

GREEN GALLERY CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Green Gallery in Colàiste Brìde Presentation Secondary School, Clondalkin is seeking artists who are interested exhibiting their work within the school gallery and developing links between the arts and the second-level curriculum.



What we are asking for artists:

- To exhibit work for a period of 4 weeks in November – December 2010
- To develop and lead 1 – 2 workshops for teachers and/or students relating to the curriculum. Areas of work may include talks/presentations related to career development within the arts, description of the artists' own artistic approach, and/or ways in which the work exhibited may relate to curriculum areas beyond those of the arts.

We are looking for artists with a positive attitude who are dedicated and committed to the project, interested in learning more about working within a second-level school.

What we will provide:

- A unique opportunity for artists to exhibit their work in a new platform with new audiences in a second level institution
- An opportunity to reach a new and in some cases, non-art audiences
- A chance to share learning with students on possible career development
- Opportunities to engage directly with audiences, and in some cases atypical art audiences, gaining feedback on work exhibited
- A chance to explore new working contexts, particularly within a second-level school setting
- Support in developing workshops related to curriculum areas outside that of the arts
- Opportunities to learn from and exchange ideas with teachers about the impact of their work outside their own discipline
- A new platform for advocating the significant impact of the visual arts on areas outside the discipline
- Stronger links to area resources, including those outside the school
- A modest fee will be provided for all workshops delivered



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The aim of Green Gallery is to promote an integrated arts programme within and owned by the school that makes contemporary art accessible and appealing to an audience of second level students and teachers.



Background:

'Green Gallery' is an initiative established in 2010 in **Colàiste Brìde Presentation Secondary School**, Clondalkin through the Creative Engagements project funded by the Department of Education and Science and the Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Creative Engagement, was set up and is still managed by the National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals (NAPD) in 2005 with a maximum award of €5,000 per school. The scheme promotes a partnership approach to the promotion and development of the arts in second-level schools, based upon positive interaction between learner, teacher, and artist. The programme also emphasises pupil-centred teaching and learning.

This grant enabled students and teachers to work with artist Jane Fogarty in order to establish an art gallery within the school canteen. The project 'Home' commenced on Monday 22nd February and continued each Monday from 4 – 6pm for 8 weeks. The programme culminated in an exhibition called **Home** of the work and portfolios created in the canteen's new art gallery, entitled the Green Gallery.

The plan:

The first term of the school year sees an exciting program of external contemporary artist exhibitions with response workshops run by the artists for the students/ staff members. The work of the chosen artists will relate directly to the school curriculum allowing students to place the work in a relevant context.

The second term will showcase the work of students and run an art week of all art forms. The plan for the following year is to establish a **student-run** 'arts council' within the school allowing the students a hands-on approach to the running of a gallery, from the selection process through to fruition of the project, along with the potential to explore programming activities for the gallery.

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