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Submissions for Climate Change Art residency now open

Submissions are now open for three new environmental residencies managed by Fingal County Council’s Art Office in partnership with Wexford County Council, Dublin City Council Art Offices and UK based non-profit organisation Invisible Dust.

The programme is titled ‘An Urgent Enquiry’ and it calls on artists who have an interest in the link between Climate Change and biodiversity.

Artists are invited to submit an application to take part and to collaborate with biodiversity specialists along Ireland’s east coast.
To find more details on how to apply go to www.anurgentenquiry.ie. Deadline for submissions, 21 February 2019.

The Urgent Enquiry team have collaborated with those tasked with managing the biodiversity of each Local Authority area. Artists will be able to avail of the breadth of local knowledge, ongoing research and connection to a range of active communities from the peninsula of Portrane, to Bull Island part of the UNESCO designated Dublin Bay Biosphere, to the beaches and slob lands of Wexford and the wider global context.

Fingal County Council’s Public Art Coordinator, Caroline Cowley said: “Climate Change has had significant effects on local ecology and biodiversity and will continue to until it is addressed. Fingal County Council delighted to facilitate a residency that raises awareness of this issue through a visual and engaging medium.”

The project is funded through the Arts Council’s Invitation to Collaboration scheme which supports innovative, ambitious local authority collaborations.

Throughout 2018 a series of Think Tanks took place along the coast featuring a selection of specialists engaged in research around climate change, biodiversity, ecology and its intersection with art. One such guest contributor was Alice Sharp, Director of the UK’s prestigious art & environment commissioning Agency, Invisible Dust. Alice presented her perspective on commissioning projects that addressed the links between art and ecology.

Artists working through this field of practice are now invited to apply for the three Irish residencies, with Invisible Dust selecting one of those awarded artists. The artists will be based at the three key coastal locations, where accommodation, remuneration, project support and documentation will be provided. Artists must be available from May – July 2019. For full details and brief please visit www.anurgentenquiry.ie

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Photo caption: Several Think Tank sessions took place along the East Coast featuring biodiversity and ecology specialists.