

Westmeath County Council and Creative Ireland Cruinniú na nÓg Expression of Interest 2025

Introduction

Westmeath County Council, in association with Creative Ireland, invite individuals and organisations to submit proposals for Cruinniú na nÓg programming. This is a county-wide call to community groups, organisations, venues, and individuals working in creative and cultural fields. The call encourages the development of programming which enables young people to realise their creative potential.

Creative Westmeath is seeking interest from creatives or organisations to produce and deliver a free of charge creative activity, event or performance for children aged 0-18years in the Westmeath community to take part in on Saturday 10th June 2023. Activities should be child-centred, foster creativity and engage a diverse audience, through a range of creative forms.

We are open to project proposals that involve groups that have had little or no previous involvement in creativity and culture projects for any reason such as economic, geographic, or having lacked awareness or opportunity.

Context

Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. Since 2018, young people and families have come together to enjoy a wide range of creative activities including workshops and tutorials to recitals and readings in every city, town and village across the country. Delivered in partnership with the 31 Local Authorities and supported by RTÉ, Cruinniú na nÓg delivers a programme of fun, free, creative activities: from graffiti art workshops to stop-motion animation, to coding and architecture workshops!

This year, Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on Saturday June 7th, 2025.

Budget and Finance Information

There are three strands of funding available for Cruinniú na nÓg programming.

Strand One: Proposals up to €500 are welcomed from individual creative practitioners.

Strand Two: Proposals up to €1,500 are welcomed from venues, community groups, and organisations.

Strand Three: Proposals up to €7,500 are welcomed from venues, community groups, and organisations. For projects under this strand to be eligible, they must be in direct collaboration with a youth community group. It is expected that projects of this scale will begin with a key event, with programming continuing in the summer.

Timeline

The closing date for submission is on or before **Thursday 3rd April 2025, 12pm.**

Successful candidates will be required to submit two reports.

The first will be the finalised project details report, which includes all pertinent information for potential participants. This will be used to advertise the event as part of Westmeath's Cruinniú na nÓg programme and must be submitted within two weeks of confirmation of funding.

The second report is the final report form. This will include all participant numbers, feedback, and invoices/receipts. This is due by Sunday 15th of June.

Failure to submit either form may deem the grant invalid, and funding received may need to be returned to Westmeath County Council.

Project Requirements

To be eligible for funding, programming proposals must:

- Be child-centred, taking into consideration the unique perspective of a youth audience.
- Be activity-based, with young people and children 'doing', 'making', and 'creating'.
- Be free for the participant.
- Take place on Saturday June 7th, 2025. Programming can begin prior to, or finish after, Saturday June 7th, but a significant element of your proposal must take place on this date.
- Be accessible to diverse audiences and participants and inclusive in theme and approach.
- Maximise creative community and youth citizen engagement in Westmeath.

Who Can Apply

Applications are welcome from individual creatives with experience working with young people, youth organisations, community groups, and creative venues and organisations.

Assessment

Submissions will be assessed by members of Westmeath's Culture & Creativity Team.

30%	Project outline: the quality, innovation, and creativity of the planned project
30%	Community engagement: how proposed project engages young people
20%	Track record: Ability and expertise to undertake and manage similar projects
10%	The feasibility and viability of project within the timeframe
10%	Accuracy and presentation of budget

How to Apply

[Complete the expression of interest form here.](#)

Submissions will receive email confirmation. If you do not receive email confirmation it is your responsibility to contact us to ensure that your submission has been successfully received.

If you wish to update details on a submitted application, you can do so by contacting grace.dignam@westmeathcoco.ie prior to the deadline. Applications **cannot** be updated after the deadline.

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If you require any further information or assistance, please contact Creative Communities Engagement Officer, Grace Dignam on grace.dignam@westmeathcoco.ie, or on 087 940 9317.

Terms & Conditions

It will be a condition of any application for funding under the terms and conditions of the Westmeath County Council Creative Ireland Open Call that the applicant has read, understood, and accepted the following:

1. Westmeath County Council shall not be liable to the applicant or any other party, in respect of any loss, damage or costs of any nature arising directly or indirectly from:
 - a) The application or the subject matter of the application.
 - b) The rejection for any reason of any application.
2. Westmeath County Council shall not be held responsible or liable, at any time in any circumstances, in relation to any matter whatsoever arising in connection with the administration of activities. In respect of monies provided by Westmeath County Council, the council does not undertake the role of 'Client' or 'Employer' as defined in the Safety, Health, and Welfare at Work Act 2005.
3. By submitting an application, applicants agree to the processing and disclosure of the applicant's information by Westmeath County Council, and to other third parties if required, for Fund administration, reporting, evaluation and audit purposes; and successful applicants further consent to the disclosure of this information (e.g. name of successful applicant, amount of award, event details, etc.) by these parties in connection with the marketing or promotion of the Fund. Westmeath County Council and the Department of Arts, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht are parties to a Memorandum of Understanding which reflects the terms of the arrangement between the parties and all such parties agree to employ appropriate measures to keep applicant's data safe and secure; to prevent its unauthorized or accidental disclosure, access or alteration; and to ensure that personal data will be processed only in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Data Protection legislation.
4. Westmeath County Council and Creative Ireland have permission to use the imagery and audio-visual materials provided for promotional purposes only, it will be the responsibility of successful applicants to ensure appropriate permission have been secured, and relevant GDPR guidelines have been followed.
5. Westmeath County Council will not retrospectively fund projects and take no responsibility for proposed projects that are already underway.