

PROJECT ARTS CENTRE

Curator of Visual Arts

Project Arts Centre is Ireland's leading centre for the presentation and development of contemporary art, dedicated to protecting the independent sector and nurturing artists across all forms of the performing and visual arts.

For 50 years Project Arts Centre has played a leading role in the development of artistic practice in Dublin. Generations of artists and audiences have taken part in its programmes and some of these relationships now reach back thirty years or more. At the same time, new audiences and new artists are welcomed each year. The organisation recognises that as a contemporary arts centre it must engage with the rich array of communities and groups that make up contemporary Ireland and strives to reflect this in the diversity of its programme.

The Curator of Visual Arts (Curator) is a key position at PAC with responsibility for the organisation's visual arts programme. The position will be offered on a 3-year fixed term contract to fit within the changing landscape of curatorial praxis and the centre's own commitment to ensuring we meet the demands of a rigorous and challenging local and international community. This role presents a fantastic opportunity for a curator to make a real mark on the Irish and International scene.

The ideal candidate will have a good knowledge of the debates in contemporary international curatorial practice and will be prepared to engage with a lively and expanding local scene. S/he will have relevant qualifications in visual arts and a number of years working experience in the field, including some financial management experience. S/he must have excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to develop effective partnerships as well as to persuade and negotiate. We are keen that the Curator looks at the potential of contemporary arts practice within the context of Project Arts Centre.

As Curator you will research, develop and present exhibitions and projects in keeping with the mission of Project Arts Centre. You will take an active role in mediating the visual arts programme to all stakeholders, including the public, funding bodies, cultural agencies, media and critical fora. You will be interested in new ways of developing audiences for a dynamic contemporary programme. You will be responsible for leading your colleagues in delivering the visual arts programme within the context of the overall artistic and strategic vision of the organisation. The position reports to the Artistic Director and General Manager. Having agreed a budget and fundraising targets with the Artistic Director & General Manager you will be responsible for managing and reporting on this budget.

Project Arts Centre is subject to multiple planning and funding cycles (Arts Council Regularly Funded Organisations, Arts Council Project Awards, Dublin City Council Awards, and international funding agencies). The centre consists of 2 black box spaces (80 seats/180 seats) and a dedicated gallery space. While the black box spaces are used predominately for performances, PAC is keen to hear how these spaces could also be used from time-to-time as part of the Curator's programme.

Project Arts Centre's multi-disciplinary artistic remit is supported by a multi-faceted administrative structure that supports, encourages and facilitates artists according to the requirements of their projects. Through careful management of public funding, income from the performance programme and rentals, the organisation runs a tight annual budget, balancing the cost of daily operations with forecasting for the future. Applications will be welcomed from individuals or collectives for the position which has a fixed-term contract of 3 years with 3 months' probation. PAC is open to new ways of working, new forms of curatorial practice and time-based project proposals.

Applications should include a 2 page cover letter, which should include relevant experience and an outline of the scope of a 3 year programme including themes and areas of research, CV including two referees, and any relevant documentation. The application should not exceed 10 pages A4. Referees will not be contacted unless an offer is being made.

Salary: €35,000/annum

Application deadline 5.30pm Friday 28 October 2016.
Interviews will be held on Monday 12 December 2016 in Dublin.
PAC is an equal opportunities employer.
The Curator will be based in Dublin and will work from PAC.

Applications should be clearly marked, 'Curator of Visual Arts', and sent by **email only** to Cian O'Brien, Artistic Director, Project Arts Centre, cian@projectartscentre.ie
All applications will be handled in strictest confidence.

All questions about the application process or for information/clarification should be directed, by email only, to Cian O'Brien, Artistic Director, Project Arts Centre, cian@projectartscentre.ie

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