please reference the subject of your email as 'CultureNight2025\_PublicArtSubmission\_ YOURNAME'. You will receive an email to confirm we have received your submission. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please follow up to ensure your application has been received.

## Opt-Out Clause

Roscommon County Council reserves the right to commission or not to commission from entries received and to re-advertise, directly invite, directly commission or to select more than one submission and to divide the budget accordingly.

## 5. ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Artists should provide the following information:

- 1. CV & Documentation of Work:** please submit an up-to-date curriculum vitae and 2 x examples of relevant, previous work (**max 2 pages**)
- 2. Artistic Design / Concept:** Your proposal outlining the direction you would take with commission. Please limit your response to 1000 words. *Your plan should include reference to the following: Suggested Title, Artistic vision, Artform, if a permanent work - proposed scale or size of the piece(s), Propose materials/equipment used.*
- 3. Image or drawing of proposed work.** Please limit to 3 images or drawings max.
- 4. Budget.**
- 5. Delivery Plan:** Making reference to the timeline in Section 3 of this brief.
- 6. Written confirmation that artists are available to take part in the event on Culture Night** when the works will launch to the public.  
Culture Night 2025: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria which should be used as headings in your submission:

- **10 / 100 marks** – If you are an emerging artist, i.e. you have not completed any Public Art work previously, you will receive additional 10 marks.
- **60 / 100 marks** – Quality of Artistic Design / Concept.
- **20 / 100 marks** – Proposal includes the provision of images / digital images or scaled drawings of the work proposed by the artist.
- **10 / 100 marks** – Provides budget & delivery plan on how the artist will ensure completion of the work.

### Important notes on support:

- Please outline any additional support you may need in order to successfully complete the work in your proposal.
- A site visit will be arranged with successful artists in July.
- Further video calls are available with the Arts Office team to support the artist throughout the commission.

## 6. SELECTION PANEL

The Selection Panel will consist of representatives from the following:

- Experienced Public Art Artist
- Roscommon County Council including Arts Officer and Public Art Coordinator

## 7. ARTIST RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EACH COMMISSION

All artists must comply with the necessary Health and Safety Legislation in the design, manufacture, supply, delivery and installation of the work paying particular attention to the challenges created by a public outdoor setting. It is the responsibility of the artist to deliver the work on time and on budget.

## 8. INSURANCE

Artists will be required to have their own artist insurance cover relevant to proposed work. If successful, Artists will be required to submit evidence of insurance cover. See - <https://visualartists.ie/insurance-for-artists/>

## 9. TAX CLEARANCE

Upon successful appointment, the successful artist may be required to provide the Council with a tax clearance certificate. See - <https://visualartists.ie/how-to-manual/tax-clearance-certificates/>