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OPEN CALL

HOMEGROUND

Art, People, Place, Identity

Research and Development Mentoring Awards (2020-2021)

Fingal Arts Office, in collaboration with Draíocht, is delighted to announce an Open Call for **HOMEGROUND: Art, People, Place, Identity**, five new Research and Development (with mentoring) Awards for artists working in socially engaged and collaborative practice and/or artists working with children and young people.

The call is open to artists from all disciplines across the visual and performing arts.

The artists will demonstrably be either:

(a) currently involved in socially engaged, collaborative project or a project with/for children and young people in Dublin 15 or the wider Fingal county

OR

(b) have the idea, the capacity and the existing relationships to initiate a socially engaged, collaborative project or a project with children and young people in Dublin 15 or the wider Fingal county .

The Award will support the research and development of a pertinent project with attendant mentoring support. The Award does not cover the *realisation* of a project at this point. In undertaking the researching and development of a project at this point, its realisation may however be envisaged for a gallery, theatre or site-specific space in Dublin 15/Fingal. Subject to resources, Fingal Art Office and/or Draíocht may consider future support for the realisation of one or more of the projects developed through a **HOMEGROUND** Award.

There are five Research and Development Awards (with mentoring). One award of which will be available specifically for an artist from a minority ethnic or migrant background.

The timeframe of the **HOMEGROUND** Award is November 2020 - April 2021.

HOMEGROUND AWARD ELEMENTS

1. A six month mentoring research and development period to support the development of the artist in researching a project of mutual interest to the artist and to Fingal Arts Office/Draíocht.
2. A fee to the artist of €2000 with an additional €500 to a mentor
3. A monthly meeting for peer networking and sharing/learning opportunities. Meeting to be convened by Draíocht there or on Zoom (tbc) and will include presentations on themes of interest and relevance to the artists by key experts. **Dates:** 11 November; 09 December; 13 January; 10 February; 10 March; 14 April.

HOMEGROUND TERMS & CONDITIONS

Artists applying will:

-have a proven track record of work in their chosen field of socially engaged/collaborative practice and/or with children and young people

-be currently involved in a socially engaged, collaborative project or a project with children and young people in Dublin 15 or the wider Fingal county

OR

currently have the idea, the capacity and the existing relationships to initiate a socially engaged, collaborative project or a project with/for children and young people in Dublin 15 or the wider Fingal county

-provide an outline project plan that they wish to develop and that could be or is located in Dublin 15 context or the wider Fingal county in a gallery, or theatre or site specific context

-provide a statement of benefit (max 1 page) as to:

(a) how you as an artist would benefit at this time from this opportunity in this context

AND

(b) how your proposal would benefit the Fingal / Draíocht context

- provide an up-to-date CV (max 2 pages)

- provide 10 images (max) in jpeg format (max file size 3MB) **and/or** three links to projects

-identify the key qualities they seek in a mentor at this time in the context of HOMEGROUND and also identify their own needs for support and guidance required of a mentor at this time in the context of HOMEGROUND. **Note:** Mentors can be based locally, nationally or internationally and mentoring sessions can be conducted face-to-face or through Zoom/others platforms. It is important that the mentor be experienced as a mentor and also have a high level of experience in your artform/art practice area. You are not required to identify a mentor for this application but if shortlisted this will be an important point for consideration. Through an organic process of discussion Fingal art office arts officers / Draíocht's Director and resident curator together with the artist will work to identify a suitable mentor. *You will be asked to address this on the HOMEGROUND Application Form.*

-be available to engage fully in all elements of **HOMEGROUND** over the time frame November 2020-April 2021. A Memo of Understanding (MOU) will be agreed with all artists in receipt of an award. Participation in the following will be central to the MOU : An orientation session (half-day) in November and thereafter 6 monthly (half-day) meetings (until April) at Draíocht/Zoom (dates indicated above); regular meetings with mentor as agreed between artist and mentor and Fingal Draíocht; a comprehensive written review of the experience and a plan for the future.

HOMEGROUND APPLICATION

Summary of requirements

-CV (max 2 pages)

-Outline project plan (max 1 page)

-A statement of benefit: a) how you as an artist would benefit at this time from this opportunity in this context; b) how your proposal is of benefit to the Fingal / Draíocht context (max 1 page).

-Max 10 images jpeg format max file size 3MB and/or three links to projects.

Please submit as one single PDF

HOMEGROUND KEY DATES

Closing date for applications	5pm Friday 18 September 2020
Selection of shortlist	24 September 2020
Zoom interviews for shortlisted artists	28 September 2020
Selected artists notified by	02 October 2020

Selection will be made by a panel of members from Fingal Arts Office and Draíocht. The panel's decision will be final and no correspondence or other engagement will be entered into in respect of its decisions.

Please submit application by email to: HomeGroundMentoring@gmail.com

Deadline: 5pm Friday 18 September 2020.