



Brigid 1500 Arts and Creativity Grant Scheme 2023

Guidance Notes

Kildare County Council is delighted to announce the launch of Brigid 1500 Arts and Creativity -Grant Scheme for projects to take place from 31st January to 31st December 2023. Brigid 1500 offers a unique opportunity to celebrate the life and legacy of St. Brigid whose influence has had a truly global impact; spanning our local communities, county and far reaching across the globe.

To celebrate Brigid 1500, Kildare County Council is co-ordinating a host of exciting and diverse projects honouring all aspects of Brigid's life and influence. Brigid has many different legacies; religious, historic, cultural, artistic, symbolic, inspirational and feminist and her name is closely associated with nature, biodiversity, folklore, emigration and peace. The inclusion of a Grant Scheme for Arts and Creativity offers a key opportunity for Kildare based artists and groups to get involved in the celebrations in a variety of meaningful and creative ways.

Applications that explore any aspect of the story of Brigid are welcome, promoting inclusion and celebrating the increasing diversity of the Kildare community. Applications are invited for funding awards ranging from €1,500 to €15,000.

Who can apply?	The scheme is open to individual artists, art groups and community projects engaged in arts practice or projects/ events at local or county level in Kildare.
What can be funded?	Funding is available for a range of arts and creative projects that celebrate Brigid 1500.
What is not eligible?	<p>Funding is not available for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic running costs (such as heat, light, staff), • Improvements to private land that has no public access/benefit, • Spend on alcoholic beverages, fines, legal costs, penalty payments, • Capital projects and infrastructural projects e.g. plaques, building restoration, monuments, • Commercial organisations. In general, cost of items for resale are ineligible.
Additional Requirements	<p>Activity/ Project must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate high artistic ambition, • Be led by a professional artist(s), • Be inclusive, appropriate and respectful in theme and approach, • Adhere to relevant/appropriate Health and Safety requirements, • Be accessible to diverse audiences and participants,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate that the resources are in place to fully achieve the project. • Permission must be obtained prior to application and evidence of permission supplied if (a) involving sites or locations in private ownership (b) requires the participation of a community group. • Take place from 31st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.
Criteria for assessment	<p>Criteria for assessment will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance to Kildare's Brigid 1500 programme 2023 • Level of creative and/or artistic ambition and the use of innovations or imaginative approaches, • Level of community participation and/ or development of artistic ideas • The capacity to carry out the proposed project, • The quality of the application, • Value for money. • Final Approval of the grant will be given by Kildare County Council.
What are the requirements if my application is successful?	<p>All recipients must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a bank or credit union account (post office accounts cannot be used). Recipients must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SWIFT and IBAN number, - Banking statement with name of group on it. • Submit receipts for all items and full costs. Any unspent monies must be returned to Kildare County Council, • Provide a full project report including a statement of income and expenditure and all associated receipts upon completion of the project. Please note that funding up to €5000 is payable in advance. Awards exceeding €5000 will be paid in two instalments: 70% in advance and 30% upon receipt of full project report, • Recognition must be given to Kildare County Council in any promotional material associated with the project. Please submit copy of documentation when submitting final report, • Provide marketing information to enable promotion via Brigid 1500 programme, • Any individual or organisation assisted under the scheme must indemnify and continue to indemnify Kildare County Council against any claim, • Comply with any statutory obligations regarding the delivery of events/activities, • No double funding from Kildare County Council sources will be allowed. Individuals/ groups can choose to combine this scheme with other sources of grant aid or sponsorship. • All successful applicants will be required to sign and verify Terms & Conditions agreement before commencing the project.