

Open Call

The Hugh Lane Gallery and Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts announce a major Commission opportunity



Image: Seamus Nolan: Traveller Collection at the Hugh Lane (2018); a co-commission between Create and Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, supported by the Collaborative Arts Partnership Programme (CAPP), a transnational programme co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union.

Photo: Joseph Carr

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The Hugh Lane Gallery and Create are delighted to announce this significant opportunity for a collaborative/ socially engaged artist(s) to embark on a major commission.

Following on from their successful partnership on the CAPP commission (2017) awarded to Seamus Nolan's Traveller Collection which investigated the idea of archive, deconstructed ideas on 'heritage' and engaged with communities of place and of interest involving Traveller activists and archivists, The Hugh Lane Gallery and Create are delighted to once again partner to offer a significant opportunity for collaborative/ socially engaged artist(s). We believe that collaborative arts involve artists and communities (non-arts professionals) who work together, often over extended periods, to make art. By facilitating wider participation, collaborative arts expand and diversify public engagement with the arts, enriching its contribution to society.

In keeping with both Hugh Lane Gallery and Create's commitment to principles of equality, diversity and inclusion, we seek expressions of interest from artists who are from minority ethnic backgrounds and/ or have lived experience of displacement and/or are shaped by histories of intergenerational migration. Candidates may self-identify as Traveller, Roma, refugee, migrant or otherwise through lived experience and/or second generational memories. The commission is open to artists based in the Republic of Ireland.

The commission is aimed at professional artist(s) who are interested in developing or consolidating their collaborative/ socially engaged arts practice. Artist(s) should have a track record and experience of working in the field of collaborative/ socially engaged arts practice. The artist(s) should demonstrate the ability to connect to and read the complexities of the local area of Dublin city geographically within the Dublin City Council administrative area. We particularly welcome proposals which consider diverse ways to engage with both community and audience.

The Hugh Lane Gallery and Create will support the selected artist(s) by facilitating an inclusive and intersectional creative axis where art making, co-production, learning and knowledge exchange are the principals on which the relationship between the selected artist(s) and the community is built.

The commission runs from October 2022 for 12 to 14 months and has a budget of €50,000 in total. Please note the budget must include the allocation of fees, expenses, materials, production, insurance and VAT.

Guidelines for Commission

Who is eligible?

Any artist(s) based in the Republic of Ireland who is from a minority ethnic background, has first-hand experience of displacement and/or is shaped by histories of intergenerational migration. For this commission, candidates may self-identify as Traveller, Roma, refugee, migrant or otherwise through lived experience and/or second generational memories.

Artist(s) must have a track record of working in the field of collaborative/ socially engaged arts.

Application Process

How to apply and Deadlines

You are invited to submit:

1. An expression of interest - max 3 A4 pages outlining your approach to the commission.

Tell us about your experience of collaborative practice. Why is this opportunity relevant to your practice at this time, what is your ambition for the commission?

Perhaps the commission might offer an opportunity for research, exchange, networking, and learning - what is it you would do, how can the Hugh Lane Gallery and Create support your vision?

How would you approach this opportunity for meaningful and in-depth engagement with the diverse communities of Dublin 1 and the wider Dublin City Council administrative area? Why this community or do you already work here? How can this commission facilitate a more relational and durational engagement?

The commission will offer an opportunity to platform/ showcase the project - how do you imagine the Hugh Lane Gallery will facilitate this?

2. A CV of max 3 A4 pages, to give a sense of previous projects.
3. A 150-word biography outlining your current preoccupations as an artist.
4. Up to 5 images or examples of recent projects with short descriptions. If you have relevant links to images and videos, please include them within these examples.
5. An outline budget, indicative of primary areas of expenditure as you foresee them. We expect to see a realistic artist's fee, to reflect that this is a time-intensive process.

Applicants must combine the expression of interest, CV, biography, 5 images or examples of recent projects and an outline budget into ONE single pdf. Please note this entire document should not exceed 20 MB.

Submit your expression of interest by email to CreateHLGCommission@create-ireland.ie with 'Hugh Lane Gallery and Create Commission Expression of Interest' in the subject line. Deadline for receipt of applications is 17.00 GMT Monday 22 August 2022.

Interviews will be conducted by Hugh Lane Gallery and Create with the shortlisted candidates on Wednesday 31 August 2022.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to develop their expression of interest into a full proposal (including a detailed budget), for which they will receive a proposal development fee. The deadline for the shortlisted candidates to submit their fully developed proposals will be 17.00 GMT Thursday 22 September 2022.

The successful artist(s) will be announced the first week of October 2022.

For any queries relating to the commission please email CreateHLGCommission@create-ireland.ie.

Applicant Supports

The Hugh Lane Gallery and Create aim to make the application process accessible to all. We provide supports to remove barriers for artist applicants to this commission. These may include translation from other languages or transcription of audio and video files. We will use all reasonable endeavours to assist applicants eligible under the conditions of the commission. To find out more please contact Create (CreateHLGCommission@create-ireland.ie) at least 3 weeks in advance of the closing date. If you feel your needs are not outlined here, please contact us and we will do our best to support you.

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