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CALL OUT FOR ARTISTS FOR LAOIS FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

(Thurs April 7 - Sun April 10, 2022)

INTRODUCTION

Laois County Council Heritage Office and Creative Ireland Laois are programming a series of workshops for the **Laois Festival of Flight (April 7-10) in Portlaoise**. We are seeking artists that work in a range of diverse media to design, manage and deliver workshops that will inspire children & young people to creatively and imaginatively respond to the theme of 'flight'.

Festival of Flight – Celebrating the rich history of flight in Laois



The fly over by aircraft from the Lime Tree Flying Club at the Portlaoise Plane Event in 2021
Picture: Alf Harvey.

Laois's inaugural **Festival of Flight** is inspired by Portlaoise native Col James Fitzmaurice who was co-pilot of the *Bremen*, for the first east west transatlantic flight, which landed on Greenly Island Canada on April 14, 1928, after 36 hours in the air.

In 2022 we celebrate the 94th anniversary of this remarkable achievement.

As a child James Fitzmaurice witnessed the building of the *Portlaoise Plane* at Aldritt's Garage in Portlaoise, the first plane built and flown in the Republic of Ireland.

- Live Performance of *The Impossible Dream* by Martin Tourish and the Music Generation Laois Trad Orchestra
- Aircraft Professionals Technical Conference, Bloom HQ Mountrath
- Talks on the history and future of aviation in Ireland and Laois
- Display of the Portlaoise Plane and Engine
- Launch of Schools competition for 95th anniversary of the first flight
- School aviation career talks and workshops
- Premiere of short video for schools on the Portlaoise Plane
- Ceremony to mark the 94th anniversary of the first east-west transatlantic flight, with fly-past

Organised by the Col James Fitzmaurice Commemoration Committee in partnership with Laois Heritage Society, Music Generation Laois, Dunamaise Arts Centre, and Midlands Science.

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WORKSHOP BRIEF

1. The broad theme for the workshop programme is 'Flights of Fancy'

1.1 We require proposals that respond to the 'flight' motif in a creative and imaginative way

1.2 We are seeking creative facilitators from broad and diverse media

1.3 We require creative facilitators to deliver workshops for children and young people in a range of age categories: Age 4 – 16

1.4 We welcome proposals from facilitators who can deliver workshops aimed at children with specific special needs (eg. Autism).

1.4.1 We are interested in proposals from facilitators who also can deliver blended/mixed ability workshops

-Your proposal should clearly define what is required to plan and deliver a workshop to children & young people with specific special needs

-You will be required to provide evidence of your ability to deliver to children & young people with specific special needs and at least one of your named referees should be able to support a special needs workshop proposal.

Your proposed workshop should enable children & young people to

- Participate in a creative, imaginative and inspirational workshop exploring/demonstrating 'Flights of fancy'
- Interpret 'flight' in an inventive, original and fun way
- Engage and learn about a new medium / media

Your proposal should have a final output that either

1. Each child/young person develops a piece of work to take home
2. Or the workshop group co-create an installation with many components.

Workshop Programme Schedule

A Programme of 6 workshops is being scheduled.

You are invited to submit a proposal for one or more of these workshops across age groups: Ages 4-16. The venue for delivering the workshop etc has been pre-selected by the festival organisers.

Thurs April 7 - Portlaoise schools

- one workshop for one primary school (am)
- one workshop for one post primary school (pm)

Fri April 8

- one workshop for one Home School group (am) - Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise
- one workshop for one Youthreach group (pm) - Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise

Sat April 9

- one workshop for children or young people with intellectual disabilities (am) - Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise
- one workshop for ALL children or young people (pm) - Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise

Expression of Interest

Details of your proposed workshop - **maximum of two A4 pages only**.

You are required to include the following in your proposal:

- 1.How it responds to the theme of 'Flights of Fancy' and what the end product will look like
- 2.What is the medium you will work in and provide a list of the materials you will bring with you and use during the workshop
- 3.The workshop/workshops you are interested in applying for as itemised about under Workshop Programme Schedule. Confirm your preference / availability for specific scheduled workshops
(You may submit more than one proposal if you like)
- 4.Identify what age group(s) or age range your workshop is targeted at
- 5.Define the workshop capacity - the maximum amount of participation

6. The duration of your workshop – breakdown of contact time with the children/young people, set up time and takedown/tidy up time.

*You are required to leave the workshop space as you found it

7. Any additional requirements you may have to successfully deliver your workshop

8. Provide up to 3 url links to previous online facilitated workshops/projects

9. A copy of your public liability insurance

10. Provide 2 names as referees with contactable mobile numbers and email addresses (Please do not include educational referees)

Budget

Provide breakdown of costs including fee, materials, travel and any other relevant expenses. The budget per facilitated workshop is a maximum of €600.

Submission of your Proposal to: Laois County Council Heritage Officer, Catherine Casey ccasey@laoiscoco.ie or Heritage Office Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave., Portlaoise, Co. Laois R32 EHP9.

Proposals should be submitted as one single pdf document which contains all relevant material, photos etc. Documents should be less than 10MB.

The Summary Form should be submitted as an document to the pdf proposal.

The subject header of your email should be “Festival of Flight Workshops”.

Submission date: **Monday March 21, 4pm**

For information, contact Creative Ireland Laois on 087 6564548 or alawlor@creativelaois.ie

5. The selection panel’s decision is final and all successful applicants will be advised of the panel’s decision by **Thurs March 24**.

Please be advised:

-Successful applicants will be required to provide up-to-date Tax Clearance details

-You may be subject to 20% Professional Service Holding Tax (PSWT) on receipt of your invoice which you can then put against your annual tax bill with revenue.ie