

**Laois County Council | Creative Ireland  
‘Made in Laois’ (co-create) Grant Scheme**

**Call for applications 2021**

**1.Introduction**

Laois County Council | Creative Ireland are awarding a total of five **‘Made in Laois’ co-create grants**. The aim of the grant scheme is to bring together a creative practitioner / organisation and co-create with a local community / communities of place and interest\*

The grant scheme is only for co-creation and collaborative initiatives that contribute to creative and cultural activities within Laois.

*\*Community of place is a group of people that live in the same area, while a community of interest is a group of people brought together through a common interest, for example a heritage group, literary group, historical society, community drama group, artists collective, community choir, makerspace, school, etc.*

**2. Co-Create grants**

The grant scheme supports co-creations that

1. Places creativity at the heart of our communities,

2. Contributes to Innovative place-making initiatives / projects,

3. Develops Collaborations between creatives and local communities / initiatives

4. Enhances local cultural and creative infrastructures

**3. What we cannot fund**

-Ongoing running and staff costs of community groups / organisations

-Non collaborative / non co-creative initiatives

- Purchase of Equipment

Go to ‘ Laois County Council Creative Ireland Equipment Fund Scheme 2021’ at  <https://laois.ie/creative-ireland-grants-2021/> if you are a professional / non professional creative and cultural individual and / or group wanting to apply to purchase equipment to a maximum value of €1000.

Please note: The grant scheme is for the co-creation of new initiatives and not for the ongoing running of a current initiative/project. However, we will consider the support of an ongoing initiative with a proposed new collaborative element.

**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 Ann Lawlor at Creative Laois in advance to discuss this by emailing [alawlor@creativelaois.ie](mailto:alawlor@creativelaois.ie) or by mobile on 087 6564548.

**4. Finance**

* The amount awarded will be based on the quality of application with a maximum grant of €2000 per successful application
* All individuals / groups awarded must have a valid PPS Number, a bank / credit union account in the name of the individual / group and an email contact.
* A detailed breakdown of costs associated with all elements of the initiative should be submitted.

**4. Timetable**

* The closing date for receipt of applications is **4pm on Monday, July 19, 2021.**
* Successful applicants will be notified by end of July .

Reporting to be submitted to [alawlor@creativelaois.ie](mailto:alawlor@creativelaois.ie) by Friday, November 26, 2021.

**5. Selection Process**

* The selection panel will include representatives of the Laois Culture & Creativity Team. For details see <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/laois>
* We reserve the right to ask for clarity of information or to reconsider elements such as delivery procedures, budget, time schedule or any such factors deemed necessary for a successful outcome.
* We reserve the right not to proceed with any proposal under this invitation and consider other appropriate courses of action.
* The decision of the selection panel is final.

**6. Assessment Criteria**

This is a competitive process and your proposal will be assessed using the following criteria;

* Description and context for your current cultural & creative practices / activities (100 marks)
* Description of your proposed co-creation and collaboration initiative / project (100 marks)
* Demonstration of the value this grant will have on the development of a new co-creation initiative and its contribution to creative and cultural activities within Laois. (100 marks)
* Quality, creativity and originality of your aapplication, on a standalone basis, with reference to other competing applicants and in relation to the brief. (100 marks)
* Feasibility of the proposal, such as time/budget/ and the track record of the creative practitioner/organisation or local community to deliver (100 marks)

**7. Contract Conditions**

* All work activities must be carried out in accordance with current Health and Safety Guidelines and Legislation.
* The successful cultural and creative operator/practitioner will be required to provide a report on the initiative and spending to Laois County Council.
* Laois County Council will not be liable for any other expenses incurred by the

creative / group

* Laois County Council undertakes to use their best endeavours to protect confidential and commercially sensitive information provided by you in this application subject to the Council’s obligations under Law and including the Freedom of Information Act, 2014. Should you wish that any of the information supplied by you should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity, you should, when providing the information, identify same and specify reasons for its sensitivity. If your application is successful the price will, as a matter of course, be available to the public outside of the scope of F.O.I. legislation. Laois County Council will consult with you about the release of confidential and commercially sensitive information before making decisions on any F.O.I. request received. If, having considered your views, Laois County Council is of the opinion that the information should be released in the public interest; you will have the option of appealing the decision to the Information Commissioner. Please note that in the event that no information is identified by you as sensitive, with supporting reasons, then it is likely to be released in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Acts.
* Laois County Council’s own Child Protection Policy requires that any project involving young people has the appropriate Child Protection Policies and/or certificates in place. We are unable to fund projects that do not have this assurance, therefore, it is the operator’s / practitioner’s responsibility to ensure that any person hired by them has the appropriate Child Protection Training.

**8. How to Apply**

Applications should be submitted on the below **Application Form** and by email only

to alawlor@creativelaois.ie

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that emails are received. Do not assume it has arrived until you have a confirmation email.

Subject Line: Laois County Council | Creative Ireland ‘Made in Laois (co-create) Grant Scheme

(Max size per email 2MB)

For further enquires please email  [alawlor@creativelaois.ie](mailto:creativeculture@offalycoco.ie) .

**9. Background Information**

Creative Ireland is the Government’s Legacy Programme for Ireland 2016. The Laois County Council 2018-22 five-year Culture and Creativity Plan can be viewed on <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/laois>

The Creative Ireland Programme has collaboration at its heart – between central and local government; between heritage, arts, culture and industry; between artists, communities and policy makers– to facilitate a culture of creativity.

The ‘Made in Laois’ Co-Create Grant Scheme draws together cultural and creative operators/practitioners and communities and fits with *Pillar Two of Creative Ireland, Enabling Creativity in* *Every Community*. See <http://creative.ireland.ie/> .

 

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| **Name:** | |
| **Group Name (if applicable):** | |
| **Mob No:** | **Email:** |
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| Describe your current cultural & creative practices / activities ***(200 words max)*** | |
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| Describe in detail your proposed co-creation and collaboration initiative / project incl. of What do you plan to do? Who do you plan to do it with? And where and when do you plan to do it? ***(200 words max)*** | |
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| Provide details of how this co-creation and collaboration will contribute to creative and cultural activities within Laois ***(200 words max)*** | |
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| Provide detailed budget breakdown | |
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| **Total Amount Requested: €** | |
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**IF YOU APPLY FOR THIS GRANT SCHEME, YOU ARE ALSO ELIGILBE TO APPLY FOR THE LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL | CREATIVE IRELAND EQUIPMENT GRANT SCHEME AT** [**https://laois.ie/creative-ireland-grants-2021/**](https://laois.ie/creative-ireland-grants-2021/)