

# Cork City Libraries

## Historian in Residence 2022

*Supported by the Decade of Centenaries Programme, in partnership with  
Cork City Council.*

Cork City Library seeks applications for an Historian in Residence to support its Decade of Centenaries programme *It Seems that History is to Blame*. The Residency is funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the Community Strand of the 2022 Decade of Centenaries Programme.

This is a Contract for Service, and the successful applicant will be required to provide a minimum of 15 hours' services per week over a 7-month period beginning in June 2022. The candidate will be based at Cork City Library on Grand Parade.

### **Commemorative Programme for Cork City:**

The Commemorative Programme will take note of national policy and national commemorative projects but will ultimately focus on Cork City and its environs. The aim of the programme in Cork City is to mark the centenaries within the city in the most appropriate fashion. The theme for 2022 is *People in their Places: Ordinary Lives in Cork 1922*

### **Funding:**

The available funding is €10,000. This will be paid in two instalments, inclusive of all expenses incurred. Applicants must be Tax Compliant and provide a Tax Clearance Access Number (TCAN) and Tax Reference Number and hold their own insurance cover.

### **Application:**

Application should be made by providing the following:

- Evidence of a minimum Fetac Level 8 qualification in history / heritage studies.
- Evidence of research and publication on the period 1921/1922/1923 in Cork. A focus on the ordinary lives of its citizens is preferable.
- Evidence of ability to be project driven.
- Evidence of familiarity with local and national resources for the period.

The successful candidate will be aware that

- using and promoting the existing collections of Cork City Libraries is a key component of the project,
- it is intended that this project will create a lasting legacy of historical/cultural research to inform and engage existing and future generations with this period of Ireland's development and
- an important focus of the work is on outreach to a **non-academic** audience.

The successful candidate

- must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills and have the ability to engage with all ages from children to senior citizens. Evidence of this ability must be provided.
- will be responsible for working with and under the direction of designated Cork City library staff to:
  - identify themes, events, and significant figures
  - co-ordinate research work and timelines
  - arrange suitable and relevant exhibitions, events, and lectures to promote the Commemoration Programme
  - to promote interest and engagement in history among a non-academic audience
- The delivery of the programme must be inclusive, appropriate, and sensitive.
- The programme will take due consideration of the Irish language.
- The candidate is required to have a full clean driving licence.
- The Historian in Residence will abide by relevant Cork City Council policies and guidelines and operate in accordance with said policies and guidelines.
- Any events, work arrangements, outreach projects, etc. must conform to Cork City Council guidelines.

The Historian in Residence will retain copyright of unique material generated by them during the programme and will acknowledge Cork City Council as the original commissioner of the material.

All programmes will be delivered with the co-operation and goodwill of the community at large and may involve outreach projects and lectures in schools, libraries, and communities across Cork City. The Historian in Residence will demonstrate an ability to deliver and co-ordinate outreach events within the library and throughout the broader community, to facilitate an inclusive Commemoration Programme.

## 1. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please note application should be made by sending the information outlined previously together with the information required below:

- An up-to-date CV, including the names and contact details of two referees.
- A typewritten submission of interest in Microsoft Word outlining
  - approaches to the residency,
  - how you would engage new and diverse communities in the city
  - including examples of previous similar and relevant work in the area of outreach and engagement with local and/ or national history (1,000 words maximum).

Please also refer to and include information as per the selection criteria listed below.

## 2. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR HISTORIAN IN RESIDENCE

### Required

- The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate suitable skills including IT competencies, writing style, enthusiasm and must provide evidence of relevant achievement. Previous relevant work experience which involved facilitation and engagement with mixed audiences at workshops and other events should be included.
- The applicant should have experience of and provide examples of research assignments and programmes.
- Excellent knowledge of history and heritage both local and national.
- A creative and innovative approach to the delivery of the Historian in Residency programme.
- Experience with intergenerational audiences.

### • CONTRACT AWARD

- Only applications that contain all of the information specified above will be considered.
- Applicants may be shortlisted, and a competitive interview process may take place.
- Evaluation will be on the basis of the information supplied in accordance with the following criteria and scoring:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
Previous relevant work experience	40
Experience and examples of research projects to date.	15
Experience in the area of hosting public talks / workshops for all age groups.	15
Approach to the Residency in the areas of innovation and creativity	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

All parties will be informed of the outcome of their proposals following evaluation and of any necessary clarifications.

### **3. AWARD TO RUNNER UP**

If for any reason, it is not possible to award the contract to the designated successful party emerging from this competitive process, or if having awarded the contract, the Contracting Authority considers that the successful party has not met its obligations, the Contracting Authority reserves the right during the tendering validity period to award the contract to the next highest scoring party on the basis of the terms advertised, without re-opening the competition. This shall be without prejudice to the right of the Contracting Authority to cancel this competitive process and/or initiate a new contract award procedure at its sole discretion.

### **4. APPOINTMENT, EXTENT AND TERMINATION**

The successful applicant will be expected to take up this project no later than **Tuesday, June 7, 2022**, or another earlier date as agreed with the local authority. This project will include evening and weekend work when required.

Further to Cork City Council's obligations under the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012, engagement will be subject to Garda Vetting to be completed in advance.

The appointment shall be for the services described in this brief only. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to engage with other service providers for additional services in connection with the project and shall be under no obligation to extend this contract.

**5. DEADLINE**

Please send completed application form with a current CV marked 'Historian in Residence' by email to [libraries@corkcity.ie](mailto:libraries@corkcity.ie) for the attention of Helen McGonagle, Executive Librarian.

For further information please email [libraries@corkcity.ie](mailto:libraries@corkcity.ie) or telephone  
021 492 4900

The closing date for completed applications is Friday, May 6, 2022, at 5.30 pm.