

CALL OUT - Artist Mentoring and Project Residency in Offaly.

Anam Beo Arts and Health Organisation invites professional practicing artists to apply to be a part of its mentoring programme. The purpose is to support sustainable arts and health practices and contexts in Offaly.

Artists must have a specific interest in developing their professional skills and best practice to work in the area of arts & health with older people in care and community settings.

2 selected artists will work with Anam Beo artists on a paid mentorship of €4,000 each (in line with Pay the Artist Arts Council Guidelines). Following the mentoring sessions the successful artists will have a project placement at a centre for up to 10 sessions.

From September 2023 – March 2024 the 40hrs mentoring programme includes

- Practical guidance and advice.
- Focus on artist practitioners' creative practice and professional development.
- Nurture, support and reassurance from the mentors.
- Shadowing, planning and delivery of a developed project in a care setting.

Artist Criteria

Eligible artists must have an interest or knowledge of delivering arts initiatives for care communities; must identify, and be recognised by their peers, as professional practicing artists; and must indicate their commitment to developing an arts and health practice within their application.

Artists must demonstrate a commitment to using participatory/collaborative methodologies and be available to work in Tullamore and Ballinagar, Offaly.

Arts practices that are interested to focus on participants and process led creative social engagements and outcomes.

Application process

Artists at any stage of their career are invited to express their interest in being considered by submitting the following:

- Brief overview of your relevant experience and approach to the project (no more than 500 words or hyperlink to 1-minute video or audio recording)
- Documentation of practice: 6 fully captioned images and/or up to 3 examples of texts, audio or links to film documentation. Please include relevant examples of participatory/collaborative practice if available. Images /hyperlinks of relevant previous work.
- A current CV (Max 2 pages, type size 12)

Deadline

The closing date for receipt of the completed application form together with supporting documentation and material is Friday 8th September 2023 via email ref: *Anam Beo Mentoring Application to anambeoart@gmail.com.* Applications should not exceed 15MB in size.

Processing and assessment of applications

The artist will be selected through a process of open competition.
The criteria for selection is:

- Quality of the artist's participatory/collaborative practice.
- Level of relevant interest or experience demonstrated through their CV and supporting material.
- The ambition and competency demonstrated by the artist.
- The availability of the artist. Artists must be able to travel to locations.
- Subject to Garda Vetting.

Applications will be shortlisted then selected by a panel comprising representatives from Anam Beo and an external professional or artist.

Artists will be notified by mid-September and be available from end of September.

For further information phone **087 9274614** or **anambeoart@gmail**

The arts and health context.

Anam Beo works in partnership with our health care colleagues to optimise the benefits of our participatory arts programme. Working with resourceful artists who can navigate limitations and embrace possibilities towards inclusive access as far as is practicable. Artists in health are responsive to the diverse and changing needs and vulnerabilities of care and community settings who will be guided by their projects creative potential and the visibility of participants' art outcomes.

Who we are.

Anam Beo, is an arts organisation and collective of artists for skill sharing through arts engagements with older people in residential and community settings. Anam Beo is seeking to mentor artists who have an interest in developing skills in the area of arts and older people in care and community contexts.

The purpose is for Anam Beo to build upon its current provision as a successful provider of arts and health services in County Offaly by developing a growing network of artists who will provide locally based support to the development of arts & health practices in the Midlands. With the initial consultation undertaken to understand the creative needs of artists, residents and key staff.

This is an educational and development project to build on over 17 years' experience in the delivery of arts in healthcare settings. Anam Beo was developed in 2005 by Offaly County Council Arts Office and Dublin Mid Leinster HSE and has facilitated arts inclusion through the delivery of collaborative projects in care & community settings since then.

More Information on arts and health in community and care settings.

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