

Laois Arthouse, Stradbally, Co Laois
Open Call for Exhibition Proposals

Laois County Council Arts Office is delighted to invite proposals for its 2015/2016 visual art exhibition programme for Laois Arthouse, Stradbally Co Laois. The callout is open to professional artists, curators and arts groups to apply.

The aim of the programme is to provide opportunities for all to engage with the visual arts as creators, spectators and participants. Applicants should be open to the mediation of their work to the general public.

Eligibility:

Proposals for solo, two person, or group shows are welcome. We welcome applications from Artists who are from or work in County Laois as well as those nationally or internationally. Each exhibition will be approximately 4 weeks in duration.

Opportunities will be available for successful applicants to participate in a maximum of two paid public engagement events, for example an “in conversation” or perhaps a workshop. The specific details of this public engagement will be mutually agreed between the successful applicant and Laois Arts Office.

Commission on Sales

Commission of 20% on sale of work to be paid to Laois Arthouse.

What we offer:

A contribution of €200 is available to support the Exhibition

Marketing material and PR

Independent curatorial advice (if required)

Exhibition Launch (if appropriate)

The indoor space has an exhibition hanging system and exhibitors are expected to install their own work – guidance/assistance will be given if required.

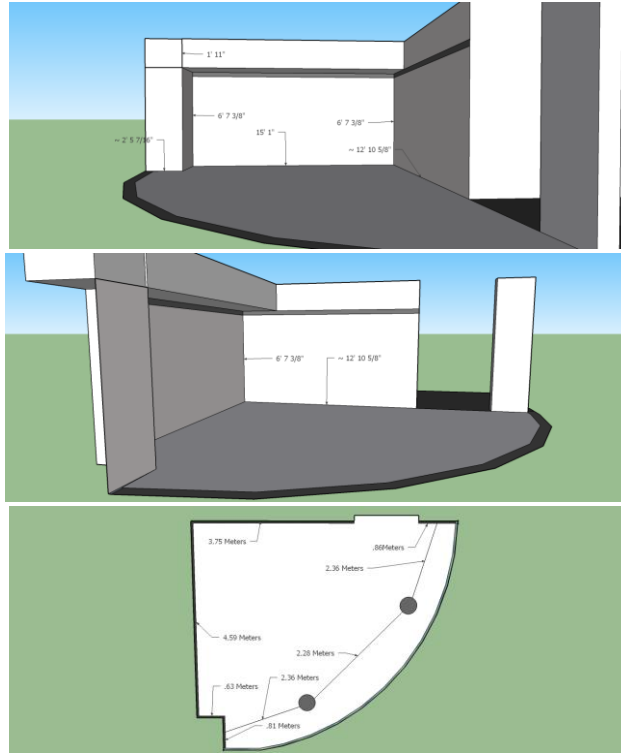
Facilitated Gallery Visit for interested applicants

The Arts Office will host site visits by appointment to introduce the space and answer any specific questions. To book a place for this, please email artsoff@laoiscoco.ie or T: 057 8664033.

Images and dimensions below: More available on request from the above

The Gallery and Corridor Space





Lighting: spotlights.

Outdoor Garden Area



Selection criteria

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Suitability of outline proposal to the context of the Laois Arthouse Gallery (50/100)

The audience has been identified as a mix of library visitor, local resident, local arts community, tourist/day visitor.

Quality of previous work (50/100)

Application:

To apply, please deliver 2 hard copies of the following: (Items 1 – 3 are mandatory) to the Arts Office, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co Laois, clearly marked 'Open Call Application'.

1. A concise outline of the proposed exhibition (400 words maximum)
2. CV (one page)
3. Examples of previous work (no more than 5 images in total).

Each image of existing work must include the title, its dimensions, the material/medium, the date and your name. This should be submitted either as print-outs, such as photographs, or digital files in J-peg format on CD Rom. All digital supporting material should be PC/Microsoft Office compatible.

4. Where new work is being proposed, please include a clear outline text not to exceed 400 words. For any proposed new work, please include as much detail as possible at this stage, as to material, scale and production with sketches of intended layout in relation to gallery space.

The Arts Office will accept hard copy applications only. Please note that applications will not be returned; valuable or irreplaceable materials should not be included with submissions. Adjudication will be conducted by the Arts Office and independent practitioners with arts expertise. The decision of the selection panel will be final.

All applicants will be notified regarding decisions by email.

Closing date for applications: Friday 29th May 2015 @ 12 noon

Successful applicants will be notified by: Friday 26th June.

Freedom of Information

The provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1997-2003 apply to Laois County Council.

Applicants should state if any of the information supplied by them is confidential or sensitive and should not be disclosed to a request for information under the aforementioned Act. Applicants should state why they consider the information to be confidential or commercially sensitive.

Laois County Council reserves the right not to select three exhibitions if a requisite number of the proposals received are not deemed to be suitable. In this instance, Laois County Council reserves the right to pursue a different selection process.

Further queries: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie. T: 057 8664033/8664109