



Age & Opportunity

Invitation to Tender for Evaluating the

Arts & Creative Charter for Older People Pilot, November 2022 – November 2023

Closing date for receipt of tender: 5pm, Friday January 20th 2023

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 enable the best quality of life for us all as we age, where we can be more active, more visible, more creative, more connected and more confident.

Tender Outline

Age & Opportunity is seeking tenders from suitably qualified individuals or organisations to provide evaluation services for the **Arts & Creative Charter for Older People Pilot** project as part of our Arts Programme 2022/2023.

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 Eva Griffin, Arts Programme Assistant Manager at eva.griffin@ageandopportunity.ie by **5pm Friday January 20th 2023**

Part 1: Background information

Who we are

Age & Opportunity is the leading national development organisation working to enable the best possible quality of life for us all as we age. 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 confident, 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 evaluation services for our Arts & Creative Charter for Older People Pilot project, November 2022- November 2023.

Since 2019, Age & Opportunity Arts has been developing a national Arts & Creative Charter for Older People with a wide range of stakeholders, which will pilot with seven arts organisations around Ireland in 2022 before a full launch in 2023.

Aims of the Arts & Creative Charter for Older People

The Arts & Creative Charter for Older People aims to enhance the experiences and increase the confidence of older people in their engagement with the arts in Ireland. The Charter also aims to support arts organisations to work with older people and to communicate the value of older arts participants, artists, and workers more generally. Further information on the Charter is available here: <https://ageandopportunity.ie/arts/arts-creative-charter-for-older-people/>

The pilot aims to test the practicality and efficacy of implementing the Arts & Creative Charter for Older People in arts venues and the response from the older public who engage with it. It would also aim to identify any challenges that exist in relation to its implementation, and to make recommendations on implementation processes for review.

The Charter Pilot launched in November 2022 and will be completed in November 2023. The evaluation must be completed by January 2024.

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

- Evaluation of the Arts & Creative Charter for Older People Pilot project including recommendations
- The following questions in particular should be addressed:
 - Did the Charter support and enhance the work of the participating pilot organisations with regards to their engagement with older people?
 - Were there enough external supports for the pilot organisations provided through Age & Opportunity?
 - Did the pilot organisations' older audiences and participants feel their experience/confidence in the arts was enhanced? *
 - Recommendations for the national rollout of the Charter.

*This information may be provided through audience surveys conducted by the participating pilot organisations.

Background

Age & Opportunity Arts provides opportunities for older people to be more creative more often, to create meaningful participation and representation for all older people in cultural and creative life and to demonstrate and celebrate how our creative potential can improve with age.

We also aim to:

- encourage more older people to participate in the arts and to increase the quality and opportunities of existing participants;
- support the careers of older professional artists and offer them more opportunities to develop and show work;
- support arts organisations who prioritise (or wish to prioritise) older people;
- provide opportunities for intergenerational exchange;
- generate debate and discourse around key cultural issues impacting on older people and other opportunities to influence national and international policy.

Age & Opportunity Arts comprises the Bealtaine Festival (see bealtaine.ie) and our development and support programme (see ageandopportunity.ie).

Arts & Creative Charter for Older People Pilot organisations

- Axis Theatre Ballymun, Dublin
- The Dock, Carrick on Shannon, Leitrim
- Galway Town Hall Theatre, Galway
- An Ghrianán, Donegal
- The Glucksman Gallery, Cork
- Irish Film Institute, Dublin
- Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin
- Wexford Arts Centre, Wexford

Time Frame

The pilot is beginning in November 2022. Age & Opportunity will be meeting all organisations involved individually in January 2023, with group meetings planned for June and October 2023. The pilot will finish in November 2023, with a final group meeting to take place in December 2023 to review the process. All evaluation work such be finished by January 2024. The Charter will be launched nationally in early 2024.

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 likely to be €4,000 (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 Eva Griffin, Arts Programme Assistant Manager at eva.griffin@ageandopportunity.ie by **5pm Friday January 20th 2023**.

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 | 15 |
| • Value for money | 20 |
| • 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 **the week of January 23rd 2023**.

Age & Opportunity shall notify acceptance of the tender to the successful Tenderer as soon as reasonably practicable and once the funding is finalised in early January.

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

Queries or clarifications before Friday January 20th 2023 may be addressed to:

Eva Griffin, Arts Programme Assistant Manager at eva.griffin@ageandopportunity.ie

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Return tender to: Eva Griffin, Arts Programme Assistant Manager at eva.griffin@ageandopportunity.ie

Late applications will not be accepted.

Part 4: General tendering information, terms and conditions

Terms of Appointment

All evaluation work should be complete by the end of January 2024.

Notification of Tender Acceptance

Age & Opportunity shall notify acceptance of the tender to the successful Tenderer as soon as reasonably practicable.

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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Ownership of Film and Copyright

All documents produced by the consultant in connection with this appointment and submitted to Age & Opportunity will be considered the property of Age & Opportunity and may be used by Age & Opportunity at any time, including for other projects, without the prior approval of the consultant. This does not impact on the artist/filmmakers copy and moral rights.

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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