

**Call for submissions**

**Dún Laoghaire Baths  
Artist Studio Opportunities**

**2024-2025**



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**Closing Date: Thursday 11 July, 12 noon**

## **dlr Visual Artist Studios**

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office seeks to award three artist studio workspaces for a period of 1 year. Two studios are available from September 2024 and one starts in March 2025. These studios are open to visual artists working in any medium however, your working methods need to be compatible with the space available.

The Council's Arts Development Plan identifies the lack of accessible artist workspace as the key barrier to artists career progression in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. This opportunity is an action of our plan which seeks to address this challenge and support the career of dlr Visual Artist for a 1-year period.

The selected Artists will each be awarded exclusive use of an artist's studio in Dún Laoghaire Baths, and a materials budget of €6,500.

Our studios have been operational for one year. This opportunity received 84 submissions last year, so the selection process is highly competitive.

## **Description of the Artist Workspaces:**

Studios sizes are listed below, the size of each workspace is like one room in a home. The art practice must be suitable to the workspace provided. They do not have 3 phase electricity or mechanical ventilation. There is no chemical management onsite. The size of the doors limit the size of materials you can get into the studio, and the size of artworks you can safely get out of the building.

There are 3 individual artist workspaces and a shared a communal area.

Workshop 1, 19.6 sqm in size with 1 large window and 2 doors (1 external and 1 internal)

Workshop 2, 14.8 sqm in size with 4 windows and 1 internal door

Workshop 3, 17.8 sqm in size with 1 window and 1 internal door

Artist communal area, 45 sqm with 1 large window and 1 door

All individual studios are equipped with a large sink, storage, lights, power sockets and wifi. A worktable and chair are provided. The floor is polished concrete, there is underfloor heating. There is access to a public bathroom and tea station.

The Happy Out café occupies the top floor; the workspaces are the floor below. Artists are advised to attend the on-site briefing or drop into the building at another time to consider the level of noise a busy open plan coffee shop makes. This noise can be heard on the floor below, so may impact your use of the space.

While the workspace has 24hr access this is to facilitate the work schedule of awarded artists only. Artists are not permitted to live or sleep onsite overnight or invite others into the building outside its normal operating times, which changes with the season, but is currently open 7 days a week from:

- 7am – 5pm, Sunday – Wednesday
- 7am – 10pm, Thursday – Saturday

Artists must agree to adhere to the Health and Safety Policy of Dún Laoghaire Baths and work with Council staff, our Facility Management Company and Coffee Shop operator to ensure the safety of artists, building staff and visitors alike.

Council Staff and Facilities Management contractors will have access to your studio to clean and maintain essential equipment. Every effort is made to keep this distribution to a minimum.

**Eligibility:**

This studio opportunity is only available to individual applicants who meet all the following criteria:

- professional visual artists who practice their art in, or live in, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- who are available to make good use of this valuable workspace throughout the year.
- whose working methods suit the studios available.

**What we offer:**

- A materials budget of €6,500
- Solo studio space for 1 year
- We will cover all costs associated with providing the studio including rent and utilities.

The selected artists will be required to have Public Liability Insurance with cover of €6.5 million with a specific indemnity to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. If necessary, the artist will also be required to have Employer's Liability Insurance.

### **Briefing session:**

Dún Laoghaire Baths Studios are currently in use by four artists. An onsite briefing session at the Baths Studios will take place on 11am, Wednesday June 26. As the Baths Studios are currently in use by artists, visitors will only be able to view one of the studios, as well as the common space. To book a place for this briefing please email [arts@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:arts@dlrcoco.ie) with the subject heading **BAS**.

A member of the Arts Office team will be available to answer any questions on this opportunity during weekdays between May 28 and June 28, 2024. Please email your questions to [arts@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:arts@dlrcoco.ie) with **BAS** in the subject line and allow 3 working days for a reply.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) guide is also available below:

[www.dlrcoco.ie/funding-opportunities/call-artists-dun-laoghaire-baths](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/funding-opportunities/call-artists-dun-laoghaire-baths)

### **Proposals & Selection Process:**

Applicants may only submit one application for this studio opportunity.

Applicants are required to make their application via [dlrcoco.submit.com](http://dlrcoco.submit.com) and include

- A curriculum vitae (CV).
- Detail your connection to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown; eligibility for this award is artists practicing in or living in the County.
- An outline of what are you going to do with the studio space and budget?
- Detail the benefit of this studio space to the progression of your practice.
- A short description of previous work (max 150 words);
- Examples of previous work (no more than 10 examples in total). Images should include the title, its dimensions, the material/medium, the date and your name. YouTube, Vimeo links etc. may also be included. Samples of written work should be limited to 10 pages. Please supply direct links to any pages/sites you wish the panel to view and a brief explanation (max 50 words) of what will be viewed. All digital supporting material should be PC/Microsoft Office compatible. Where possible all information should be compiled into a single pdf document.
- Applications should be no larger than 10MB.
- Please indicate that you have availability of make good use of this workspace for a 1-year period.

**Selection criteria:**

Applications will be selected by a panel of Council Officers, artists, and arts workers. The decision of the selection panel is final.

Submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- How well your proposal fits with our facilities and eligibility criteria (35/100)
- Quality of previous work and experience (35/100)
- Based on the information you give us; how might this studio and materials budget help progress your arts practice (30/100)

**Summary Timeline:**

Publication of Residency opportunity:	May 30, 2024
In-person briefing session:	11am, June 26, 2024
Period to submit queries:	May 28 – June 28th, 2024
Deadline for receipt of applications:	12 noon, July 11, 2024
Outcome of selection process available:	end of August 2024
Studio period:	Two studios are available from September 2024 One studio is available from March 2025

**Freedom of Information**

The provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1997-2014 apply to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Applicants should state if any of the information supplied by them is confidential or sensitive and should not be disclosed to a request for information under the aforementioned Act. Applicants should state why they consider the information to be confidential or commercially sensitive.

**GDPR**

All information provided for this application will be held for a period of five years from the date of submission and will remain in the sole ownership of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office. Information supplied in the application will be used only for the purpose of the application itself and will only be used by dlr Arts Office for the purposes of administering and managing this residency, including the selection process. You may

withdraw your consent to the retention of the information relating to your application at any point by sending an email to [arts@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:arts@dlrcoco.ie)

**Submission deadline:**

The deadline for receipt of proposals is **12 noon, Thursday 11 July, 2024**

Applications must be made on [dlrcoco.submit.com](https://dlrcoco.submit.com)

If you need support in making your application online, please contact the Arts Office by Monday 8 July 2024.

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council reserves the right not to award this opportunity if none of the proposals received are deemed to be suitable. In this instance, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council reserves the right to pursue a different procurement process.**

**This opportunity is funded Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.**