**Donegal Culture & Creativity Project Awards Scheme 2024**

**Guidelines**

The Donegal Culture & Creativity Project Awards Scheme 2024 promotes collaboration and fosters creativity as envisaged in the Creative Ireland programme. Creative Ireland is a culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community and national well-being. Local Authorities across the country, including Donegal County Council, are working in partnership with Creative Ireland to deliver Pillar 2 of the Creative Ireland programme that aims to ‘Enable Creativity in Every Community’. Creative Ireland defines culture as “The shared values, patterns of behaviour, customs and forms of expression that characterise different social groups and communities at any given time”.

The Donegal Culture & Creativity Project Awards Scheme 2024 encourages cooperation and collaboration between communities and heritage specialists, artists, culture professionals and/or creative industries to preserve, conserve, research, practice, exhibit, perform, instruct, engage, enhance, promote or address an aspect of the material or non-material culture in an original, imaginative or creative way. The Projects Awards Scheme addresses the Culture & Creativity Strategy for County Donegal to “create new funding opportunities/programmes aimed at discovering and supporting existing and emerging voices in culture and creativity” (Strategic Priority3, Culture & Creativity Strategy, 2023 – 2027 for County Donegal). Up to 25 project awards of €2,000 are available and this funding is provided through the Creative Ireland programme which is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, and Donegal County Council.

Donegal County Council welcomes submission to the Donegal Culture & Creativity Project Awards Scheme 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 Donegal Culture & Creativity Project Awards Scheme reflect the diversity of communities in Donegal.

**Assessment Criteria:**

Proposed projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

* **Project Description:** including aims and objectives, expected project outputs and how your project addresses an aspect of culture, heritage, or arts in an imaginative, innovative, or creative way (40%)
* **Engagement & Community:** including how your project encourages engagement and works with culture professionals, heritage specialists, creatives and/or local communities (30%)
* **Project Management & Delivery:** including demonstration of management capacity, an outline of how the project will be delivered and a practical timeframe (20%); and
* **Value for Money:** including outlining of project budget, investment of other funding secured (if relevant), your own resources and/or in-kind contributions (10%).

**For further information:**

Culture & Creativity Strategy for County Donegal: [www.creativeireland.gov.ie/donegal](http://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/donegal)

Creative Ireland: <https://creative.ireland.ie>

**Applications must be submitted by e-mail as an attachment in a Word document to:**

**creativeireland@donegalcoco.ie**

**by**

**Monday 25th  March 2024 at 12 noon.**

***Late applications will not be accepted.***

**Project must be completed and funding drawn down by**

**Friday, 20nd September 2024 at 12 noon**