



## PERCENT FOR ART COMMISSION

**St. Conleth and Mary's National School (Roll No 17872F) and St Conleth's Infant School (Roll No 17873H), Naas Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare**

St. Conleth and Mary's National School and St Conleth's Infant School are located on a single campus on the Naas Road in Newbridge, Co. Kildare – across the road from the Catholic Church. The schools are co-educational – with St Conleth's catering to infants and first class pupils and St Conleth and Mary's catering to pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class.

Both schools are coeducational, have a Catholic ethos, and are under the patronage of Most Reverend Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin.

The two schools offer their pupils a wide range of age appropriate extra-curricular activities from sport to art, music, singing and so on.

St Conleth's Infant School currently has an enrolment of 320 pupils and St Conleth and Mary's an enrolment of 360 pupils.

The mission of St. Conleth and Mary's is as follows:

*The Board of Management, Principal and Staff of St. Conleth & Mary's National School, Newbridge, are committed to providing a caring, inclusive and effective education for all children.*

*Our aim is to enable our pupils to live full lives as children and to provide them with a well-balanced education which addresses their present needs and prepares them to avail of further education.*

*At all times the dignity and value of each member of the school community is recognised.*

*The primary inspiration for our work is the life and ministry of Christ, the Teacher.*

The mission of St. Conleth's Infant School is as follows:

*The Board of Management, teachers and parents work in partnership to nurture the foundations of a life-long love of learning*

*by acknowledging and respecting the uniqueness of each child,*

*by creating a happy, secure and stimulating environment and*

*by fostering a respect for themselves, others and the world around them.*

Additional information can be viewed on each school's website:

- St Conleth and Mary's <https://www.stconlethandmarys.ie/>
- St Conleth's Infant School <https://stconlethinfauntschool.ie/>

The schools are currently in the final stages of a capital building project funded by the Department of Education that, inter alia, includes the provision of 31 classrooms, 12 special education needs rooms, four ASD suites, two staff rooms, two PE halls, two principals' offices and two administration offices, toilet blocks, etc. The project is due for completion in late 2023.



As part of the capital building project, Per Cent for Art funding of €51,000 has been secured.

St. Conleth and Mary's and St Conleth's Infant School wish to engage an artist, to work with both school communities, on a commission to mark this milestone in the development of the schools. Expressions of interests from artists are now invited. The theme for the commission is 'Hear My Voice'.

The commission may include Artist(s) in Residence programmes, the commissioning of artwork (temporary and permanent) across art forms that may include digital media and collaborative work practice. Applications that consider the physical school environment (the buildings and grounds, indoor and outdoor) as well as applications that directly engage the school community are welcome. It is expected that the artist(s) will have previous experience of working in educational settings.

### **STAGE 1**

Artists in all art form disciplines and practice are invited to submit a CV, an expression of interest and at least 3 samples of work that they consider relevant to working in a school environment. Submissions may be emailed to: [ccmpercentforart@gmail.com](mailto:ccmpercentforart@gmail.com).

**Note:** Specific ideas for this commission are not required at this Stage. Besides, site visits are neither required nor facilitated at this stage.

### **STAGE 2**

Following receipt of the expressions of interest, the schools will jointly shortlist a number of artists and they will be invited to develop and submit detailed proposals to the schools. Depending on the nature of the proposal, artists may be required to attend a site visit or attend for interview.

### **BUDGET**

The budget for the commission is €51,000 to include all costs associated with the commission.

### **SHORTLISTING PANEL**

The shortlisting panel will consist of representatives of the schools' staff, parents and boards of management, an independent artist and KCC's Arts Officer. The school principals and BOM chairs will also be on the shortlisting panel. Depending on the nature of the commission, other specialists may be invited to sit on the selection panel.

## **SUBMISSION DETAILS**

### **STAGE 1**

Artists should submit their CV, expression of interest and samples of work by 12 noon on Tuesday, 18 April 2023.

### **STAGE 1 SUBMISSION**



In making a stage 1 submission, artists should include a cover letter/ expression of interest, a CV and at least 3 samples of work, which should be clearly labelled and submitted as one document in PDF format. The expression of interest should outline the artist's experience and vision of working in a school environment. Samples of work may include photographs, publications, film or audio work – all of which should be clearly labelled.

The material submitted by the artists will be used only for the purposes of selecting an artist for this Per Cent for Art commission and will only be retained for 1 year.

## **STAGE 2**

Artists who have been shortlisted to Stage 2 will be notified by Friday, 28 April 2023. A site visit will take place on Wednesday, 3 May 2023. It is not essential to attend the site visit.

Site drawings and photographs will be made available to all shortlisted artists. The 4-5 artists shortlisted for Stage 2 will receive an artist's fee of €300 after presentation of their Stage 2 submission.

## **BUDGET BREAKDOWN**

Artists invited to prepare proposals for Stage 2 will be expected to provide a detailed budget breakdown.

## **INSURANCE**

The artist(s) selected at Stage 2 must have Employer's and Public Liability insurances in place before commencing work.

## **TAX**

The artist(s) will be responsible for their own tax affairs. A tax clearance certificate will be required.

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

The artist(s) selected at Stage 2 will be referred for Garda Vetting before commencing work.

## **STAGE 2 SUBMISSIONS**

Stage 2 submissions must be made by Tuesday, 13 June 2023.

## **FINAL SELECTION**

The artist(s) selected for the commission will be notified by Monday, 19 June 2023.

## **REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

All queries relating to the Per Cent for Art commission should be directed to Lucina Russell, KCC Arts Officer, Tel: 045-448328; Mob: 0872399212; Email [lrussell@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:lrussell@kildarecoco.ie)

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