



PER CENT FOR ART COMMISSION OPPORTUNITY

Bracken Educate Together is a vibrant and prospering school that was established in 2007. The school has grown rapidly since and now has over 390 pupils enrolled to include over 35 different nationalities. It is a 16 classroom multi-denominational school that promotes an inclusive and child centred education which is reflective of the Educate Together Ethos.

Bracken Educate Together is inviting expressions of interest from artists wishing to create new work within the context of this diverse learning environment.

The *Educate Together Ethos* is encapsulated by the four following terms:

- Multi-denominational
- Co- educational
- Child-centered
- Democratically run

An elaboration of these terms and more information about the Educate Together ethos may be found on the Educate Together website:

<http://www.educatetogether.ie/about/core-principles>

The aim of the commission is to create an inviting, stimulating and potentially participatory artwork that reflects on the educational context of the school. The proposed site is located in an internal courtyard that is visible from the reception area, circulation spaces and library of the school.

Considerations for the artwork **could** include

- emphasis on Irish and international craft
- reflection on nature (through use of vegetation)
- echoes of the ethos of the school

The proposed art work **must** be:

- tactile
 - encouraging of activity within the courtyard
 - permanent and durable and easily maintained (note all materials will be considered)
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THE SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will take the form of a two stage competition. Selection will be based on quality of the information and the feasibility of the proposal.

Stage 1 SITE VISIT:

For those interested there will be an official site visit on Wednesday 13th May from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. In order to attend the site visit, names **MUST** be forwarded to the school via email to : brackenpercentforart@gmail.com to notify same prior to this date.

Stage 1 – Applicants are invited to express their interest in being considered for this project at the first stage of the commission.

Please submit:

- CV/statement (including name, address, contact details, website, company details where applicable)
- Images of relevant previous work (include duration of projects)
- Applicants written proposal for the commission (no more than 500 words)and can be supported by concept/design sketches.
- Feasibility plan for proposal (approximate projected costs, timeline etc.)

Please note that the applicant will be subject to Garda vetting procedures. Also the successful applicant for the project will be required to submit a current Tax Clearance Certificate and provide insurances.

Please provide all the above as a single PDF file no greater than 10 MB.

From the completed applications of Stage 1 a shortlist of maximum of 5 will be selected by the Design Committee.

The closing date for all required documentation **for stage 1 is Wednesday June 3rd 2015 at 12 noon.**

Stage 2 – Shortlisted applicants are invited to submit a **detailed** design proposal at Stage 2.

A detailed brief and site plans will be provided for successful shortlisted applicants and an additional site visit will be arranged following selection before the end of June 2015.

Submission for stage 2 is **Friday September 11th 2015.**

A fee of €300 will be paid to up to 5 shortlisted applicants to work on their detailed proposal.

Note: Proposals at both stages will be selected by the Design Committee.

Members of the Design Committee are:

Marian Griffin – Principal of Bracken Educate Together

Rosemarie Stynes – Acting Vice Principal of Bracken Educate Together

Aishling McQuaid –Teacher at Bracken Educate Together and representative of the Board of Management

Aoife Banim PGDE, MRIAI, B.ARCH (Hons.) B.Arch Sci.

Aoife is a teacher in Bracken Educate Together. She is also a qualified Architect and a member of the RIAI. Aoife has worked in the field of architecture for over ten years and graduated from U.C.D. School of Architecture in June 2004. Aoife has worked closely with the Irish Architecture Foundation and various local authorities and art galleries facilitating design workshops for young children.

Eileen Keane B.Ed

Eileen is a teacher in Bracken Educate Together who has experience working through various media on collaborative art projects in community and school contexts with particular interest in social and critical practices. Eileen is currently completing second year of an M.A. in Socially Engaged Art (Further Adult and Community Education) in N.C.A.D.

Damien Frayne – School Maintenance Manager (background in carpentry and construction).

Nominated independent professional artist – to be confirmed prior to shortlisting.

It is envisaged that project completion date should be no later than **December 2015**.

Commissioners reserve the right not to proceed with any of the submissions received.

BUDGET

The total budget for the proposal is €24,000 inclusive of V.A.T. This includes all costs associated with the project inclusive of materials, artists/consultant fees, design development, insurance, supply and installation, signage, travel and any other costs incurred in the production of the artwork. The artist will be responsible for meeting all of these costs out of the total budget allocated for the successful artist.

SUBMISSIONS

Digital submissions by email to: brackenpercentforart@gmail.com with your name as the subject line

(no larger than 10MB)

OR

Hard Copy Submissions to be posted to:

Bracken Educate Together National School

Castlelands,

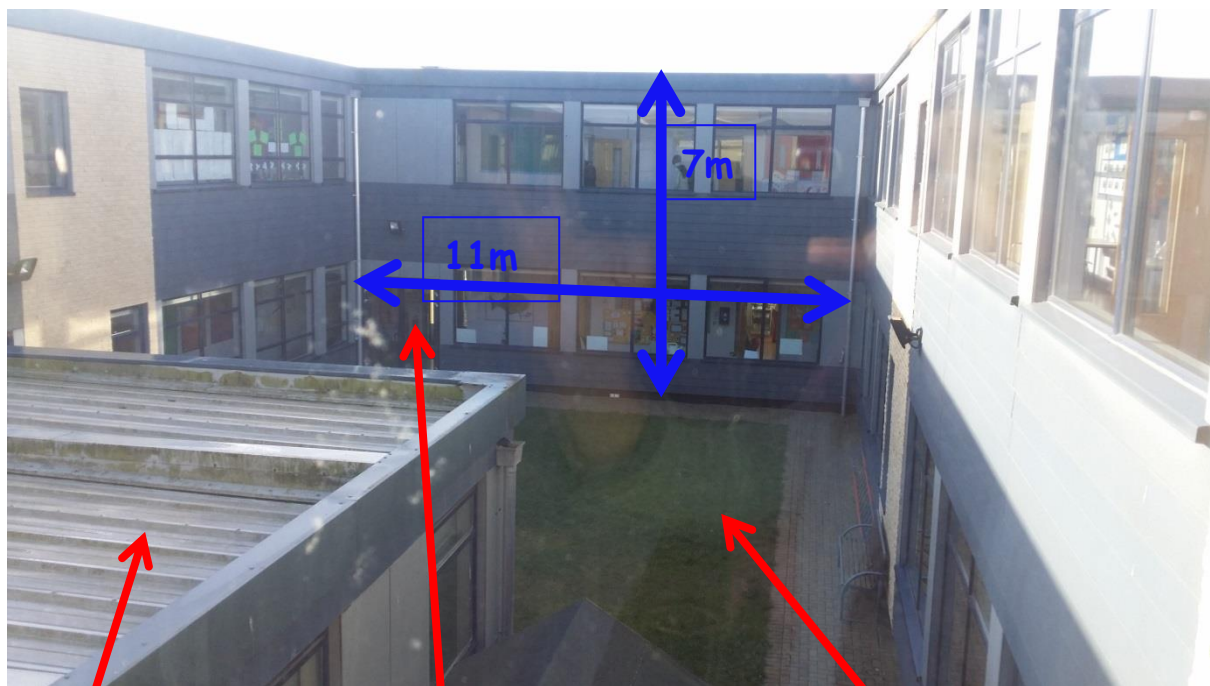
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Co.Dublin.

NOTE: Any posted copies will not be returned.

Queries

Any queries in relation to the project should be made to the attention of **Aoife Banim or Eileen Keane** at the address brackenprecentforart@gmail.com.



Library

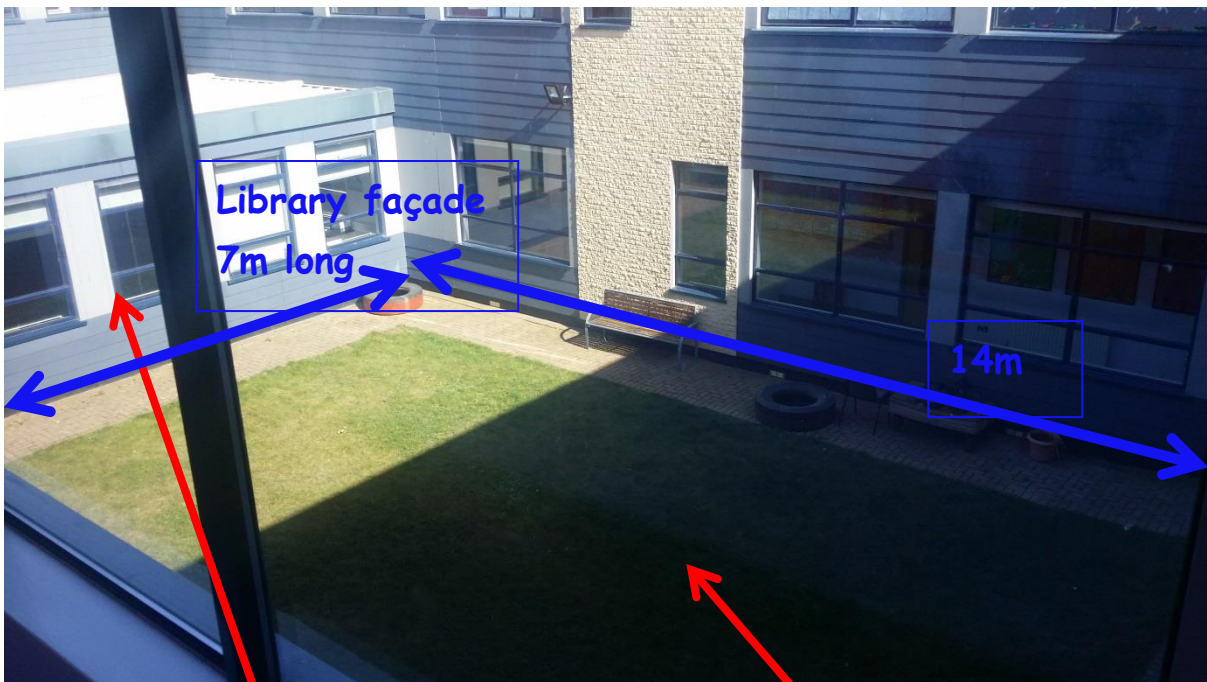
Reception area

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NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE