



Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme
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Call for applications - Strategic partnerships in the delivery of Cruinniú na nÓg 2022

The Creative Ireland Programme (2017-2022) is a culture-based, all-of-Government programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. The core proposition of the Creative Ireland Programme is that participation in cultural activity drives personal and collective creativity and contributes to individual and societal wellbeing and achievement. The Creative Ireland Programme subscribes to the values and high-level principles set out in the Department's *Culture 2025* policy which aim to:

- enrich the lives of everyone through engagement in the cultural life of the nation; and
- create opportunities for increased citizen participation, especially for those currently excluded.

Further details about the Programme can be found at <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/>

The Creative Ireland Programme defines creativity as a set of innate abilities and learned skills: the capacity of individuals and organisations to transcend accepted ideas and norms and by drawing on imagination to create new ideas that bring additional value to human activity. It is not on an 'arts' programme, our broad definition of is of creativity in the widest sense includes architecture, design, cultural heritage etc.

Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg is Ireland's national day of free creative activity for children and young people up to 18 years of age. Over the past 3 years it has become a key date in Ireland's cultural calendar, providing opportunities for Ireland's 1.2 million children and young people, to be inquisitive and curious, to be inventive and innovative, and to fulfil a creative ambition or showcase an inner creative talent. In 2022, Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on Saturday 11th June.

Cruinniú na nÓg is one of the key actions committed to in the Creative Youth Plan and is delivered through the network of Creative Ireland Coordinators and the local authority Culture and Creativity

Teams. The 31 local authorities have been the main delivery partners for Cruinniú to date. They have focused on the development and delivery of bespoke programmes of activities for their local area, and traditionally delivered “in-person” and in partnership with local authority run cultural facilities.

The Creative Ireland Programme is seeking to support local authorities to further develop, diversify and expand the offering and audience for Cruinniú na nÓg in 2022. The Programme is therefore inviting applications from organisations who have a demonstrable capacity to deliver Cruinniú na nÓg audience scalability nationwide through the provision of free creative activities for children and young people.

Specifically, the Creative Ireland Programme is seeking to:

- collaborate with strategic partners in the delivery of this national event in 2022;
- increase the choice of creative activity, across a wide genre, available to children and young people and in particular harder to reach young people;
- deliver creative engagement opportunities either in-person or online (in accordance with prevailing public health guidance) to a large-scale audience online and/or in multiple locations throughout the country; and
- foster collaborations and synergies between the activities of strategic partners and local authority Culture and Creativity Teams in relevant areas.
- we are open to projects that connect with the young diaspora abroad via our collaboration with Department of Foreign Affairs.

Any proposed initiatives can be programmed to take place both in advance (where young people can try out different activities or get a taster of a new creative practice) and on the day itself. Please note there must be activities, initiatives or events available on Saturday 11th June either online, where there is no geographic limits to the events and activities or in-person at locations (in accordance with prevailing public health guidance) that young people can engage with and experience. All activities must be provided to the public free of charge.

Evaluation Process

Applications will be reviewed by Creative Ireland Programme officials and an independent assessor as follows:

Criterion	Marks Available
Quality and ambition of the proposal	60
Feasibility and budget	40
Total	100

Child Protection & Welfare

The Creative Ireland Programme funding policy requires any organisation seeking funding whose activities involve children, vulnerable adults or animals to be in position to submit a copy of their current relevant protection policy. In Ireland when working with children or young people under eighteen years of age or presenting work to this age group, you must be in a position to provide a copy of your Child Welfare and Protection Policy and Procedures. You must ensure that your policy and procedures have been developed with reference to Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, and are consistent with the principles stated therein. Please see www.tusla.ie for more information.

Submitting an application

Proposals will be submitted [online via submit.com](https://submit.com). Applicants must verify their email on Submit.com before submitting the application. A blank PDF version of the application form can be downloaded at this website.

Applicants are advised to complete the application form well in advance of the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted, even if they experience a technical issue close to the deadline.

Any queries in relation to the **Call for applications - Strategic partnerships in the delivery of Cruinniú na nÓg 2022** can be may submitted through the portal messaging tool before **Wednesday 24th November 2021**.

Budget

In order to achieve partnerships of relevant nationwide scale, only applications for funding from €25,000 upwards to a maximum of a €50,000 to realise a national Cruinniú na nÓg 2022 initiative will be evaluated. Applications below €25,000 will fall outside the scope of this grant scheme and will therefore not be evaluated.

Important Dates

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 5pm, Monday 29th November 2021

Open Call announced Monday 1st November 2021

Notifications sent to selected partners Friday 17th December 2021

Feedback

Feedback on applications will be available upon request from 7th to 14th of January 2022 only.

Additional Background information

Cruinniú na nÓg grew from 500 free events and activities in 2018 to over 780 events in 2019 across all local authorities. In 2020, a successful pivoting online event showcased 516 events along with a number of 'Creative Calls to Actions' with strategic partners. The re-imagining of Cruinniú na nÓg as an online event in a short timeframe, both challenged the original concept for additional strategic partners but also presented significant opportunities. In 2021, Cruinniú na nÓg was primarily an online event, with some local authorities providing in person events in line with Government guidelines. In total 633 events were delivered as well as national initiatives by six strategic partners.

The six strategic partners included:

- Áirc Damhsa - [Ceili in the Kitchen](#)
- [Garageland](#)
- Royal Irish Academy of Music – [Imagine Orchestra](#)
- Nenagh Children's Film Festival - [NCFE](#)
- Airfield Estate - [Knitting Across the Nation](#)
- Dance Ireland – [Let's Dance](#)

A round up of the 2021 Cruinniú na nÓg can be found here - [Cruinniu-na-nOg](#)

A NOTE ON COVID-19-RELATED PUBLIC-HEALTH GUIDANCE

In preparing your application, you should base it on the best public-health advice and guidance available at the time you are making your application. Given this, you should ensure that what you are proposing is feasible or adaptable should social distancing and/or other public-health measures impact on all or part of the application. In the event that your application is successful and you subsequently need to change or alter some or all of your proposal on the basis of changed public-health advice, you should contact the Creative Ireland Programme in advance to discuss this.