



Age & Opportunity

Invitation to Tender for tech support for five online National Assemblies in June 2021

Closing date for receipt of tender: 12 noon on Friday 28th May 2021

Introduction

Age & Opportunity is the national organisation that provides a range of opportunities for older people who want to get more involved in arts and culture, sport and physical activity, civic engagement and personal development.

Our aim is to inspire people aged 50+ to live a dynamic life where they are more active, more visible, more creative and more connected.

Tender Outline

This initiative is funded by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC).

Age & Opportunity is seeking tenders from suitably qualified individuals or organisations to provide tech support to ensure the smooth running of five online National Assemblies taking place in June 2021.

Each of the National Assemblies will reflect on whether the policy of cocooning based on being 70+ is inherently ageist and to explore whether the human rights of older persons (rights bearers) have been compromised by the national response to Covid-19.

The assemblies will take place live and online on June 15th, 18th, 22nd, 29th and 30th.

Each assembly will run from 10am-12:30pm and 15 participants will be invited to each assembly.

Details of the tender are set out in this document which is comprised of four parts:

- Part 1: Background information
- Part 2: Age & Opportunity's requirements and other considerations
- Part 3: Tender process
- Part 4: General tender information, terms and conditions

Interested parties should submit a proposal by email to Melissa Byrne, Communications Manager, at melissa.byrne@ageandopportunity.ie by **12 noon on Friday 28th May 2021**.

Part 1: Background information

Who we are

Age & Opportunity is the leading national development organisation improving the quality of life of older people. We do this by:

- championing the creativity and value of older people;
- combating stereotypes and negative views of ageing;
- developing inclusive and engaging experiences which respond to the interests and needs of the diverse older adult population;
- developing, testing and measuring the impact of pioneering programmes and approaches;
- making evidence available to policy-makers and service providers;
- working with partners and stakeholders to ensure that Ireland's policies, strategies and programmes are directly informed by the needs and experiences of older people.

Our Programmes

We provide opportunities for older people to be more active, more creative, more visible, more connected, more often in the following ways.

Age & Opportunity Arts is a dedicated programme which supports the participation and representation of all older people in cultural and creative life in Ireland, demonstrating and celebrating how our creative potential can improve with age. We do this work by supporting and resourcing artists, collaborating with arts organisations and encouraging involvement in arts activities by people all over Ireland.

Age & Opportunity Active is the national physical activity programme for older people funded by Sport Ireland and the HSE. The programme is designed to get us more active. Our Go for Life Games are a national celebration of older people taking part in physical activity. Every June we run a national event, when over 300 participants and teams from every county come together to take part in a full day of sport. The event is a variety of fun games and sports specifically adapted to be more inclusive of all ages and abilities.

Other initiatives we run include a telephone mentoring service called FitLine and our very popular PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) training suitable for anyone interested in leading physical activity programmes in their community.

Age & Opportunity Engage is a programme which offers a range of learning initiatives, courses and workshops for personal development as well as opportunities for us to play an active role in our community. Our aim is to facilitate participants to develop resilience, build the skills, know-how and the foresight to achieve the best quality of life. We believe that people who work directly with older people - or whose work affects the lives of older people - should be conscious of their needs and the value of their participation in society. As organisations become increasingly aware of the contribution of their older employees, customers and clients - will benefit from our bespoke training, facilitation and range of national workshops and courses.

Read more about our work at <https://ageandopportunity.ie/about-age-and-opportunity/governance/>

Part 2: Age & Opportunity's requirements and other considerations

Tender Outline

Age & Opportunity is seeking tenders from suitably qualified individuals or organisations to provide tech support for five online National Assemblies taking place in June 2021. Each assembly will be a live event.

Each of the National Assemblies will reflect on whether the policy of cocooning based on being 70+ is inherently ageist and to explore whether the human rights of older persons (rights bearers) have been compromised by the national response to Covid-19.

The assemblies will take place on June 15th, 18th, 22nd, 29th and 30th. It is likely they will take place on Zoom.

Each assembly will run from 10am-12:30pm and 15 participants will be invited to each of the four events.

The expected requirement for services is as follows, but may be subject to change. As such please provide itemised costs for event types in the tender budget.

- Discussion, advice and preparation with us in advance of the assemblies.
- Tech support to ensure the smooth running of our five live, online National Assemblies.
- Added value.

Time Frame

The National Assemblies will take place on the 15th, 18th, 22nd, 29th and 30th of June and we require support at all five assemblies.

Fee Proposal

The fee proposal submitted, shall be in Euro (€) and inclusive of VAT and all expenses. A breakdown of total costs should be provided. The budget for this contract is a maximum of €5,000 inclusive of all costs.

Tax Clearance

The successful Tenderer must be in possession of a valid tax clearance certificate for the duration of the contract. Such a valid tax clearance certificate from the Irish Revenue Commissioners must be produced by a successful Tenderer before execution of the contract. A valid tax clearance certificate means a tax clearance certificate issued by the Irish Revenue Commissioners, and Tenderers not resident in Ireland must make application to the Irish Revenue Commissioners for such a certificate if their tender is to be considered.

Insurance

The successful Tenderer must produce valid public liability insurance.

Part 3: Tender Process

Interested parties should submit a proposal to Melissa Byrne, Communications Manager at melissa.byrne@ageandopportunity.ie by **12 noon on Friday 28th May 2021**.

The proposal should provide the following information:

- Individual/organisation profile: capacity, skills, experience and knowledge;
- Examples of previous work;
- A detailed breakdown of costs;
- Current tax clearance detail;
- An outline of any added value or additional information you think is relevant.

Evaluation Criteria

Tenders will be evaluated on the information provided at the time of tender. Tenders received will be marked out of 100 as follows:

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| • Understanding of tender requirements and approach to tender | 10 |
| • Value for money | 25 |
| • Relevant experience | 30 |
| • Work Plan | 25 |
| • Other, including additional suggestions | 10 |

Based on the above criteria, shortlisted applicants may be asked to meet with Age & Opportunity on **Monday 7th June 2021** on selection.

Age & Opportunity shall notify acceptance of the tender to the successful Tenderer as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event by **Tuesday 8th June 2021**.

Unsuccessful tenderers will be notified when the appointment of the successful tender has been confirmed.

Queries or clarifications before 12 noon on Friday 28th May 2021 may be addressed to:

Anne Carroll, Communications Assistant at anne.carroll@ageandopportunity.ie.

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Return tender to: Melissa Byrne, Communications Manager at melissa.byrne@ageandopportunity.ie.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Part 4: General tendering information, terms and conditions

Terms of Appointment

Five live events should be supported in June 2021.

Notification of Tender Acceptance

Age & Opportunity shall notify acceptance of the tender to the successful Tenderer as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event by **Tuesday 8th June 2021**.

Currency

The currency to be used in this tender is euro and a tender proposal in any other currency will not be considered.

Age & Opportunity will not be liable in respect of any costs incurred by any Tenderer in the Preparation of tenders in response to this Invitation to Tender or any associated cost.

Tax Clearance

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Exclusion

Tenderer shall be excluded who:

- is bankrupt or being wound up, whose affairs are being administered by the court, who have entered into an arrangement with creditors or who have suspended business activities;
- is the subject of proceedings for declaration of bankruptcy or insolvency, for an order for compulsory winding up or a court liquidation, or who has a liquidator or receiver appointed over its assets, or for composition with creditors or any other similar proceedings;
- has been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct;
- has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions;
- has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes.

False or Misleading Information

Tenderers who intentionally or carelessly supply false or misleading information will be disqualified from this Tendering Procedure on the discovery of such information.

Compliance with Law

Tenderers should be able to provide on demand evidence of compliance with all laws applicable to the provision of the services which are the subject of the Invitation to Tender, and in particular should be able to produce evidence that they have particular regard for statutory terms relating to minimum pay and any legally binding or sectoral agreements if applicable.

Termination

The contract shall contain provisions reserving to Age & Opportunity the right to terminate any contract awarded if it is not satisfied with the performance by the successful Tenderer of the contract. The satisfaction or dissatisfaction of Age & Opportunity shall be evaluated in the context of the Tenderers proposal set out in Part 3 of this document.

Requirements of Invitation to Tender

Tenders not conforming to the requirements of this Invitation to Tender will not be considered and will be returned to the Tenderer.

Subject to Contract

This Invitation to Tender is not intended to, and does not, create or evidence any legal or binding relationship, obligation or commitment of any nature between Age & Opportunity and any Tenderer. No such legally binding obligation or commitment shall come into being unless and until a formal legal contract is duly executed and delivered by Age & Opportunity and the successful Tenderer.

Disclaimer

This document is for information only and does not constitute, and shall not be interpreted as, an offer for sale, prospectus, or the basis of a contract. Candidates are recommended to read the documents thoroughly. Age & Opportunity reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time. No liability will be accepted for candidates' costs in connection with the procurement procedure, irrespective of the outcome, whether or not the procedure is cancelled or postponed.

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