

Creative Associate Services 2023 FAQs

If you are interested in delivering Creative Associate services, you are advised to read the Creative Associate Services Information Booklet 2023.

Who can apply to deliver Creative Associate services?

The following suitably qualified personnel may apply to deliver Creative Associate services:

1. Individuals: those working on a freelance basis in the arts/creative sectors by applying for a contract for services between themselves as individuals and the Arts Council.

2. Organisations: those working in an arts/creative organisation by applying for a contract for services between the organisation and the Arts Council. Organisations may nominate one or more suitably qualified key individuals. If more than one key individual from the organisation wishes to apply, the organisation must use a separate application form for each nominated individual.

Individuals must use the Creative Associate Services Application Form for Individuals 2023.

Organisations must use the Creative Associate Services Application Form for Organisations 2023.

Can I apply to deliver services in more than one county?

Yes, in section 3 of the application form you can identify which counties you are willing to deliver services in.

What areas of creative practice do Creative Associates come from?

Creative Associates are artists or creative practitioners with a deep understanding of creativity and its potential to transform the lives of children and young people. Creative Associates come from sectors including Visual Arts, Music, Creative Writing, Heritage, Drama/Theatre, Dance, Animation, Coding, Architecture, Film, Craft and Design.

Is the role of Creative Associate similar to that of an artist in residence ?

No. The role of the Creative Associate is to open up a wide range of creative possibilities for each school they work with. Through consultation with the school community, Creative Associates will support schools to identify strengths, needs and opportunities. They act as a critical friend and provide a valuable informed external perspective to the school through their

engagement with the initiative. Their role is not to facilitate and deliver projects as artists or practitioners in their own arts/creative discipline, but they will advise and help to identify others who can.

If selected, where will I work as a Creative Associate?

Selected Creative Associates may be matched with schools based on the type of school, its needs, and its geographical location. Creative Associates will be required to travel to the schools they are working with regularly for in-person visits. Creative Associates may be matched with 1 or more schools.

How much time does the Creative Associate get to work with the school?

Each school is allocated up to 45 hours of Creative Associate time per academic year. This is inclusive of the Creative Associates, networking, mentoring and meetings with the Regional Coordinators and Creative Schools managers. The remainder of these hours are split between in-person contact time with the school, deskwork, and meetings. Deskwork may include researching opportunities for the school, contacting individual practitioners and organisations, writing reports, and building resources. We anticipate that Creative Associates will also receive an additional allocation of hours to be used for training.

When will I work directly with a school?

Creative Associate's will support a school across the full school year. They do not work set days/times each week with their schools. Creative Associates matched with a school will need to negotiate which days they work with that school.

What supports are available as a Creative Associate?

Creative Associates will receive induction training as well as availing from ongoing training and networking opportunities. Ongoing mentoring, guidance and support is provided by a Regional Coordinator.

Where can I get more information if I have a question that is not answered in the Information Booklet or these FAQs?

All queries relating to any aspect of this competition, or the application process must be emailed to creativeassociates@artscouncil.ie

Deadline for queries/clarifications is **12 noon (local time) on Tuesday 11 April 2023** and any queries/clarifications received after this time will not be answered.

Any questions received by the Arts Council by 12.00 hours (local time) on Tuesday 11 April 2023 that are of general interest to applicants, will be published here along with responses.