

*Sacred Heart Hospital
Pontoon Road Castlebar
Co Mayo*

Per Cent for Art scheme



Brief for artists

Commission

Value €55,000

Divided into 3 lots to the maximum value of €18,000 per project/commission

Consideration will also be given to a project which utilises the entire budget

Project overview

The HSE and the management of the Sacred Heart Hospital Castlebar Co Mayo wish to invite proposals for site specific art work, these pieces of art will be positioned in the newly constructed 74 bedded hospital which is currently under construction with a view for completion by the end of 2017. The funding for this project has been kindly funded by the Per cent for Art Scheme.

Background information



The Sacred Heart Hospital site has a 150 year history in the heart of Castlebar the hospital as it stands now has been in Castlebar for 44 Years. The original purpose of the site that the hospital is built on was as a workhouse for those who had fallen on hard times (paupers) and needed a place to live, in return for this they carried out manual labour in the building. It was built in 1842 and housed 700 people . It was demolished in 1921.

Onsite at the front of the hospital is a memorial plaque in memory of those who lived and died in the workhouse. The ethos and ethic of the work house changed in 1921. The purpose of the building then became one of caring for older people who required full time care and in the main for those who had no family to care for them. It was locally known as the “county home”.

The new hospital was constructed in 1973 and the ethos of care for older people was born, delivering care to 90 long term care residents and 36 rehabilitation beds in the past The present hospital has 55 long term residential care beds and 36 rehabilitation beds.



The new build of the 74 bedded hospital is on the original site with the evolving ethos of quality of life for older people with person centred practices and recognition of the person as an individual in their own right. “The residents had a full and varied life prior to becoming a resident in the Sacred Heart Hospital this shall be embraced and incorporated in the next chapter of their lives”. This is reflected in the care delivery they receive now and when the move to their new home in early 2018.

No specific theme, or outcome, is prescribed for this commission, however the preferences are that it impacts positively on the quality of the residents lives incorporating the spirit and ethos of today’s care delivery with an acknowledgement of the hospitals rich and varied history. All art forms will be considered.



Competition Process

This is a two stage open competition. Artists will be selected on the basis of their submission.

The Budget

Value €55,000 split into 3 projects

The budget covers design, materials and fabrication costs, and installation costs and all other associated costs including V.A.T

Submissions must contain

1. CV and relevant examples of previous work
2. Costings of the project
3. Concept of the art work
4. Supply minimum of 2 A4 drawings or alternative expression to communicate the concept of the art work

Selection criteria

1. Artistic merit
2. Quality of concept
3. Person centred
4. Relevance to the spirit, ethos and history and cultural context of the hospitals past history.
5. Clarity of the project
- 6 Value for money
- 7 Demonstrate ability to carry out the project
- 8 Durability and implications for any future maintenance of the art work

Shortlisted artists will be invited to develop proposals in more detail and an honorarium of €500 will be paid to each shortlisted artist.

Selection panel

The panel will consist of the Director of Nursing, Assistant Director of Nursing, Estates Project Manager, a Resident and two external artists with public art commissioning experience.

Site Visit

Visits to the new hospital will not be possible however plans may be viewed and the site it is being built on can be viewed. Site visits will be facilitated **on Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 10am.** by appointment only. Site visits will not be facilitated outside of the above date. Please contact Claire McGinley on 094 9051701 or via email claire.mcginley@hse.ie to confirm attendance at the site visit, or for any further queries.

Schedule

The art work is required by Autumn 2018

Submissions delivered by post or by hand delivery to:-

Claire McGinley,
Director of Nursing,
Sacred Heart Hospital,
Pontoon Road,
Castlebar,
County Mayo.

Email submissions shall not be accepted.

Please ensure all submitted materials are clearly marked with the artists name and contact details. It is the artist's responsibility to collect their submission after the panel has made a decision.

Deadline for submissions: Friday 5th January 2018.