



ENNIS ARTISTS STUDIOS INITIATIVE

Ennis Artists Studios Initiative has been developed by the Clare Arts Office in response to the need for artists /arts organisations workspaces in Ennis.

Based in Tracklands, Tobartoascáin, Ennis it comprises of

- a) seven shared studios
- b) 2 independent units
- c) space for group work / exhibitions etc.

Each studio / workstation has access to power, broadband, water and bathrooms. There is free parking, 24 hour access to the studios and a communal kitchenette.

The studios are not suitable for heavy duty sculptural work or the creation of large scale artworks.

Clare County Council will insure the building for public liability but it is the artists' responsibility to insure their artworks / equipment etc.

The studios will be let initially until July 30th, 2018. Clare Arts Office and or their agents will work until this date with the successful artists / organisations to establish an artists' co-operative /society / collective with the intention that this new artists' body will take over the lease and the running of the studios.

The cost of a single studio is €150 per month inclusive of all utilities etc.

The cost of a shared studio is €120 per month inclusive of all utilities etc.

The license fee is due in advance monthly by standing order along with one months' deposit.

Applications are now being accepted for use of the workshop space as artist's studios / office space for immediate use. Arts organisations, cultural practitioners, artists, writers and multi-disciplinary practitioners are welcome to apply.



APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Applicants must be born or resident in the Republic of Ireland.
- Applicants must be professional practitioners and hold a degree or diploma from a recognized educational institution or have equivalent professional experience. Persons in full time education, undergraduate students and full time MA students will not be considered for occupancy
- Applicants must be willing to engage with Clare Arts Office / their agents in the formation of an artists' collective (formal structure to be established)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Artists are asked to submit the following by **Friday, November 17th, 2017**

- A current CV
- A stamped self addressed envelope for the return of documentation
- A typed cover letter which should include
 1. the proposed use of the studio
 2. proposed community involvement / projects – if relevant
 3. any specific requirements you may have in terms of equipment / fit out of studio etc.
 4. Your preference for a independent studio (€150) or a shared studio (€130)
- Documentation of your work can include
 1. Up to 8 still images – slides, photographs, laser prints - clearly labeled
 2. Web links
 3. Catalogues, books, publications, reviews
 4. CD Rom / DVD
 5. Other documentation – please check with the Arts Office first

N.B. On no account should original work / master copies be submitted.

By applying for the studios you are confirming to Clare County Council that you are willing to engage with Clare Arts Office / their agents in the formation of an artists' collective (formal structure to be established)



SELECTION OF ARTISTS

All applications will be placed before an independent selection panel who will make recommendations on the allocation of studios to artists. Final approval of allocations rests with Clare County Council. **Canvassing will disqualify.**

The panel relies solely on the information supplied in the applications received.

The panel reserves the right to shortlist artists on the basis of applications received and to call artists for interview where necessary.

The panel reserves the right to put a panel of artists in place if studios become available at short notice.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- Each artist will be issued with a legal license agreement for the studio.
- Each artist will be required to pay €150 / €130 (depending on the studio allocated) per month by direct debit / standing order for the studio inclusive of heat, light, etc.
- A deposit of €150 / €130 (depending on the studio allocated) will be required once the studio is awarded and this will be repaid to the artist once the studio has been vacated and is deemed to be left in good working order by the County Council.
- All artists agree to be bound by the operational rules and terms and conditions of the studios, which shall be provided to them when an offer of a studio is made.

Applications should be sent in the first instance to:

EASI Studios Application, The Arts Office, The County Library, Mill Road, Ennis, Co.Clare Tel: 065 6846267. Fax: 065 6842462 Email: arts@clarelibrary.ie

The closing date for applications Friday November 24th, 2017 at 4pm.

Clare Arts Office will be at The Studios from 11.30 - 1pm on Saturday, November 18th to show interested artists the unit and to answer any questions in advance of the application process.