



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe  
Galway City Council

## **Galway City Council Áras Éanna Artist-in-Residence Guidelines**

### Introduction

As outlined in [\*New Directions: Strategic Plan for the arts 2021 – 2026\*](#), the Galway City Council Arts Office is committed to the development of creative practitioners and the broader cultural landscape of Galway City. We work closely with the Arts Council to create an open and fair approach to investment and development and we commit to providing robust supports, resources and opportunities for artists.

### **What is the purpose of the residency?**

This residency supports a Galway City based Creative Practitioner to attend Áras Éanna Arts Centre on the Island of Inis Oírr from 5<sup>th</sup> –29<sup>th</sup> May2026. This residence is open to creative practitioners across the spectrum of creativity. Deadline for applications – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 4pm.

### **Who is eligible for the Bursary?**

(i) Individual Creative Practitioners working in the following disciplines:

Architecture	Sound Art
Socially Engaged Arts	Theatre
Circus	Traditional Arts
Digital arts	Multi-disciplinary
Dance	Music
Film & Video	Opera
Literature (Irish and English Language)	Visual Art
Street Arts and Spectacle	Young People and Children

Should Festival be included?

- (ii) This award is only open to those living in Galway City Council's administrative area. If you live in Galway County, Galway County Council Arts Office hosts similar schemes for which you may be eligible.
- (iii) Bursary Awards are available only to applicants aged 18 and older.

### **Who is not eligible to apply?**

- Undergraduate students.
- Anybody currently in full-time education.
- Arts organizations or community groups.

### **What will be supported through the Residency?**

- Return ferry to the Island

- Accommodation and studio facilities at Áras Éanna
- Use of other Áras Éanna facilities (theatre/galleries/cameras etc.) when available
- Stipend of €2000

## Criteria

In assessing your application, the following will be considered:

<b>A</b>	<b>Artistic Quality and Ambition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The quality of your work and work methodology</li> <li>- Evidence you are working towards an exhibition, publication or performances for which a stay at Áras Éanna would represent a core support</li> </ul>	25%
<b>B</b>	<b>Quality of Work Examples and Arts Background</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consideration of your background and a proven track record in the arts</li> <li>- Evidence of significant achievement in your chosen field or a high degree of potential</li> </ul>	25%
<b>C</b>	<b>Potential Impact on Individual's Artistic Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whether this work will have a constructive and positive effect on your artistic practice/career</li> </ul>	25%
<b>D</b>	<b>Feasibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarity of your proposal and what you want to achieve as a result of your time in Áras Éanna</li> <li>- Your capacity to complete and see this work through to successful fruition</li> </ul>	25%

## **Assessment**

Your application must be submitted no later than 4.00pm on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Late submissions cannot be accepted. A formal acknowledgement of your application with a reference number will be issued within two weeks of the deadline. It is your responsibility to contact the Arts Office at [arts@galwaycity.ie](mailto:arts@galwaycity.ie) if you do not receive this communication within that time.

Your application will be processed by members of the Arts Office Administrative team. Any applications that clearly fall outside the eligibility guidelines and criteria may be eliminated at this point. All applications will be considered by the Arts Office Team reporting to the City Arts Officer. Independent Assessors (with relevant experience and expertise) support the Art Officer Team who will make recommendations on all eligible applications. Galway City Council reserves the right to redirect applications for consideration to appropriate categories other than those applied for, should it be deemed beneficial to the applicant to so do. Grants may be withheld at the City Council's discretion. All grants are offered subject to the availability of funds.

## **Completing Your Application**

- Remember that several people will be involved in the decision-making so make your application clear, concise, and unambiguous.
- Do not assume that your work is known– treat each application as if it were your first.
- Remember your application is assessed on the basis of all information supplied within the competitive context of many other applications.
- Canvassing will disqualify the applicant.

Each application must be accompanied by:

- Proof of Address
- C.V. – no more than 2 pages
- A sample of your work which may include - images, text, compositions, audio and/or video.

## **Submitting Your Application**

All applications must be submitted online through Submit. Ensure that all requested documentation is submitted. Please note that the maximum attachment size on our server is 15mb. Additional information cannot be accepted after the closing date. Applicants should aim to submit their

application early to allow for time to make any amendments or clarifications.

To apply you must register through our website at [www.galwaycity.ie/artsgrants](http://www.galwaycity.ie/artsgrants). Once you have done this you can access the application form and submit your supporting material. If you require assistance with your application, contact [arts@galwaycity.ie](mailto:arts@galwaycity.ie) as soon as possible. If you have a disability which means you have difficulty using or accessing our Online Services, please contact us via email at [arts@galwaycity.ie](mailto:arts@galwaycity.ie) and we would be happy to assist.

Your application will be invalid if you do not:

- Register on our website (if you have previously registered you do not need to register again)
- Submit a fully completed application form
- Submit all requested documentation with your application form (additional documentation cannot be accepted after the closing date)
- Submit your application by the deadline of 13th April 2026.

### **Conditions for Successful Applicants**

- The residency must take place in 5<sup>th</sup> –29<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

- The residency must only be used for the purposes specified in your application.
- If the event or project is altered, postponed or cancelled – in whole or in part – the Arts Office must be contacted to discuss the matter.
- Galway City Council must be acknowledged on all publicity, press and marketing material produced in connection with the undertaking or event in line with our Acknowledgement Guidelines available on our website.
- A written account of the residency experience, including its impact on the artist's practice, must be submitted to the Arts Office within 2 weeks of the residency.
- You must ensure that all necessary statutory permissions or consents have been obtained before any marketing activity commences. This includes ensuring consents relating to GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and IP (Intellectual Property) have been checked in relation to use of images for marketing purposes.

### **Freedom of Information**

You are welcome to ask for feedback if your application does not qualify for funding. Availing of this is highly recommended as it may help you develop applications for further bursaries.

Galway City Council undertakes to hold confidential any information provided by applicants subject to its obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 2014. Applicants are requested to consider if any of the information supplied should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity. If this is the case, candidates should, when providing the information, identify same and specify the reasons for its sensitivity. If such information is not identified as sensitive and Galway City Council upon consideration does not deem it sensitive, then such information is liable to be released in response to a Freedom of Information request without further consultation with the applicants. Galway City Council will consult with any candidates about sensitive information before deciding on any Freedom of Information Act request received.

Details of successful applicants will be published on our website and social media channels.

### **Data Protections**

All personal information received will be held in line with our Data Protection Policy, available [here](#).

## **Enquiries**

Email: [arts@galwaycity.ie](mailto:arts@galwaycity.ie) with subject line “Áras Éanna Residency 2026 Enquiry”. Please ensure you allow sufficient time for you query to be dealt with.