

Comhairle Chontae Laoise
Laois County Council
Public Art Commission
Portlaoise Leisure Centre

Per Cent for Art – One Stage

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Introduction:

Laois County Council wishes to commission a piece of art which is funded by the Department of the Environment 'percent for art scheme'. The piece of artwork will be external and of a permanent nature to be sited in the childrens' play area at Portlaoise Leisure Centre, Moneyballytyrell, Portlaoise.

Background

In January 2006 the Department of Art, Sport & Tourism approved plans to construct Portlaoise Leisure Centre and construction of the project began in May 2006. The development when complete will consist of the following facilities;

- 25 metre pool, learning pool and play pool
- Sauna and steam room
- Gym and aerobics studio
- Soft play area
- Café
- Full size all weather and grass pitch
- Walking trail
- Playground for children 0-12
- Landscaped park areas

The construction phase of the project is due to be completed by the end of September 2007. Installation of the playground will be completed by mid October 2007. Portlaoise Leisure Centre will be managed by Portlaoise Leisure Centre Ltd, a company set up by Laois County Council whose directors are elected representatives, staff of Laois County Council and community representatives.

Specifications

Brief

- The artwork will be located in the outdoor childrens' play area to the front of Portlaoise Leisure Centre (see site layout attached)
- The artwork should consist of one or more pieces of interactive sculpture which should have a high play value for children using the playground
- The sculpture (s) should be weather resistant and health & safety compliant
- The artwork should harmonise and compliment the theme of the playground which is outlined in supporting documentation.
- The budget for this percent for art commission is €65,000

- Artists are invited to submit site specific proposals for the commission. The submission must fully describe the proposed work and, in order to qualify as a valid submission:
- Drawings, sketches and computer generated images to describe the ideas and materials in context to be provided, as appropriate; alternatively digital imagery depicting the 3D structure e.g. Computer generated 3D rendering, or, digital video, or virtual reality (VR Worx) – this could be viewed as a series of stills or looped as an animation.
- Technical drawings at an appropriate scale
- Statement by the artist, not exceeding 400 words, which must include information under each and all of the following headings;

Your concept and its relevance/suitability for the particular location.

Availability of the artist to complete the proposed artwork within the timeframe, at latest by end of April 2008.

- Outline the costs including artist's fee, material costs, transport, installation and specifications. VAT to be included if applicable. These will be sufficiently detailed to demonstrate that the work can be completed and installed within the commission value.
- Maintenance requirements for the feature.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Application Form & Additional Information Requested

Submission should be clearly marked “**Portlaoise Leisure Centre Submission** ” and delivered to: The Arts Office, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co Laois and must reach Laois County Council by Friday 14th September 2007 @ 5.00pm. Laois County Council will not make allowances for delays in postage or delivery services. Submissions arriving after the deadline will not be considered. All reasonable care will be taken of each submission, but no responsibility is taken for loss or damage which may occur in transit, storage or packing/unpacking. Submissions will be retained by Laois County Council unless the artist specifically requests otherwise and arranges for collection.

Site Visit

Interested Artists are invited to attend a site meeting at Portlaoise Leisure Centre on Thursday 23rd August at 1pm., Please contact Ann Marie Maher on (057) 8664038 or (087) 618 4404 to confirm your intention to attend.

The successful Artist will be expected to work in close consultation with Laois County Council, the Board of Portlaoise Leisure Centre Ltd and the Architect responsible for the Leisure Centre Development.

The successful artist will be required to give a series of presentations/interactive demonstrations as required by Laois County Council during the course of their contract with Laois County Council.

Laois County Council and Portlaoise Leisure Centre Ltd will have use of the image of the successful sculpture for non-commercial use and the artist will be given due recognition.

Supporting Documents attached:

- Site Map
- Building Concept Drawings

Address for Submissions:

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Guidelines

It is recommended that you read the guidelines and supply supporting documentation

Include a current CV	Invest (as much as you can afford) in good examples and reproductions of your work (CDs, slides, etc)
Please print clearly in black ink or type	Keep a copy of your application for reference purposes
Include a stamped addressed envelope for return of material	If slides are included please include a slide list.(to avoid confusion regarding dimensions, media and context)
Other Supporting Documentation as listed below	See Application Form for Details

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Application Form

Name of applicant _____

Contact Address (please note all correspondence will be sent to this address)

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Mobile _____ email _____

1) Please give short description of your art practice (max 50 words)

Artists are asked to submit the following:

1. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
2. List of previous relevant projects or commissions, cost, time scale to deliver, list of specialist or other contractors engaged by the artist in connection with the completion of these installations.
3. Photos, slides etc, of previous work.
4. References and contact details
5. Tax Clearance Certificate and confirmation that if successful the artist is ready to provide insurances. This confirmation is mandatory

Supporting Documentation:

To assist in the assessment of your application, supporting documentation should be included and should be submitted and it must be clearly labeled.

Supporting documentation	Number of Items Enclosed	Enclosed (please tick)
CV		
References & Contact Details		
Stamped addressed envelope (SAE)		
CDs		
Other (slides, Photographs etc) please specify		
Tax Clearance Cert		

Freedom of information

Applicants completing this form should note that information provided to the Arts Office, Laois County Council may be disclosed in response to a request made under the Freedom of Information Act (1997 and 2003). Every effort will be made to protect client confidentiality.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Where did you hear about the competition (please tick to indicate)

Laois County Council Website Media
 By Post from Arts Office Other
 Please specify _____

Declaration

I have read the award conditions, agree to be bound by them, and certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____

This application form should be returned, addressed as follows: **Portlaoise Leisure Centre Submission, The Arts Office, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co Laois.**

- Closing date for the receipt of completed submissions is Friday 14th September 2007. Please note that the Arts Office, Laois County Council will not accept applications received after the closing date and time.