



Clár Éire Ildánach  
Creative Ireland  
Programme



## CREATIVE DIGITAL ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – CREATIVE LAOIS

### Open Call to Creative Digital Practitioners

Laois County Council Culture and Creativity Team invites submissions for a special residency for creatives who specialise in Digital Arts. The successful applicant will creatively explore the themes of our Creative Communities including Arts, Library and Heritage initiatives through digital creation.

The Culture and Creativity Team aim to develop several digital storytelling projects to promote the history of the county both at heritage sites and online. These digital stories can be produced in several ways including animation, short film, soundscapes, podcasts etc. The projects developed will be presented in various digital forms including VR, Holographic projection systems, QR codes etc.

It is also planned to create a digital storytelling archive that can be accessed online for the general public, tourists, students, researchers and the 'Culturally Curious'. The proposals of the successful applicant will also be considered in the digital storytelling plan.

### ABOUT THE RESIDENCY

Practitioners are invited to apply for a residency of 6 months during the time frame of November 2023 - April 2024 (inclusive) with an award of €10,000 (to include all project costs, materials, travel, etc.), to be paid in monthly instalments.

The aim of the Residency is to enable the Practitioner to engage meaningfully with relevant individuals, communities, and groups and to create digital storytelling pertaining to historic sites in the county.

- The Residency will be on a part-time basis, which may require flexible hours.
- The role will include online presentations referencing the Laois County Library digital archive -photographs archives and images.
- Experience with VR projects would be an advantage to candidates.
- It is hoped to facilitate some in-person creative engagement (workshops for children and older persons, activities, show/s, performance/s or other output). Applicants are also encouraged to consider engaging with community participants on a virtual/ online/ blended basis, where possible and appropriate.
- An online presence for the work of the residency is encouraged. An existing platform is available.
- The successful applicant will liaise with the Creative Laois Coordinator and with the Laois Creative Communities Engagement Officer and at times with the Culture and Creativity Team.
- Any print, film or digital outputs generated as part of this project will be considered the property of Laois County Council.
- The successful applicant will work from their own base but will have access to meeting room space in Laois County Council offices/libraries if required.

## **APPLICATION**

The Residency is open to all digital creative practitioners (animators, film makers, graphic designers, etc.)

Requirements for applicants:

- A current tax-clearance certificate will be required. The successful applicant will be required to hold their own insurance cover.
- Demonstrate ability to deliver and coordinate by means of prior experience and/or proven track record.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Proficiency in the use of social media and digital technologies are essential. Applicants' proposals should include the following:

- A typed proposal outlining creative ideas and approaches to the residency (no more than two pages) and indicating the term of residency for which you wish to apply.
- A typed curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages) with two named referees, which should include someone who has previously worked with you on a similar project.
- Proposals should include links to relevant previous projects.

Applications will be assessed under the following criteria:

**In advance of the residency the following will be agreed with the successful applicant**

- Goals, roles, and responsibilities between the practitioner in Residence and the Creative Laois co-ordinator and/or the Culture and Creativity Team of Laois County Council
- Agreed programme of work with appropriate flexibility and responsiveness
- Administrative support
- Ongoing review and evaluation; regularity of meetings.

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Mark</b>
Project proposal – quality of proposal, Artistic merit of the proposal	30 Marks
Experience/proven track record; Quality of previous work	30 Marks
Demonstrate good communication skills including proficiency in the use of digital platforms, track record in public engagement activities including any related online activities	20 Marks
Demonstrate familiarity with and interest in the subject matter.	20 Marks
	Total: 100 Marks

## **Selection Process**

- The selection panel will include representatives of the Laois Culture Team. For details see <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/laois>
- We reserve the right to ask for clarity of information or to reconsider elements such as delivery procedures, budget, time schedule or any such factors deemed necessary for a successful outcome.
- We reserve the right not to proceed with any proposal under this invitation and consider other appropriate courses of action.
- The decision of the selection panel is final.

Please send application and a current CV marked 'Creative Digital Practitioner Residence' by email to: **creativelaois@laiscoco.ie**

**The deadline for completed applications is 12pm Monday 23rd October 2023.**

Any queries should be addressed to David Broderick, Creative Communities Engagement Officer to **creativelaois@laiscoco.ie**



