

**Age & Opportunity**

# Bealtaine Festival

Celebrating the arts and creativity as we age

## Bealtaine Festival Internship – The Dawn Chorus

### Internship

Age & Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival is looking for an intern to be part of the Festival Team 2018. The intern will play an important role in supporting the 2018 Festival.

### What's in it for you?

We are keen to support the professional development of our interns; an internship with the Bealtaine Festival will provide unique opportunities to be involved in a successful collaborative festival. Specifically you will have an opportunity to:

- Utilise your skills as well as learn and develop new skills.
- Interact and network with a wide variety of people.
- Travel to and attend events across Dublin and surrounding counties.
- Learn about issues concerning older people.

***Attendance at all performances/events will be free and expenses covered.***

### Specific intern responsibilities

The specific responsibilities may vary depending on the educational background and training of the intern however the principal project that the intern will work on is the Dawn Chorus project for Bealtaine 2018.

The Dawn Chorus is a nationwide choral event in which older people come together with a choir in their locality and sing at Dawn in a scenic area, ideally beside water and always outdoors.

Age & Opportunity Bealtaine Festival coordinates the Dawn Chorus nationally and works in partnership with the Association of Irish Choirs and Active Retirement Ireland.

### The role and tasks involved with working on the Dawn Chorus would include:

- Encouraging local choirs to organise and participate in Dawn Chorus events nationwide.
- Supporting local Dawn Chorus events with information on holding an event and promoting an event.
- Creating a database and an archive of all Dawn Chorus events, details of same and contact details for those involved.
- Assisting with the social media campaign drawn up by the Festival Team, and overseen by the PR, Communications and Marketing Manager, in particular, facebook and twitter in relation to all Dawn Chorus events and supporting local events with local PR.
- Supporting as required by the festival office the festivals' principal flagship Dawn Chorus event.
- Liaising with music organisations nationwide who support and contribute to the Dawn Chorus.

In addition from time to time

- Providing support to the curated programme of events taking place nationwide in terms of event logistics and co-ordination.
- Attending festival events and assisting with logistics.

## General responsibilities

Interns are expected to follow the procedures outlined in Age & Opportunity's Procedures manual, take part in reviews of performance, work in an organised way, provide adequate reporting, meet deadlines and ensure clear communication of work.

## Reporting Duties

The intern will in general report to the Arts and Culture Coordinator. The intern will liaise with and report to the PR, Communications and Marketing Manager on all communications and social media.

## Requirements

- A third-level qualification which relates to one the following: Event Management; Arts Administration; Arts Management; Cultural Policy; Music; Festivals; the Arts; Heritage or Charity Sector.
- Excellent communication and organisational skills.
- Experience with Microsoft office, excel, word and outlook.
- High level of social media knowledge.
- Commitment to the Bealtaine vision and work of Age & Opportunity.
- Ability to work as part of a team, a friendly open manner
- An understanding of the arts sector and/or not-for-profit sector in Ireland.
- Personally focused to ensure delivery of high standards of work.

**Time Commitment:** A minimum of 16 hours a week. The internship is for a period of 12- 16 weeks and will take place between Jan and June 2017 depending on the availability of the intern.

**Location:** Age & Opportunity's offices in the Marino Institute of Education in Dublin. Travel around the city may be required as may intercity travel.

**How to apply: Please note that this is an unpaid internship.** Please send your CV with a covering letter explaining why you would like this internship to Karen Hennessy, Arts and Culture Coordinator, Age and Opportunity. Email: [Karen.hennessy@ageandopportunity.ie](mailto:Karen.hennessy@ageandopportunity.ie)

Marking the subject header: ***Bealtaine Festival Internship – Dawn Chorus.*** Deadline: **5pm, 15 December 2017. Proposed interview date: 20 December 2017**

**Age & Opportunity** Age & Opportunity is the national organisation that inspires everyone to reach their full potential as they age. Age & Opportunity's mission is to inspire and empower older people to live healthy and fulfilling lives and to influence policy to ensure the active participation of older people in ways that benefit our communities and wider society. Apropos of this, Age and Opportunity has three strategic themes: to ensure meaningful engagement for all older people in socio-cultural life in Ireland, to influence policy and practice at local and international levels and to ensure organisational effectiveness. The Bealtaine festival of creativity for older people is at the centre of Age and Opportunity's arts and culture programme..

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**The Bealtaine Festival** Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival celebrating the arts and creativity in older age that takes place each May. The Bealtaine festival is 23 years old in 2018 and is increasingly recognised as a major innovator in the area of creativity and older people globally. Bealtaine is the world's first festival celebrating the arts as we age. In addition to nurturing older and intergenerational audiences, the festival showcases the talents and skills of both established and first-time older artists and performers, promoting access to theatre, film, music, dance, the visual arts, and storytelling (amongst others). It is one of Ireland's biggest arts festivals and Ireland's largest co-operative arts festival. As such, the festival works on a model of collaboration and partnership across sectors and art forms. [www.bealaine.ie](http://www.bealaine.ie)

***The Bealtaine Festival is funded by the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon and made possible through its many partners and supporters nationwide.***