

## Percent for Art Commission



### Gaelscoil Riabhach Loughrea, Co. Galway

**Permanent Artworks with Student Engagement**

**Budget €29,000**

### **Stage 1 Briefing Document & Application**

**Deadline 12 noon, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.**

## **Introduction:**

Gaelscoil Riabhach is a multi-denominational Gaelscoil (primary school). Initiated in the year 2000, the school has lived in many locations in and around Loughrea but look forward to a permanent home in their new building on the outskirts of Loughrea town.

The school will grow from one of 7 classrooms to one of 12 classrooms.

Everyone is welcomed as an equal to the school and the school functions as a community in which Irish is the primary language.

The mission is to provide a motivating, kind, happy and safe environment for their students, as a space in which they can discover their abilities, needs and develop further as children. Through the School Core Curriculum (Croí na Scoile) respect is developed for the diversity in their school and in the world around it.

Parents have a central and democratic role, from management to daily participation, in the life of the school.

Gaelscoil Riabhach strives to provide a healthy and safe work environment for its staff.

All members of staff fulfil their duties in a professional and caring manner.

The school expresses its values and mission statement 'Croí na Scoile' in the terms below: Diversity, Immersion Education, Inclusion, Community, Respect, Mindfulness.

Gaelscoil Riabhach's Public Art Working Group have made the decision to commission **Permanent Artworks** for both the internal and exterior spaces of their new school. The exterior artwork to help express their welcoming identity, visualise their presence and help to express their vision.

They wish the artist(s) to engage meaningfully with as many of their 183 students as is possible as part of this process. Various approaches and levels of engagement are welcomed as part of this Per Cent for Art project. Collaborative partnerships are also welcome, should artists wish to partner with another artist for this project.

Fluency in the Irish language is not a requirement to be considered for this commission, however, the artist(s), the process and final artworks should be cognisant of and sympathetic to the central role of the Irish language in the school and the school's identity.

It must be noted that the new school building is 'on site' at present with an estimated completion date of October, 2017. The new building is on a different site from the 'old school', approximately a kilometre away.



The brief asks the artist/s to:

- Focus on the school's vision noted above.
- There are currently 183 students, this figure will increase marginally.
- Gaelscoil Riabhach have requested that the artist(s) would engage with some / all of their 183 students in the process of creating these artworks.
- Consider the future history and identity of this school, its students, teachers and community as it marks out its place in Loughrea in their permanent home.
- Consider the relevance of these artworks now and in the future.
- Consider the very many social, cultural and educational values of Gaelscoil Riabhach.
- **Note:** It is estimated that the move to the new building will be in October, 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, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 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.

Gaelscoil Riabhach 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 **Autumn / Winter of 2017 and reach completion by October 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 **€29,000.** 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:**

Gaelscoil Riabhach, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

## **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)

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**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 **Gaelscoil Riabhach** 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,**  
**Gaelscoil Riabhach**  
**Loughrea**  
**Co. Galway.**

**Closing date** for the receipt of completed applications is **12 noon, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.**

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