







# **Expression of Interest Brief**

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROJECT 'Inspired by the Geopark' Commission for Visual & Craft Artists

### Project Summary

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council (FODC) are commissioning public art through an Artist in Residence (AiR) programme for a visual / craft artist. This project is funded through Artsland, a 2-year arts initiative focusing on inclusion, cultural traditions and rural crafts and co-funded by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council.

We wish to appoint one (or more) Artist in Residence for the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark (MACGG), and through the residency commission the design and delivery of a series of new and original work. This work should be inspired by the Geopark, in particular its intangible heritage e.g cultural traditions, folklore, customs & practices, traditional skills, arts, imagery, oral traditions.

FODC is open to proposals in terms of art form across visual arts and craftwork practices and is particularly interested in receiving Expressions of Interest from those working in illustration, print-making, graphic art, ceramics, wood and silverwork.

The artwork &/or reproductions of it, may be used in future visual, educational, promotional, product or other purpose by the Geopark, yet to be determined.

The AiR will be provided with accommodation including workshop space in Aughakillymaude should this be required.

## Activities & Engagement

In addition to the design and delivery of the art, we are interested in the appointed AiR being able to facilitate a series of community engagement activities, which might include older people, children, young people & the families, those experiencing poor mental health and heritage / environmental groups.

Artists should draw on this engagement to shape the art work(s). This may take the form of inspiration and ideas into the professional art work, or the creation of some kind of output for the communities the artist engages with.

Whilst some activity may be delivered on a cross-border basis, most of the activity should take place in Fermanagh.

#### Fees

FODC will pay the artists a weekly commission fee for the duration of the residency. In addition, FODC will pay the following:

- Materials
- Equipment
- Mileage from Aughakillymaude or Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre to social engagement locations
- Other expenses directly related to the project

In addition to the above, studio accommodation and workshop space will be provided to the successful artist if required. Please note that no additional payment will be made to an artist not availing of this accommodation.

Artists should note that whilst they retain the intellectual rights to their work, FODC will own the reproductive rights of all art work created during the residency.

## Outputs & Outcomes

The outputs of this project should include, but not be limited to:

- Creation of new & original art work inspired by the Geopark
- Social engagement workshops, demonstrations, talks & masterclasses within the Geopark

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Increased engagement with community groups within the Geopark

	<ul> <li>Increased creative activity with community groups within the Geopark</li> <li>Raised profile of the arts within FODC area</li> <li>Raised profile of Artsland project</li> <li>Improved understanding &amp; appreciation of arts in rural areas</li> </ul>
Timescale	The project will run from September 2019 to January 2020. The estimated timeline is:
September 2019	Open call for artists to submit Expression of Interest
Early October 2019	Deadline for initial Expression of Interest to be registered Artists shortlisted
October 2019	Appoint artist(s)
October 2019 – mid January 2020	Accommodation available Brief artist(s) Agree social engagement programme with artist
January 2020	Social engagement programme Art works designed, developed & delivered Project completion, debrief & evaluation
	Interested artists should complete the short online Expressions of
Application & process	Interest application form available at:
p. C.C.	https://form.jotformeu.com/tsfermanagh/Geopark-VisualArtist
	Shortlisted artists will be asked to submit a short proposal and attend an interview (which can be in person or via Skype).
	Final assessment of artists will be based on artistic quality, quality of proposal and synergy of proposed work with the Geopark.
	Further queries to culture@fermanaghomagh.com
	Deadline for applications is Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 5pm