



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Commemorations Programme 2024 – Women 100 Open Call for Artists

As part of the Commemorations Programme for 2024, reflecting on 100 years of the Irish State, Donegal County Council invites artists of all disciplines to submit proposals for a creative project called Women 100, exploring, responding to, or reflecting on the theme of women's experiences during the early decades of the State and their contribution to the events that occurred, including their changing role in society. One artist will be selected through the open call.

The Women 100 project may be undertaken over a four-month period between **end-June and mid-October 2024**. The successful artist will be paid a stipend of **€5,000** to cover aspects of the project including the artist's professional fee, relevant taxes, all workspace expenses and travel. It is expected that the creative project will result in the creation of an artistic work that will be shared with the public.

Historically significant events occurred in the decades that followed the establishment of the Irish Free State in 1922 and through the Commemorations Programme 2024, the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media recognises that communities will want to continue to explore their history and mark locally significant centenaries. This includes exploring the experiences of women during the early years of the State and their contribution to the events that occurred, including their changing role in society.

As part of their contribution to the Commemoration Programme 2024, Donegal County Museum and Donegal County Archives are developing an exhibition which will shine a spotlight on the stories of Donegal women from the 1920's to the 1980's. The artefacts, archives and images in this exhibition will explore the lives of Donegal women and will include stories of the everyday experiences of women as the new Irish state emerged along with the stories of women who were trailblazers in areas such as medicine, science, academia, arts, music and more. The exhibition will take place in Donegal County Museum from November 2024 to March 2025.

The Women 100 creative project may form part of the Museum and Archives exhibition, it may sit alongside it but be separate from it, or in the case of a performance or reading for example, it may take place at some point during the duration of the exhibition.

Women 100 is part of Donegal County Council's Commemorations Programme 2024, and is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

All initiatives should be aligned with the principles and guidance of the Expert Advisory Group for the Decade of Centenaries. Local commemorative endeavours should helpfully focus on acknowledging the significance of an event in an inclusive, respectful, sensitive and non-partisan way.

This project is intended to target individuals interested in exploring the intersection of art and women's experiences, particularly those with an appreciation for diverse cultural perspectives and storytelling. We will make every effort to source artists from Black and Minority Ethnic and Global Majority Communities.

Who Can Apply?

The Residency opportunity is open to

(1.) Professional artists of all disciplines - that is, applicants who ordinarily identify themselves, and are recognised by their peers, as professional, practicing artists.

(2) While their income may not derive exclusively from their artistic practice, they must be able to display a reasonable track record in their artform.

(3.) Artists submitting a Women 100 proposal must be either presently living and working in Donegal or, in the case of Donegal-born artists currently living and working outside of the county, they must have completed some significant work in the county, or related to the county, within the past three years.

Criteria for Assessment

- Creative and artistic strength of the proposed Open Call Project and its contribution to the Commemorations Programme. (40%)
- Artist's professional credentials and track record of work to-date. (25%)
- Ability of the artist to deliver a successful Open Call programme. (20%)
- How it is envisaged that the public will engage with the work of the Open Call. (15%)

'Donegal County Council welcomes submission to the Artists Commemorations Programme from all applicants regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, membership of the Traveller community, disability, religion, family status or socio-economic background and is committed to equal opportunity for all applicants. The Council is keen that submissions to the Artists Commemorations Programme call reflect the diversity of communities in Donegal.'

The deadline for the completion of the artwork is 11th October 2024.

Completed Application Forms, accompanied by the appropriate supporting documentation, must be submitted **by Email only** to museum@donegalcoco.ie

Files/images/drawings to be attached - not embedded in email

We cannot accept attachments greater than 12MB in total

The Closing Date for receipt of Completed Applications is 4.30pm Monday 17th June 2024

If you have any **Further Queries** regarding the brief, please email museum@donegalcoco.ie before **Wednesday 12th June 2024**

