**FOUNDATION ARTS**

PRESENTS

**AN INVITATION TO COLLABORATE**

**WHO//**

**Foundation 13 / 14 and 15 was a festival in Tullamore centred on the visual arts with a multidisciplinary programme of gigs, theatre, spoken word and workshops.**

**The festival aimed to set out what an arts centre programme and engagement would feel like for the people of Tullamore.**

**For the past three years we have engaged with schools, local community and arts groups and local businesses to reach as broad an audience as possible.**

**In 2016, we have decided we are best placed to use limited resources to support the local artistic community to create a series of projects or ‘happenings’ around Tullamore.**

**WHY//**

**The invitation behind this new approach to Foundation Arts is to support and animate local arts practice, so that when the centre opens its doors, the local creative community will be well placed to be part of the centre’s programme and community engagement.**

**HOW//**

**This is an invitation to collaborate, to propose a project, be it visual, theatrical, musical, performative or filmic. The project must involve at least one professional artist and an organisation in Tullamore (community group, school, business etc)**

**The project proposed should be a well thought through concept, involving a level of community engagement leading towards an outcome and public event of some description.**

**We envisage offering funding of €1,000 to up to four projects to take place between September and December 2016. Pending a full evaluation of this pilot we intend to continue into 2017.**

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