



Creative Enquiry
Artist Residency and Older People Engagement Project

[Call for artist submissions](#)

Background: Sirius Arts Centre is a multi-disciplinary not-for-profit regional arts centre in Cobh, Co. Cork. Sirius is an arts centre that serves as an intermediary between art and the public that endeavours to raise public awareness of art while offering professional development opportunities for both emerging and established artists. Sirius has developed a strong reputation in the areas of contemporary visual art and music; presenting the work of Irish and international artists and curators. The programme is dedicated to the facilitation and development of artistic expression, with a strong public engagement strategy that encourages exploration through direct participation in the arts.

We are particularly interested in proposals that seek to actively engage in and with the direct community and groups of Cobh and surrounds. The outcomes could take the form of a presentation on or off site, a publication, the formation of new groups or performance-based activities, however the project should be process-based, with less emphasis on the final outcomes and more on the initiating and building of meaningful relationships for the future.

Your proposal: We are inviting proposals from artists, of any discipline, to clearly outline their approach to exploring artistic and creative responses to how older people might relate and engage with the arts. We are especially interested in proposals that are innovative, creatively daring and experimental; proposals that go beyond more formal or conventional modes of arts engagement. While applicants must concentrate their work in Cobh and the surrounding area, please note that the residency does not include accommodation.

How to apply - Please include the following information in your application:

- Your proposal (max. one A4 page -11pt min) outlining your methodology and approach, with an indication of how the residency might benefit the participants and your professional practice;
- An artist statement (max. 500 words) with demonstrable relevant experience (2- 3 examples of delivering participatory projects) and why you chose Sirius Arts Centre. Please include the names of 2 referees (please note: referees will only be contacted prior to appointment).
- A current CV (max 3 x A4 pages)
- Samples of your work/supporting material such as film, photos, reviews, features (3 - 5 max.)

Submission

Please submit proposal **no later than 4 p.m. on 25 March 2019** by email to:

info@siriusartscentre.ie with the **only** the subject heading 'Older People Engagement Project'.

Please note: shortlisted applicants may be invited to a meeting / presentation on Tuesday 16th April.