



26th June to 5th July 2015, Callan, Co. Kilkenny

CALL FOR IDEAS

CRAFT, MUSIC, THEATRE, SPORT, ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE, FOOD, ARCHITECTURE,
VISUAL ARTS, LITERATURE, DESIGN, FILM, YOUTH AND FAMILY DAYS

The Abhainn Rí Festival is seeking ideas for our 2015 programme. Over the past 5 years the Abhainn Rí Festival of Participation and Inclusion has taken bold steps to support, commission, and host activities that explore the unique built environment of the town of Callan as an interactive venue. This year we are inviting proposals to contribute to an exciting programme of events that will shape Abhainn Rí 2015.

Who we are:

We are a small festival with big ambitions. We pool together the creative, social and civic resources of the town to make this special festival happen. The Abhainn Rí Festival is built on collaboration and is run by a management committee of 12 voluntary members.

Who can apply:

We welcome proposals from individuals and groups in the fields of craft, music, theatre, sport, environment, heritage, food, architecture, visual arts, literature, design, and beyond. We are interested in activities and events that are intergenerational, activate overlooked spaces, introduce new ideas, celebrate the local community and promote inclusion.

Your proposal could take the form of a workshop, a talk, a social gathering, a walk, an exhibition, a performance, a sports event. Your event can be ticketed or free. Your event could be aimed at a small or large audience.

Before you apply:

Familiarise yourself with the programme of previous festivals and consider the activities already happening in the town. Where appropriate make sure you link in local organisations before submitting your proposal. Visit our festival archive and links on abhainnrifestival.com and facebook.com/AbhainnRiCallan

A major project for this year's festival is **The Bridge Street Project**, an inclusive site specific contemporary theatre and architecture project that will use the streetscape and

interiors of buildings on Upper Bridge Street as a stage for a performance that will take place at 10pm every night during the festival. At daytime Bridge Street will be open for public access and we are searching for creative folk to imaginatively utilise this space, other buildings, as well as other venues in the town during the 10 day festival.

We are particularly interested in daytime, late afternoon and early evening events that will harness the interest of those visiting for the performance. We will have hungry folks arriving. Do you have a hospitality/food project, can you provide light entertainment, or can you hold fun interactive workshops that could utilise the existing spaces and businesses in Callan? We are keen to involve projects that could collaborate with local businesses, pubs and shops to initiate an early evening event. We are also looking for entertainment and stallholders for the Family Field Day.

How we will support your event/proposal:

We are seeking projects that are self-supporting, that generate their own audience and their own income. You will be responsible for implementing all elements of your project. In saying that, successful events/activities will be included in the festival programme (printed & online), your events/activities will be covered by festival insurance, included in all press release material and you will be mentored by the festival committee to ensure your event is realised to its full potential.

Selection Process:

We will select proposals based on a number of key factors: Does the proposal meet the festival's aims of participation and inclusion? How well considered is your project conceptually and practically? Is what is being proposed feasible? Do we as a festival have the capacity to support the proposed activity? Is there an existing audience for this type of event? If not, do we have the capacity to promote the event and develop a new audience? What resources are needed to make it happen?

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Deadline for submissions:

Friday 24th of April 2015, 5.30pm

How to apply:

Your proposal should include the following:

1. A short description of your activity/event (100 words)
2. A short description of who you are (50-100 words)
3. Why you want to take part in the Abhainn Rí Festival
4. Any supporting documentation you feel is necessary: letters of support, C.Vs, past work/projects

Submissions to be made by email to info@abhainnrfestival.com