

Job Vacancy: Curator of Learning

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Reporting to: Director

Contract: Full-Time, Permanent (following a 6 month probation period)

Salary: €32,000-€35,000 per annum depending on the successful candidate's qualifications and experience.

Deadline: 12 noon Wednesday, 15th January 2020

Overview

For 15 years, the IAF has established a network and track record of delivering major projects, primarily aimed at developing audiences for architecture in Ireland, while also raising the profile of Irish architecture abroad. Its programme of exhibitions, talks, film screenings, symposia, competitions, publications, school and community workshops is intended to raise awareness and generate conversations, as well as critically engage a diverse public.

The IAF's educational remit has developed a strong trajectory of work engaging schools and communities across Ireland in architecture, design and place-making. Projects like *A Space For Learning* led to the long established *Architects in Schools* initiative, which reaches 30 schools across the country through workshops and a learning resource pack in print and online. *Place Shapers* and the current *Play Park Ballyfermot* are projects that place young people and the community at the heart of the design process and make real change in the built environment. Further complimentary programs have included *Open House Junior* for young people and families the *Beyond Participation Conference*, developing a *Youth Collective* and the *BT Young Scientist Award* for architecture, all of which aimed to excite a diverse audience about the cultural value of architecture.

Objectives of the Role

We are seeking a dynamic and experienced Curator of Learning to maintain and continue to develop the IAF Learning programme, the primary aim of which is to develop a greater public understanding of architecture, design and the public realm for all ages. It's an exciting time for development within the role with opportunities to further expand the Architects in Schools initiative, devising a new strand of programming to compliment IAF's emerging gallery exhibitions and curating a youth debate as part of the Open House Worldwide conference in Dublin in 2021.

All of this work is centred on establishing and maintaining great relationships with a wide range of partners, participants and stakeholders which include architects, teachers,

students, local authorities, state funding bodies, community groups and cultural institutions. The successful applicant will be a thinker and a connector, engaged with architecture's role in culture and in the contemporary world.

- The Curator of Learning is responsible for self-initiating a life-long learning programme at the IAF and the management and administration of all aspects of this programme.
- To develop, curate and deliver the annual Architects in Schools programme and Open House Junior.
- To create and deliver educational talks and events that complement and respond to the IAF's exhibitions, talks/conferences and placemaking projects.

Key projects include:

Architects in Schools (AIS) initiative, handbooks and website.

- To oversee the development of AIS over the next 3 years. Recruitment of schools and architects for the scheme, coordination of the training event for architects and teachers in September, monitoring and mentoring school placements, producing reports for funders and stakeholders, documenting the programme and managing the programme blog and social media accounts in line with the IAF media outlets and planning the sharing event at the end of the school year.
- Plan strategically for the development of the programme, increasing the number of schools and participants.
- To update Student and Facilitator Handbooks and the IAF websites and relevant social media platforms with imagery and copy.

Open House Dublin Junior

- Devise and coordinate a lively programme of workshops for young people in partnership with Dublin galleries, museums and cultural institutions.

Complimentary Learning Programmes

- Work with IAF exhibitions, talks and community placemaking programme curators to deliver learning programmes associated with these initiatives, for example, large-scale events, seminars, talks, conferences and special events.

Life long Learning

- To develop, curate and resource stand-alone life long learning initiatives that are aimed at youth, community groups, active age and families.

Other Duties

- To be responsible for the financial management and budgetary control of all learning projects.
- To make funding applications to public and private trusts, funding bodies, sponsors and individuals, including contributions to major IAF annual funding applications.

- To develop and enhance links with schools primary, secondary and third level, and community groups, education bodies and third-level institutions.
- To foster positive partnerships with local authorities, all our stakeholders, Arts Council, Creative Ireland, Dept of Education and Skills, other arts organisations nationally and internationally, schools, private, corporate and government bodies and to develop projects where appropriate.
- To work with the Communications Officer to ensure that the learning programme is reflected innovatively online and in wider press and media.
- To provide reviews of projects to the Director and Board.
- The Curator of Learning will work with and report to the Director.
- Weekend and evening work will be required on occasion and will be compensated for by time-in-lieu.

Essential skills and experience

- Minimum of 3-5 years experience working in the not for profit cultural sector in a similar field.
- Relevant experience, knowledge and passion in education programming and life long learning within the cultural sector.
- Impressive knowledge of architecture, socially engaged art, public realm and visual culture in general.
- The experience and intellectual ability to create connections with architecture and beyond architecture and to promote the enjoyment and study of visual culture.
- Excellent verbal, written communication skills, administration and project management skills. Excellent computer literacy.
- Ability to work under pressure, and work flexibly and co-operatively as part of a small team.
- A relevant 3rd level qualification.

Desirable

- Qualification in architecture and /or arts administration/or education and pedagogy.
- Experience in writing on architecture, art and education.

Application Procedure

Applications to consist of a CV, relevant supporting material and a cover letter outlining suitability for the position.

Please provide contact details for two referees.

Please submit applications via email to: info@architecturefoundation.ie using "Curator of Learning Application" in the subject line.

Applications to be received by 12 noon, 15th January 2020.

Interviews scheduled for week beginning 20th January.

Commencement date will be week beginning 17th February or before depending on successful candidates notice period, with handover days to be arranged prior if possible.