

Call to Artists and Arts Organisations: A Visual Art Project with Children and Young People attending Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Hospitals

Application Deadline: 12 noon Friday, 13th September 2019

CHI Arts is seeking applications from experienced, practicing collaborative and participatory artists/arts organisations to develop and deliver a participatory visual art project with children and young people at CHI Tallaght, CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street.

Context

As part of Children's Health Ireland's commitment to place arts, creativity and imagination at the heart of the child's and young person's experience, CHI Arts is developing an arts programme for the new Children's Hospital and Outpatient and Urgent Care Centres. Our work is based on the growing understanding of the positive and transformative impact that arts experiences can have on children and young people in paediatric settings.

Publicly showcasing artworks made by children and young people in paediatric healthcare environments is a central part of CHI Arts programming and one of our key principles of practice. We value and celebrate work made by both professional artists and the collaborative work made with the hospital community.

In keeping with this, CHI Arts has commissioned social enterprise *We Make Good* to design and fabricate a high-quality framing system to display artworks made by children and young people across CHI. These frames have been designed to allow artworks to be changed, giving children and young people from across all the CHI hospitals and centres the opportunity to show their artworks and see those made by others, on an ongoing basis. We believe this is an important part of promoting the idea that these environments are places for children. This project intends to provide high quality creative engagement opportunities for young people and children to make artworks that will be displayed in these frames.

Aims

The project aims to:

- Provide children and young people who are in the care of CHI hospitals the opportunity to access high quality arts engagement with professional artists.
- Create a space where children and young people see their creativity reflected in the environment around them and where artworks by children and young people are regularly and meaningfully exhibited throughout CHI sites.

The selected artist will:

- Work with CHI Arts and hospital partners to explore and plan the most appropriate forms of engagement that are suitable for the acute paediatric hospital environment and varied needs of participants.
- Work with CHI Arts to deliver high quality participatory visual arts engagement.
- Employ a creative process led by the needs and wants of the children and young people involved.

- Document their reflections and learnings on the project at key points during the 12-month period, as agreed with CHI Arts.

CHI Arts will:

- Provide curatorial and administrative support
- Liaise with each hospital on the planning, delivery and showcasing of the project.

Timeframe

- It is expected that the artist(s) will deliver approximately four sessions in each CHI hospital site (12 in total) over a 12-month period, working with children and young people across a range of environments including in-patient and out-patient settings.
- It is expected the project will begin in mid-October 2019 and continue until October 2020.

Remuneration

Remuneration for this project is capped at €3,000.00. This amount will be made available to the successful applicant for the planning, delivery and evaluation of the project and will be paid in three instalments, over the 12 month period of the project. There will be an additional budget available for documentation and materials for the project.

Criteria for selection

- At minimum of 3 years' experience of working as an artist/creative producer with children and young people in participatory arts settings as evidenced through CV and supporting materials.
- High quality of participatory arts practice demonstrated through CV and supporting materials.
- An understanding of arts in health practice. See artsandhealth.ie/about/what-is-arts-and-health
- Evidence of good planning, evaluation and documentation approaches as evidenced through CV.

Desirable Criteria

- Experience of working as an artist/creative producer with children and young people in acute hospital settings.

Applications should include:

- A minimum two-page up-to-date CV which clearly demonstrates the creative work you have undertaken with children and young people.
- A maximum of six high quality images of your work (jpegs no larger than 2mb each) with relevant information.
- A completed application form.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file. Applications should be sent by email to fiona.smith7@nchg.ie. The closing date for the receipt of applications is **Friday 13th September 2019 at 12.00noon.**

Late applications cannot be accepted. All applications received will be acknowledged by email.

Selection process

- Applicants will be notified of shortlisting by Friday 20th September 2019. Short-listed applicants may be invited to attend an interview.

- Contract will be awarded subject to successful garda vetting.

Privacy and Data Protection

For information about how Childrens Health Ireland use and store your data see <https://chi.jobs/privacy-policy/>

Queries

All queries should be e-mailed to Fiona Smith Fiona.smith7@nchg.ie by 12noon Wednesday 21st August 2019

Background Information

Childrens Health Ireland

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) is leading on the clinical and operational transformation of acute paediatric healthcare and consists of hospitals at Crumlin, Temple Street and Tallaght. The three children's hospitals and CHI's Corporate Office transitioned from four separate, independently governed entities into one new single organisation effective from 1st January 2019 to govern and operate paediatric services in Dublin.

This new organisation operates as a single service across the existing locations of Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght and the CHI Corporate Office before transitioning to the new facilities at the two paediatric outpatient and urgent care centres at Connolly and Tallaght Hospitals and the new children's hospital on the campus shared with St James's Hospital.

Children's Health Ireland Programme is a major programme of work led by CHI, focused on transformative service change to enhance services for children and young people, to integrate the three existing hospitals, while maintaining existing and new services, ensuring patient safety and quality until transition is complete. It will:

- Operationalise an integrated acute paediatric healthcare network
- Act as client for the government funded capital project to build the new children's hospital and the two paediatric outpatient and urgent care centres at Connolly and Tallaght Hospitals, and a separately funded research and innovation centre
- Act as client to a major ICT programme to digitize paediatric healthcare
- Commission, transition to and operate the new children's hospitals and the two paediatric outpatient and urgent care centres.

The new children's hospital will be at the centre of a new model of care with two new Paediatric Outpatients and Urgent Care Centres (OPD & UCCs) central to the delivery of this new model of care. The paediatric OPD & UCCs will be based at Connolly Hospital on the North side of Dublin (which opened 31st July 2019) and one at Tallaght Hospital on the South side of Dublin (due to open January 2021). The addition of the new OPD & UCC, together with the opening of the new hospital, in time, will transform how healthcare is delivered to children in Ireland.

CHI Arts Vision, Mission and Principles

Our vision, mission and principles set the standards by which we make decisions, plan and deliver our activities.



Our Vision

To place arts, creativity and imagination at the heart of children's and young people's experience of CHI.



Our Mission

To offer children and young people attending the new children's hospital and the two paediatric outpatient and urgent care centres regular access to planned, high quality arts experiences.



Principles

Our principles set the standards by which we make decisions, plan and deliver our activities

01 Being child and young person led

We put children and young people at the heart of all that we do. We work to provide a stimulating environment for the creative development of the children and young people who use our services.

02 Offering open ended invitations

We provide open invitations to get involved in our arts programming. These invitations should be meaningful and inspirational, offered in many ways, through all sorts of art forms and in all sorts of spaces.

03 Having a curious mind

We place creativity and curiosity at the heart of our approach to arts programming. We value playfulness, fun and imagination as we plan and carry out our work.

04 Offering the highest possible standard of practice & materials

In providing creative opportunities for the communities of CHI, we aim to be excellent in all that we do and extend that expectation to the partners we work with.

05 Valuing Learning & Research

We commit to the wider CHI vision of being thought-leaders in our sector and will contribute to learning, research and policy in the area of arts in health.

06 Working collaboratively

Arts in health is fundamentally about the intersection between practices. We aim to embed that collaborative approach to all that we do, with our colleagues, with artists and with children & young people.

07 Being thoughtful & reflective

We reflect upon and are thoughtful about the work that we do. We will encourage our partners and collaborators to do this too.

08 Knowing where we are

We recognise that working in a healthcare environment means that we need to work responsibly and within certain constraints. We will always put patient safety and the health needs of children and young people first.

09 Celebrating our work

Publicly showcasing the arts in the healthcare environment will be a central part of our programming. We will value and celebrate work made by both professional artists and the collaborative work made with the CHI community.

10 Future Proofing

We strive to safeguard the significant contribution the arts can make to the CHI community, now and into the future.



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Application Form

Applicant Information

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email Address	

About Your Work

Please describe your participatory and collaborative arts practice and your values around this practice (max 250 words)
Having read the brief, tell us how would you start the project? (max 250 words)
What type of support would you need from CHI Arts and healthcare staff? (max 250 words)

Referees

1. Name	
Organisation	
Relationship	
Email Address	
2. Name	
Organisation	

Relationship	
Email Address	

Checklist

Have you included?

1. Relevant up-to-date CV (max 2 pages)
2. A maximum of 6 good quality images of previous relevant work. All images should be captioned with title, materials, scale and date of project if relevant.
3. All the above including this application form should be compiled into one PDF document to be clearly marked with the artist's name.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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