

## Draíocht Blanchardstown

**Open Call for recent visual art graduates 2019, 2020, 2021  
as part of Draíocht's 21st Birthday Exhibition Programme**

**Exhibition dates: 02 March–30 April 2022  
Closing date for submission: 31st December 2021**

### GUIDELINES

#### Introduction

Draíocht is delighted to announce an Open Call as part of its 21st Birthday Exhibition Programme which will take place in its Galleries between 02 March – 30 April 2022. Works shown will be selected by way of a 2-stage Open Submission.

The objective of the Open Call Exhibition is to support and highlight new work by graduate visual artists of the last three years (2019, 2020, 2021 only) from recognised third level art colleges across the island of Ireland or Irish citizens from recognised art colleges abroad, at BA and MA levels.

The Open Call exhibition will provide a platform for new work from emerging artists who may have had less opportunities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### The Prizes

There will be five cash prizes including a top prize of €3,000 and four awards of €500.

#### The Judges

**Judges for Draíocht's 21st Open Call Submission are:**

**Amanda Coogan** (Visual Artist) who will curate the exhibition

**Emer McGowan** (Director, Draíocht)

**Rory O'Byrne** (Fingal Arts Officer)

**Aoife Ruane** (Curator/ Director and CEO Highlanes Gallery)

The panel will be chaired by **Sharon Murphy** (Curator Draíocht) and the process will be coordinated by **Sara Muthi**, Draíocht Open Call 21 Associate Curator.

#### Criteria for selection

##### Eligibility (as per theses Guidelines for submission)

##### Quality of work

- The work demonstrates an understanding of current contemporary art practices
- The work brings a new voice to their specific medium
- The work demonstrates original use of materials and/or ambition in presentation and contextualizing the work within their broader practice.

##### Eligibility and entry requirements

1. Submissions are invited from eligible visual artists who have recently (2019, 2020, 2021 only) graduated with a BA or MA from recognised third level art colleges in Ireland or Irish citizens recently (2019, 2020, 2021 only) graduated from recognised art colleges abroad with a BA or MA.
2. Submissions of work are invited from eligible artists working in paint, photography, sculpture, print, drawing, performance and mixed media.
3. Artists must demonstrate commitment to a full-time practice as an artist.

4. Artists must fill out the ENTRY FORM in full. Incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be processed. The entry form must be attached as a .PDF and must not exceed 3MB.

5. All entry forms must be accompanied by a JPEG or video or audio file of your work.

### **The Artwork**

6. Eligible artists must submit one artwork only.

7. The submitted artwork must be the artist's original work and have been completed in your graduating year 2019, 2020, 2021 or since up until October 31 2021.

8. All artworks shortlisted must be display ready. Any equipment that is specific and/or integral to the display of the artwork will need to be provided by the artist.

9. The submitted artwork must be of a size and medium that does not inhibit its display in Draíochts' galleries. Draíocht has the right to exclude artworks that cannot be reasonably displayed due to their medium or size. Work over 150cm x 150cm is only considered in exceptional circumstances.

10. The image that the applicant submits of their artwork must show the artwork in its completed state. If an applicant changes the image of their artwork so as to alter the artwork itself after a submission has been made, it may no longer be admissible.

### **Submitting your Entry**

11. Only entries submitted via email with digital image/file of the artwork attached in the format outlined below will be accepted. Download the entry form from:

<https://www.draiocht.ie/take-part/artists/open-call-for-graduate-artists>

For 2D artworks: please attach 1 image only. Please add the image as an attachment – do not embed the image of the work in your email. The image must comply with the specifications below.

For 3D artworks, diptychs or triptychs: please attach a maximum of 3 images, each of which should comply with the specifications below.

### **Image specifications:**

Image format: JPG Image quality: best quality / least compression, 300DPI Maximum file size: 3MB  
Any applications with image files larger than 3MB will not be accepted.

Video files: please share video files via the file-sharing service WeTransfer. Use your own name for the title of the video file.

Audio files: MP3 or WAV – please share audio files via the file-sharing service WeTransfer. Use your own name for the title of the audio file.

12. Only entries received via email in PDF format to: draiocht21opensubmission@gmail.com by 5PM on Friday 31 December 2021 will be accepted.

### **Shortlisting/Stage 1**

13. Shortlisted artists will be informed by email on 27 January 2022 and will be required to deliver their works to Draíocht for further consideration by the selection panel on either 31 January or 01 February. Specific times will be allocated and all delivery arrangements will be strictly coordinated. Shortlisted works not received on the agreed date/time will not be eligible for consideration by the selection panel.

14. Artists whose work has not been shortlisted will be informed by email on 27 January 2022.

### **Selection of works for exhibition/Stage II**

15. Following delivery of short-listed works the judging panel will select works for exhibition during the first week of February 2022.

16. Artists whose works are selected for inclusion in the exhibition will be notified on Friday 04 February 2022 by email. Prize-winners whose works are selected for inclusion in the exhibition will be announced on the opening night of the exhibition 02 March 2022.

18. Artists whose work has not been selected for exhibition will be notified on Friday 04 February 2022 by email. Unselected works for exhibition will be available for collection on 09 and 10 February from Draíocht.

Please collect the unselected work as follows:

**Collection of unselected work:**

Surname A, B, C, D - 10am to 11am Wednesday 09 February 2022  
Surname E, F - 11am to 12pm Wednesday 09 February  
Surname G, H, I, J - 12pm to 1pm Wednesday 09 February  
Surname K, L - 2pm to 3pm Wednesday 09 February  
Surname M, Mac, Mc - 3pm-4pm Wednesday 9 February  
Surname N - 4pm to 5pm Wednesday 09 February  
Surname O - 1pm to 2pm Thursday 10 February  
Surname P, Q - 2pm to 3pm Thursday 10 February  
Surname R, S - 3pm to 4pm Thursday 10 February  
Surname T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z - 4pm to 5pm Thursday 10 February

If an artist is unable to collect on these days, please designate someone to collect on your behalf.

15. The decisions of the judges are final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into in relation to such decisions. Feedback will not be available.

16. Draíocht reserves the right to disqualify any artwork at any time if the artist has not adhered to these Rules, even if the work has been selected or received a prize.

17. All artists selected for exhibition agree to participate in such promotional activity as is reasonably requested by Draíocht. This includes, but is not limited to, Draíocht's Children and Youth Arts Programme.

**Further terms and conditions**

18. Delivery of shortlisted work: Draíocht accepts work delivered by courier or post from within or outside the EU. However, you must ensure that your work reaches us on the designated days (31 January and 01 February 2022) and is customs compliant. Draíocht will not pay customs charges, duty or any associated charges on works arriving by courier. It is the artist's responsibility to ensure that the work is correctly packaged, as Draíocht will not accept responsibility for work damaged in transit or by any third parties.

19. Insurance: Draíocht will insure the work selected for the exhibition displayed in the galleries. However all works submitted and/or accepted for exhibition will be transported entirely at the artists' risk. Draíocht will not accept liability for loss or damage occurring in the transport to the exhibition or during the selection process.

20. Works for sale will be subject to a 30% commission by Draíocht

**Summary of Key dates for artists**

15 November 2021	Open call announcement
31 December 2021	Closing date (stage 1 online submission)
27 January 2022	Shortlist Announced
31 January & 01 February 2022	Delivery of shortlisted works to Draíocht
09 & 10 February 2022	Collection of unselected artworks
11 February 2022	Announcement of selected works for Exhibition
02 March 2022	Exhibition opening
30 April 2022	Exhibition closing

**Submissions to:**

[draiocht21opensubmission@gmail.com](mailto:draiocht21opensubmission@gmail.com)

**by 5PM on Friday 31 December 2021**

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