

Arts and Health Manager

Role Profile

A. Details

Position:	Arts and Health Manager
Grade	Higher Executive Officer (HEO)
Whole time equivalent	Full-time (35 hours per week)
Reports to:	Director of Combined Arts
Duration:	2 Years Fixed Term Contract

B. Department & Role Overview

The Arts Council is the Irish Government’s agency for supporting and promoting the arts in Ireland. We work in partnership with artists, arts organisations, public policy makers and others to build a central place for the arts in Irish life.

We are pleased to support the national Arts and Health partnership with the Department of Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport, Creative Ireland, Department of Health and the HSE through the creation of an Arts and Health Manager role.

The Arts and Health Manager will work in the Participatory Arts team within the Combined Arts Department, working alongside other teams who work with multiple and multidisciplinary artforms and practices, across a wide range of contexts, partnerships and public facing initiatives.

The Arts and Health Manager will focus on a range of initiatives working in partnership with other public bodies and Departments (such as the HSE, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media - Creative Ireland Programme and Department of Health - Healthy Ireland Programme) and advocate for and contribute to the advocacy, policy and development initiatives related to the area of arts, health and wellbeing.

C. Key Responsibilities

- Manage all elements of the Arts Council’s policy formulation, partnership and development initiatives in the area of Arts and Health;
- Participate in the National cross Department and agency Creative Arts and Health Working Group to assist in the development and delivery of its work programme 2025 to 2026;

- Build a positive and strategic relationship with other arts organisations and agencies working in the area of Arts and Health;
- Facilitate an ecosystem of collaboration in the area of Arts and Health between agencies, nationally and internationally;

Role Deliverables (including but not limited to):

- Develop and deliver relevant policy and appropriate initiatives and strategies for the development of Arts and Health;
- Work with relevant arts, health and other research bodies to create an evidence base for participation in creative activity in health and wellbeing;
- Design a range of capacity building initiatives to support healthcare and creative practitioners to work in the field of creativity and health;
- Gather, maintain and contribute to key intelligence and insights on Arts and Health, national and international policies and initiatives and maintain excellent two-way communication internally and externally;
- Ensure that all deliverables, from policy and partnership development to relevant research projects, are well designed and brought to fruition to a high standard and in a timely manner;
- Identify sustainable solutions for the ongoing development, delivery and growth of arts and health, social care and wellbeing.

Note: Arts Council roles and responsibilities are subject to change as per on-going and future organisational requirements and developments.

D. Skills Knowledge and Experiences

- A minimum of five years' relevant experience in arts development and management;
- A proven track record in and demonstrable commitment to the development of Arts and Health across a range of art forms;
- A keen understanding of the policy environment for arts development in the context of overall national policy, and with particular emphasis on health;
- A detailed knowledge of the key strategic issues relevant to arts and creativity development in health and wellbeing contexts, in the current environment;
- An ability to think analytically and communicate complex ideas clearly and effectively;
- Good interpersonal and teamwork skills, including an ability to listen and negotiate;
- Evidence of experience in strategy development and implementation;

- Evidence of experience in project management, including managing funding and client relationships;
- Excellent standards of written and oral communication;
- A commitment to high standards of public service;
- Experience in management and administration.

E. Qualifications

The post holder will have a third level qualification (or equivalent).