



# Percent for Art Commission

**Scoil Naomh Feichín, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth**

## **Stage 1 Artist's Briefing Document**

**Budget: €31,000 (inclusive of VAT)**

**Stage 1 Deadline: - March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**



Applicants are requested to read the full content of this document carefully as it contains important information pertaining to all stages of the commission.

## **Introduction:**

Scoil Naomh Feichín is a 15 teacher vertical, co-educational Catholic primary school under the patronage of the Archbishop of Armagh. Currently there are 11 class teachers, 3 teachers working in a special education context and 3 Special Needs Assistants on the staff of the school. The school building is located a short drive from the town of Drogheda in the scenic village of Termonfeckin. The location is rural and coastal with a number of historical features. The school enrolment of 290 pupils range in age from 4 years to 13 years and the majority of these children hail from the surrounding village area with a few travelling from the nearby town of Drogheda.

Scoil Naomh Feichín follows the standard curriculum as set down by the Department of Education & Skills. Subjects taught are Mathematics, English, Irish, SESE (Science, History & Geography), SPHE (Social, Personal & Health Education), Arts (Visual Arts, Music & Drama) and Physical Education. As Scoil Naomh Feichín is a school under Catholic patronage all classes follow the Grow in Love and Alive-O Religious Education Programmes.

In March 2019 a new school building was completed, enabling the expansion from 8 classrooms and a further 3 in prefabs, to a 16 classroom building enabling an organic student population growth.

## **Artist Brief:**

Scoil Naomh Feichín National School has formed a committee to oversee the Percent for Art Commission. We have made a collective decision to commission an engaging permanent artwork(s) for the exterior space of our school. We hope that this piece of work will enhance the school environment. The exterior artwork should embrace or reflect some or all of the following:

- The school ethos which places the child's whole development at its core.
- The historical, social, cultural and educational values of Scoil Naomh Feichín.
- The beautiful natural surroundings of the school.
- The desire to enhance the child's learning experience through being able to provide an outdoor learning space catering for a multi-sensory experience.
- A usable, creative and safe space for the children to enjoy.
- A place which has the capacity to enhance the child's learning experience and create good memories.
- A space that fits organically into its environment and respects its surroundings.
- A space that can hold a class of school children in a variety of formations – standing, sitting, kneeling etc.

## **Art Forms & Methodology**

The art piece should consist of a single piece of art. It is hoped that the final work will be permanent, durable and easily maintained over time. It is also hoped that the legacy of the artwork is that future pupils will benefit from this usable and creative space. The proposed process must involve artists creating a usable and creative space that will engage our students.

We have two potential sites designated. We feel that it is important to allow the artist the scope to respond to the school environment and help choose the final permanent location for this space.

The selection process will take the form of a Two Stage Open Competition.

It is open to all interested professional artists/craftspeople at any stage of their career or experience. Selection will be based on the information supplied, establishing the competence of the artist to carry out the commission.

The Artist Brief and Application Form are included in this document.

Three short-listed artists will be paid an honorarium of €500 for completing the submission /application process. This Per Cent for Art Scheme is funded by the OPW due to the recent completion of the new school building.

Artists can send queries to the Project Manager at [principal@scoilnaomhfeichin.ie](mailto:principal@scoilnaomhfeichin.ie) by referencing "Percent for Art Commission" in the subject line.

## **The Commissioning Process:**

The selection process will take the form of a Two Stage Open Competition. It is open to all interested professional artists at any stage of their career or experience. Selection will be based on the information supplied, establishing the competence of the artists to carry out this commission. If required a combination of artistic talents (craft, product design etc.) can be included.

### ***Stage 1***

Artists are invited to express their interest in being considered for the project at the first stage of this commission. Artists may do this by completing the application form and submitting a CV, images, details of recent relevant works, past projects, as well as a brief outline/sketch of what they would envisage for this commission based on their knowledge of the school, its location, its ethos and its characteristic values. The closing date for receipt of Stage 1 completed application form, together with supporting documentation and material, is 6pm on Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

Applications may be submitted by email or post – (see Application Form for more details).

### ***Stage 2***

From the completed Stage 1 applications; a shortlist of artists will be selected by panel jury. Stage 2 short listed artists will be paid a concept development fee of €500 to work on a detailed proposal for final selection. A Stage 2 brief will be available to shortlisted artists and a site visit is expected at this stage. Scoil Naomh Feichín reserves the right not to proceed with any submissions received.

Stage 2 will also see the successful candidate being selected and a contract being agreed upon. It is anticipated that the project will be complete by the end of December 2021. The artist should demonstrate their ability to fulfil this timeframe. The final timeline will be agreed with the commissioned artist at contract stage.

### **Selection Panel:**

A Selection Panel has been nominated by the Working Committee and this panel has full responsibility for short listing at Stage 1 and choosing the artist at Stage 2.

## **Criteria for Selection:**

- Relevance to the spirit, ethos, history and cultural context of Scoil Naomh Feichín.
- Artistic merit of proposed artwork / project.
- Quality, clarity and practicality of proposal
- Innovation of concept / proposal / idea.
- Integration of project with school building, community and environment.
- Potential of proposed project / artwork to meaningfully engage the school community.
- Ability to carry out the project.
- Ability to work with a professional brief within a specific timeframe.
- Feasibility of delivering the commission within the proposed budget.
- Durability and implications for future maintenance of proposed structure.

## **Budget:**

The total budget for the project is €31,000. This includes the costs of any materials, artist's fees, design development, artist's insurance, supply and installation, signage, travel, and any other costs incurred in the production of the project / artwork. The artist will be responsible for meeting all of these costs out of the total budget allocated.

## **Project Delivery Timeline:**

The artists will be asked to provide a plan for project delivery and completion date at Stage 2. It is hoped that the project could be commenced during the early summer of 2021 and be completed by the end of the calendar year 2021.

## **Site Visits:**

Site visits will be arranged for shortlisted artists at Stage 2 of the commissioning process.

## **Site Location:**

Scoil Naomh Feichín, Termonfeckin, Co Louth.

## **Queries:**

Applicants can make enquiries via email regarding the commission to the school principal, Bryan Collins, at [principal@scoilnaomhfeichin.ie](mailto:principal@scoilnaomhfeichin.ie) Tel: 041-9822589

## **Guidelines:**

It is recommended that you read these guidelines and supply supporting documentation and material by HARD or SOFT COPY, as requested.

**Appendix:**

**Photos of suggested possible locations for outdoor artwork/learning space**



**Green Area 1**



**Green Area 2**

