

# Percent for Art Commission



**Scoil Uí Mhuirí,  
Dunleer, Co. Louth**

**Permanent Artwork with Student Engagement**

**Budget €31,000**

**Stage 1  
Briefing Document & Application**

**Deadline 12 noon, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

## **Introduction:**

Scoil Uí Mhuirí is a vibrant, dynamic Post Primary school situated in the heart of the growing community of Dunleer, Co. Louth.

The school has grown and developed since its opening in 1954 when 55 pupils were enrolled. Today we have over 650 students with a teaching staff of 45.

In Scoil Uí Mhuirí we are a learning community committed to the development of the whole person within a context which values each of its members.

Our vision is that all of our students will develop a love of learning and a keen sense of social responsibility through a positive and happy school experience. We hope they will develop as caring, well-adjusted individuals, who will succeed in life and contribute positively to the wider community. Our caring and dedicated staff are committed to helping each student achieve his/her potential. The Scoil Uí Mhuirí community prides itself on providing a positive atmosphere for students' academic, social and personal growth. We urge all our students to work diligently and participate fully in school life to ensure that they benefit fully from the wonderful opportunities offered to them during their time in Scoil Uí Mhuirí.

The school proudly serves the areas of Annagassan, Clogherhead, Fieldstown, Walshetown, Tenure, Philipstown, Dromin, Kilsaran, Togher and the growing region of Dunleer itself. Having forged strong ties with the local community and industry, Scoil Uí Mhuirí is today rightfully regarded as a leading light of education in the north east region.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí's Public Art Working Group have made the decision to commission an **interactive / functional permanent artwork(s)** for their students and staff **in an outdoor space with engagement of some of their 650 students in the process** as part of their Per Cent for Art project. The space the group have identified for the artwork(s) has been primarily considered as a communal space for their students between the existing school and the new extension.

It must be noted that the new phase of the school building is 'on site' at present with an estimated completion date of November, 2017.

The brief asks the artist/s to:

- Focus on the school's vision noted above.
- There are currently 650 students, this figure will increase to 850 at maximum capacity. They have 65% male students 35% female mostly from a rural background.
- Scoil Uí Mhuirí have requested that the artist would engage with some of their students in the process of creating this artwork(s).
- Consider the future history of this new school, it's students, teachers and community as it grows and develops and the relevance of this artwork now and in the future.
- Consider the very many social, cultural and educational values of Scoil Uí Mhuirí.
- **Note:** the new school extension is 'on site' at the moment so the shortlisted artists will be working from site plans. It is estimated that completion of the build will be in November, 2017.

## **The Commissioning Process:**

The selection process will take the form of a Two Stage Open Competition. It is open to all interested professional artists at any stage of their career or experience. Selection will be based on the information supplied, establishing the competence of the artists to carry out this commission. No designs or detailed proposals are required in Stage 1.

### **Stage 1**

Artists are invited to express their interest in being considered for this project at the first stage of this commission. Artists may do this by completing the application form and submission of a CV and images / details of recent relevant works / projects.

**The closing date for receipt of Stage 1 completed application form together with supporting documentation and material is 12 noon, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.**

### **Stage 2**

From the completed Stage 1 applications; a shortlist of artists will be selected by panel jury. This panel, whose decision is final, has the right to clarify any issue which may arise in the course of selection. Stage 2 short listed artists will be paid a concept development fee of €150 to work on a detailed proposal for final selection. A Stage 2 brief will be available to shortlisted artists and a site visit is expected at this stage.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí reserves the right not to proceed with any submissions received.

## **Selection Panel:**

The Selection Panel will consist of two / three members of the Public Art Working Group and two Professional Artists and will be chaired by the Curator / Project Manager.

## **Project Delivery Timeline:**

It is anticipated that the project would commence during the **Spring of 2017 and completion Summer / Autumn 2018.** The artist should demonstrate their ability to fulfil this timeframe. The final timeline will be agreed with the commissioned artist at contract stage.

## **Budget:**

The total budget for the project is **€31,000.** This includes the costs of any materials, artist's fees, design development, artists' insurance, supply and installation, signage, travel, and any other costs incurred in the production of the project / artwork. The artist will be responsible for meeting all of these costs out of the total budget allocated.

## **Site Location:**

Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer, Co.Louth

## **Site Visits:**

Site visits will be arranged for shortlisted artists at Stage 2 of the commissioning process. Site Drawings will also be made available to shortlisted artists.

**Queries:**

Applicants can make enquiries regarding the commission to **Rina Whyte**, email [rinawhyte@yahoo.com](mailto:rinawhyte@yahoo.com) or by telephone + 353 87 238 9591.

**Guidelines:**

It is recommended that you read these guidelines and supply supporting documentation and material by HARD COPY (CD / USB is also fine) as requested.

1. ***Include a current CV***
2. ***Include the best examples and reproductions of your work/working practice that best demonstrate your experience for this commission. Please do not send original artworks.***
3. ***Please complete the application form clearly in ink or type.***
4. ***Include a stamped addressed envelope for return of your application.***
5. ***Keep a copy of your application for reference purposes***

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## Stage 1 – Application Form

Name of Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: (please note all correspondence will be sent to this address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Please give short description of your art practice in it's relevance to this project:

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**2) Artists are asked to submit the following:**

- a. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
- b. List of previous relevant projects or commissions, cost, time scale to deliver, list of specialist or other contractors engaged by the artist in connection with the completion of these installations
- c. Visuals of previous work that are relevant to this commission brief
- d. Names of referees and their contact details
- e. Confirmation that if successful the artist is ready to submit current Tax Clearance Certificate / Number, Artist' and provide insurances. This confirmation is mandatory.

**3) Supporting Documentation:**

To assist in the assessment of your application, supporting documentation should be included and should be submitted and it must be clearly labelled:

| Supporting documentation                | Number of Items Enclosed | Enclosed (please tick) |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>CV</b>                               |                          |                        |
| <b>Stamped addressed envelope (SAE)</b> |                          |                        |
| <b>CDs/DVDs / USB</b>                   |                          |                        |
| <b>Other, please specify</b>            |                          |                        |

**Freedom of information:**

Applicants completing this form should note that information provided to **Scoil Uí Mhuiri** may be disclosed in response to a request made under the Freedom of Information Act (1997 and 2003). Every effort will be made to protect client confidentiality.

**Garda Vetting:**

The successful artist will be subject to Garda vetting procedures.

**General Information:**

Where did you hear about the competition, this helps us to direct these commissions effectively (please tick to indicate):

Local Authority Arts Office Website  Local Media   
VAI  Other

If other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration**

I have read the award conditions, agree to be bound by them, and certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

This application form and supporting information should be returned **HARD COPY** to the address below:

**Per Cent for Art Commission**  
**Rina Whyte**  
**C/O The Principal,**  
**Scoil Uí Mhuirí**  
**Dunleer**  
**Co.Louth**

**Closing date** for the receipt of completed applications is **12 noon, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.**

**Please note** that applications received after the closing date and time will not be accepted.  
**Emailed applications cannot be accepted.**