

Age & Opportunity Touring Award

Deadline November 16th, 2018

Information for Applicants

Age & Opportunity's Arts and Culture Programme invites applications from artists and producers of all disciplines for a new award for **work which will tour**, during May 2019.

About the Bealtaine Festival

Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which uniquely celebrates creativity as we age. The festival is run by Age and Opportunity, the national organization that promotes active and engaged living as we get older. The Bealtaine festival of the arts and creativity for older people is at the centre of Age & Opportunity's arts and culture programme.

As a partnership festival, Bealtaine works on two parallel and interdependent strands: the programme curated by the Age and Opportunity Arts and Culture team aimed at addressing key strategic priorities for the Festival, and a locally devised and curated national programme made up of hundreds of events organized locally by a wide variety of groups. Each year Bealtaine showcases and supports a tour which in some way relates to ageing. In 2019, Age & Opportunity / Bealtaine wishes to open out its touring programme through inviting applications. The selected tour will form part of Bealtaine's curated programme for the 2019 festival.

Tour aims

The call for tours in 2019 is open to all art forms, inviting producers across all disciplines including visual arts, dance, theatre and music to submit proposals for consideration by the Bealtaine Festival. Bealtaine will provide a platform for presenting the tour during the month of May along with some financial support (see below). The production itself will be responsible for all aspects of the production and tour, with Bealtaine as a co-producer. The tour must happen during the month of May 2019.

It is hoped through this process that Bealtaine can get a broad sense of what work is currently being developed or in production, across all art forms. There is also the potential for the Festival to work with applicants at a later date and so while this award will be given for 2019, we are eager to broaden our network of artists and producers who are interested in making work that chimes with Bealtaine's remit. The festival is eager to engage with artists in a new way by making them aware that the festival is open to new collaborations.

Call for Applications

Age & Opportunity invites applications from visual artists, dancers, theatre artists, musicians and producers of any multidisciplinary work for a touring award, whereby the following parameters will apply:

The artist/producer will:

- Produce all aspects of the production and tour.
- Credit Bealtaine as a co-producer on the tour on all promotional materials and funding applications.
- Commit to the timeframe of May 2019 for the tour.
- Provide key assets to Bealtaine within an agreed timeline, such as: publicity materials, production shots, as well as making key personnel available for PR opportunities.

Age & Opportunity will:

- Provide a platform for the tour through the Bealtaine Festival
- Provide PR support through the Bealtaine Festival, (the tour will need to also have its own PR plan).
- Issue 2 payments totaling €5000: 1 payment on award of contract and 1 on completion

Application Process:

Those wishing to apply for the tour award should submit in **one PDF document, saved as the producer's name:**

- A description of the project (500 words max)
- A description of why this project is suited to tour for Bealtaine 2019 bearing in mind our aims and objectives (500 words max).
- Budget for the project, including other funders, partners and in kind contributions.
- A PR and marketing plan.
- A list of proposed venues with confirmation where it exists.
- A current CV (max 2 pages) for all those involved in the project – (artists and crew), including links to images of previous work/showreels/reviews etc.
- Any other relevant, supporting documentation.
- Expressions of interest / letters of support from venues, if available – **these can be submitted separately if necessary.**

Award:

The touring award is €5,000, which can be drawn down on receipt of invoice from the artist or producer, in two instalments.

Priority will be given to applications which demonstrate the following:

- Clear track record of relevant personnel

- New work / work which has not toured previously, (remounted work may be considered in some circumstances).
- Work which clearly resonates with Bealtaine’s mission and/or target audience.
- High artistic merit
- Clearly achievable in the timeframe outlined

Applications should be submitted to kim.chew@ageandopportunity.ie no later than **November 16th**
E-mail applications should not exceed 12MB in size – please provide links to work in lieu of sending large files, where possible.

More Information

Age & Opportunity

Age & Opportunity is the **national** organisation that inspires everyone to reach their full potential as they age.

Our goal is to turn the period from age 50 onwards into one of the most satisfying times in people’s lives, by facilitating opportunities to engage in arts and cultural activities, sport and physical activity and providing platforms to learn and be involved as active citizens.

We work with public and private partners to deliver established innovative programmes like the Bealtaine arts festival, and Go for Life - the national sports programme for older people. We are also developing a series of exciting positive ageing programmes.

Our major partners include the HSE, Sport Ireland and the Arts Council.



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