

LEITRIM SCULPTURE CENTRE

GUIDELINES: ARTISTS TECHNICAL SUPPORT REGISTRATION

Introduction

All artists working at the Centre obtain free in-house General Technical Support that involves setting up and organising work space for individuals and workshop participants; the safe provision of tools and equipment; health and safety support, and full technical support for installation of gallery exhibitions. General support does not include 'Direct' Artistic Technical support which provides for more advanced engagement and may range from an advisory, or consultative role, to more hands-on assistance supporting the individual artist develop new work.

Direct Artists Technical Support is provided by freelance professional artists who have registered with the Centre and who have demonstrated the necessary skills and experience to fulfil the role.

Technical support is provided over a range of activities and is usually offered at either basic/standard/intermediary, or, specialist/advanced/in-depth levels.

Basic/Intermediary and Specialist/Advanced Levels Explained

Basic/standard to intermediary levels of support is typically offered to artists with no previous, or little, experience of a technical process and wish to learn, or be inducted in to, the basic or standard techniques and to a level that means they can continue to work & experiment by themselves.

Specialist or advanced support is typically offered to artists with already previous experience of a technical process and wish to take this knowledge to a more advanced level or learn a process in a more in-depth way or engage in new or more specialised techniques. Advanced support also includes direct hands on support, working with the artist, in developing a new work or series of works - for example for exhibition or commission.

Eligible Technical Areas for Expression of Interest

In considering what skills and experience are relevant artists should first take account of the different technical areas we use at the Centre for both individual and workshop activity. The ten technical areas we engage with are: Stone; Ceramics; Woodwork; Mouldmaking; Metalwork and Foundry; Hot Glass; Traditional Print; Video Editing; Analogue Photography Darkroom; Digital Design, Print and New Media see www.leitrimsculpturecentre.ie.

HOW TO APPLY

Artists should fill out the **Technical Support Template** provided, considering the skills and/or techniques they are interested to support in each of the technical areas and at what level. Technical supports not listed on the template may be listed under 'Other'. Artists may apply to be registered as either or both of the following:

- i. As Technical Support Advisors or Mentors to individual artists.
- ii. As Tutors under the Beginners/intermediary or Masterclass/Advanced Workshop Programmes.

Applications will include::

- a. A Completed Template
- b. An Artists statement and short bio
- c. Up to 3 relevant examples of work with titles
- d. A full CV

Please forward applications to: apply@leitrimsculpturecentre.ie and put 'Technical Support' followed by your 'name' in the subject line of the email.

DEADLINE for submission: 20 October 2021.

NOTIFICATION of successful registration: 15 November 2021.

Selection Criteria:

The strength of skills and experience brought to the role.	40%
Quality of previous work and demonstrated capacity to deliver the support	30%
Quality, innovation and relevance of the application to this technical support scheme.	30%

Artists selected for the Masterclass Workshop Programme 2022 will be invited to spend a day at the centre to assess the capacity of our technical areas to support their ideas and to more fully develop the workshop and its content with help from staff. A fee of €500 will be provided for this purpose.

RATES OF PAY

Whilst constantly under review at the Centre the following are a guide to current rates for all of the above opportunities:

Technical Support to Individual Artists

Standard/Intermediary level: €40 per hour

Specialist/Advanced: €60+ per hour depending on process and type of support required

Tutor Fee for Workshops

All workshops pay: €50 per hour (€400 per day incl. 2 hrs prep/report + 6 hrs contact)

Expenses

Travel expenses are not paid however accommodation is provided for those living outside of County Leitrim.