



## Open Call: Exhibitions and Events at Platform Arts 2022

**Platform Arts is committed to widening access to contemporary art in Northern Ireland.** Platform is an artist-led studio group and contemporary art gallery based in Belfast. Our role is to actively promote creative expression, presentation, and access to contemporary art practice through our Exhibition and Studio Programmes. Platform has a number of studio spaces that are rented to our member artists in order to support their professional development as practising artists. We support artists at all stages of their career, including emerging artists and recent graduates.

Our open call process invites artists and curators to submit proposals for three-week exhibitions and events for between April-November 2022. We will accept proposals for solo, two-person, collaborative and group projects/bodies of work. We are particularly interested in proposals that respond in part to our current gallery space inside Connswater Shopping Centre or address an outreach aspect which considers relevant audiences/communities. This programme of self-directed projects will receive support via publicity and social media, invigilation, professional documentation as well as mentoring from our board. We are currently unable as of December 2021 to provide an artist fee for participating artists; however we will provide assistance, advice and letters of support for artists, curators or collectives that are pursuing funding. Projects will be selected through a competitive open call process, and will be selected by our board of directors. We recommend that you please see our website for more information on our programme and organisation before applying. Successful applicants will be notified after the deadline has passed and offered dates. The dates requested by the applicant may not always be available and we ask for flexibility surrounding this.

Submissions are free, and guidelines are now available from our website. Deadline for submissions is Monday 31st January 2022.

### HOW TO APPLY

Please email your proposal to [platformbelfast@gmail.com](mailto:platformbelfast@gmail.com) with the subject line: 'Exhibition Proposal 2022'

### PROPOSAL FORMAT:

The proposal must be completed and attached as a single PDF file including all supporting material. This should be titled Exhibition Proposal 2022 and not exceed 10mb in size. Please include the following as part of your proposal:

- **CV** (max 2 pages) Containing name, address, email, phone and website (if available)
- **Artist Statement** (Max 500 words)
- **Proposal Summary** Please provide a summary (max 800 words) of the project you are proposing. This should cover the main themes of the work and outline how you intend to install it within the space.
- **Supporting Material** Please include a maximum of 8 images/links to describe your proposal. All images and links for audio and video files should be contained within the body of the PDF file and captioned accordingly. Film and audio work should be uploaded

in a web page (e.g. Vimeo (preferably), YouTube, artist website) with links and any passwords provided within your PDF. When referring to websites to support your proposal, you should provide the direct links for the particular pages/files you wish to be viewed and a brief explanation (50 words max) on what will be viewed. Artist websites that supplement your biography are encouraged.

- **Funding** Please provide details on how you plan to fund your exhibition, installation or event. Funding does not need to have been secured but we require a reasonable plan and backup plan of how you intend to fund. Platform can provide a letter of support to selected applicants to sustain individual fund seeking.

- **Further information** Please provide any further information (max 500 words) that you feel is relevant to your proposal.

**Platform will not accept proposal submissions that do not meet these guidelines.**

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## **ELIGIBILITY**

Platform seeks proposals from artists and curators from all backgrounds, working in any media or discipline. Platform is committed to supporting artists at all stages of their career.