

## INDIVIDUAL ARTIST BURSARY PROGRAMME 2021 INFORMATION SHEET

The Individual Artists Bursary programme is designed to support the development of Leitrim based professional artists from any arts discipline for any purpose that will demonstrably contribute to an artist's professional development such as -

- **New Work** - Costs relating to the development or production of new work for exhibition, publication or presentation.
- **Professional Development** - Costs relating to improving your knowledge. Research, residencies or short-term courses including on-line courses; participation in conventional part-time or full-time education where other sources of public funding are unavailable. The extent to which these activities are relevant to on-going and planned work, the quality of that work and its importance to future audiences, is crucial and should be clear from your application.

Please note that applications for mentoring and support towards performing or exhibiting abroad or research towards performing or exhibiting abroad are not supported under this programme as there are specific separate funding strands for these purposes. However, applicants may apply to multiple programmes in the same year.

### Requirements and notes:

- The programme is open to professional artists\* ordinarily basing their practice in County Leitrim\*\*.
- The activity for which the artist wishes to apply must be completed before 31 December 2022.
- Completed application forms must be accompanied by artists C.V. images/recordings etc. of previous work and details/supplementary information about the subject of the application.
- Where support from Leitrim County Council was provided in 2019 or 2020, a one-page report providing details of that application and its subsequent outcomes including any publications, press and publicity must accompany the application.
- Information submitted will only be returned if a stamped addressed envelope is submitted along with the application. If an SAE is not supplied, it is presumed that return of the information supplied is not required.
- **All applicants must be members of Creative Frame.** (see [www.creativeframe.eu](http://www.creativeframe.eu))

### Applications are assessed by an independent external expert panel using the following criteria –

- Likely impact from this activity on audiences in Leitrim and elsewhere.
- Proven commitment to high quality arts practice, particularly as evidenced in this activity, and where applicable, as evidenced in the outcomes arising from previous support provided by Leitrim County Council.
- Track record of applicant (or potential for an emerging artist)
- Likely benefit of activity to artist's practice.
  - In the case of courses, mentoring, services etc. – the quality and excellence of those activities, mentors, companies or services is a determinant of likely benefit.
  - In the case of theatre companies or orchestras etc. producing the applicant's work. – the quality and excellence of those companies and the extent and scale of its presentation is a determinant of likely benefit.

The value of an award rises to a maximum of €2,500. While there is no fixed number of awards, there is generally a larger number of lesser value bursaries and a small number of maximum value ones. The quantity and value of bursaries will depend on available resources, number of applicants and the quality of applications.

**Completed forms must submitted before MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER  
using the online form at [www.leitrimarts.ie](http://www.leitrimarts.ie)**

**For further information contact - [www.leitrimarts.ie](http://www.leitrimarts.ie); [arts@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:arts@leitrimcoco.ie); 071 96 21694.**

*\* A professional artist can be defined as someone for whom their artform is their whole-time occupation or who holds a third level qualification in their field of practice or has been paid and advertised as a solo or leading performer/exhibitor in a state funded institution or has been published or produced by a recognised publisher or theatre/film company or venue or is recognised as a professional by his/her peers and received recognition in the form of commendations, rewards, awards, grants, appointments to panels, etc.*

*\*\* Having primary residence in Leitrim or maintaining a full-time dedicated studio space in Leitrim for minimum six months prior to application or having current lease/residency agreement on studio in Leitrim of minimum 6 months duration. (Dedicated Studio Space includes studios at Leitrim Sculpture Centre, The Dock, Drumshanbo Library Studios etc. or rented space where utilities are in the applicant's name.)*