SOUTH TIPPERARY
Arts Centre

Residency Programme 2026
South Tipperary Arts Centre and Tipperary Arts Office

OPEN CALL FOR EMERGING CURATOR (from under-represented backgrounds and communities*)

Emerging Curators from under-represented backgrounds and communities* are invited to apply for participation in the STAC Residency Programme 2026, in partnership with Tipperary Arts Office.

The selected curator will be mentored by and work with STAC Artistic Director & Curator, Helena Tobin, to curate our exhibition *Margins for Refusal* in July 2027. *Margins for Refusal*, as STAC's exhibition for Clonmel Junction Arts Festival links in with the 2027 festival theme of 'In the Margins'. The title borrows the words of writer and artist, Jenny Odell, who highlights how peoples' 'margins for refusal' are directly connected to their social standing and marginalisation and opens the question 'who is afforded the time, power or 'margins' to refuse?'
"… space of refusal is threatened in a time of widespread economic precarity, when everyone from Amazon workers to college students see their margin of refusal shrinking, and the stakes for playing along growing." Jenny Odell, 'How To Do Nothing - Resisting the Attention Economy'

Application information and criteria:
One curator will be selected to participate in the Programme. The award will cover a residency period from February – July 2027.

- Applicants MUST be born in or domiciled in County Tipperary and from an under-represented background and community*
- The selected curator will be awarded €4,000 and also receive mentoring and curatorial support throughout the residency.
- All costs related to the delivery of the exhibition will be covered by STAC.
- As this residency culminates in an exhibition, it is essential that curators respond to the theme in their Letter of Interest and include ideas for audience engagement within their proposal.
- Applicants must be available for the duration of the residency.

To apply: please send a Residency Proposal (in one PDF document) incl. Letter of Interest, CV, and any examples of projects you may have curated/produced (max 8 images or media links) to info@southtippartscentre.ie

Closing date: Friday 20th November at 5pm.
Late applications will not be accepted and the decision of the assessment panel is final. Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision by late November.

Note - *under-represented backgrounds and communities including those based on gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race, membership of the Traveller Community and socio-economic status.

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