



## **Reimagine Professional Panel Open Call**

**Deadline December 6th 2020**

### **Irish Architecture Foundation**

The IAF is an effective forum for the dissemination and discussion of the culture of architecture, with the intention of increasing awareness of and an interest in architecture, the meaning of space, and the development of the built environment.

Since its foundation in 2005, the IAF has worked with communities of place and interest in the capital city and beyond to explore issues and affect change in the built environment. We have worked with children to design a play park in Donegal, consulted young people on their local environment in Fingal, Co. Dublin, we have examined public space with older people in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and in 2019 we broke ground on a play, skate and BMX park in Ballyfermot, West Dublin, designed in close collaboration with the community.

### **What is Reimagine?**

Reimagine is a nationwide placemaking programme, working with communities across Ireland to co-create and co-design solutions to problems or opportunities they've identified in their locality. Reimagine matches architects with local partners, enabling communities to play an active role in the development of their neighbourhoods, streetscapes, parks, villages and towns. It is vital that local insight and tacit knowledge are integral to the final design solutions, fostering a sense of agency, ownership and pride among communities. We recognise the important role that architects can play, as a conduit between communities of interest and place and those who make the decisions that

affect their lived experiences. Every person in Ireland should be able to feel safe, connected and at home in their built environment, and co-creating this sense of belonging is key to the work of Reimagine.

The Reimagine project has been supported by Creative Ireland Programme's National Creativity Fund. Through 2019 and 2020 we have worked with communities in Dundrum, Tallaght, Kilrush, Kells, Mohill, Letterkenny, Loughrea.

### **What is the Reimagine Professional Panel?**

The Reimagine Professional Panel is a multi-disciplinary group of architectural, placemaking, spatial and design professionals who support the work of the IAF by providing independent specialist support, project leadership and guidance on IAF Reimagine projects. The Professional Panel will form part of the procurement process for a number of the IAF Reimagine Placemaking projects. Panelists may also be invited to run workshops for the IAF and contribute to our Learning programmes. Inclusion on the panel does not guarantee inclusion in Reimagine programmes and an unsuccessful bid will not exclude you from further opportunities with Reimagine and with the IAF.

When working in the area of placemaking and public engagement, the architect takes on new and sometimes unfamiliar roles, becoming a community organiser and facilitator, with a radically different client relationship. Reimagine aims to support architects working in this area through customised training and supports, in addition to the development of a peer network to support the long term sustainability of this area of practice.

### **Who are the IAF looking for?:**

While the IAF supports and celebrates the role of architecture in our built environment, we recognise the range of spatial disciplines that come together in the Placemaking process. Responding to this, we are inviting submissions from a range of complementary professional backgrounds, including urbanism, landscape architecture as well as from a spectrum of Placemaking competencies. We are

particularly interested in those with a background in co-design, collaborative practice, sustainability, heritage, inclusion, and working with communities of place and interest.

### **How long will the panel last?**

Your inclusion on the panel will last for two years.

### **What is required of me?**

#### Induction:

Panel members are required to attend one induction session. This is an onboarding session which introduces panelists to previous Reimagine projects and relevant community engagement tools. Subsequent to this, panel members will be invited to join professional development opportunities and events, and may be invited to contribute to the Reimagine programme.

#### Insurance:

If invited to work directly on a project, you will be required to provide proof of Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurances, in line with agreement with community partners,

### **Do I get paid to be on the panel?**

Being part of the Professional Panel is unpaid. The panel, however, will form part of the procurement process for a number of the IAF Reimagine Placemaking projects. Panelists may also be invited to run workshops for the IAF and contribute to our Learning programmes. Your paid expertise may also be recommended to our community and industry partners.

#### Rates:

The Irish Architecture Foundation has a standard rate of fees for facilitation and consultation.

The hourly rate paid is: €60 per hour (incl.VAT)

### **What supports do I receive?**

- Free attendance at IAF Reimagine Sessions, our professional development workshops in Placemaking.
- Mentorship opportunities, specific to needs of panel members.
- Access to a peer network of architects and placemakers.
- Priority consideration for some IAF projects.
- Professional profile featured on the IAF Reimagine website.

### **Selection Criteria**

The Reimagine Panel operates through a selection process that aims to build a cohort that balances a variety of skills, competencies and experiences. The assessment panel will consider the following selection criteria when making selection:

- Professional Merit: Professional qualifications, accreditations and experience.
- Placemaking Competencies: Track record in Placemaking related practices
- Project Management: Experience in project delivery, including budgets.
- Placemaking Ambition: Enthusiasm for Placemaking, including professional development in this area of practice. .

**Submission deadline: December 6th, 2020**

**Panel Announced: Late December 2020**

To apply to join the panel, submit the following:

- Professional profile, detailing qualifications, professional area of interest, competencies, accreditations and relevant experience. (2 page, max)
- Professional Portfolio. This can be submitted as a PDF (10 pages max) or as a link to an online website. Note: 10mb size limit per submission.

Email Submissions to: [engagement@architecturefoundation.ie](mailto:engagement@architecturefoundation.ie)