

# VENICE BIENNALE 2019

## VOLUNTEER VENUE INVIGILATORS

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For the 58<sup>th</sup> International Art Exhibition, Biennale Arte 2019 in partnership with Culture Ireland and the Arts Council of Ireland, the team for the Irish Pavilion Venice Biennale is currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals for the position of Volunteer Venue Invigilators for the Irish Pavilion.

Eva Rothschild is the Irish artist selected to represent Ireland in 2019. She will be showcasing a new body of sculptural work. Mary Cremin, the Director of the Void Gallery Derry, is the Commissioner/Curator of the Irish Pavilion.

The 2019 Venice Biennale runs from 11 May to 24 November 2019, with a preview 'Vernissage' period for VIPs from 7 to 10 May 2019 prior to opening to the public on 11 May, 2019.

This opportunity is suitable for students and graduates with a background in Fine Art, Sculpture or History of Art and creative practitioners with knowledge of contemporary visual art. Proficiency in Italian or other languages is desirable.

The invigilators positions will be offered on a staggered basis across the entire exhibition period with two invigilators per session on duty. We require a minimum commitment of 4 weeks. As this is an unpaid position based in Venice, the Irish Pavilion will provide return economy airfare to Venice, accommodation in a shared apartment with other Venue Invigilators, and a modest per diem. Attendants will be required to undertake a full time role at the Pavilion, which is open to the public Tuesdays to Sundays, 10am to 6pm.

Demand for the role is expected to be high as there are only 12 positions to fill. Assessment will be made on your ability to fulfil the role and your articulation of the benefits to you in spending time at the world's most important visual arts event.



## JOB DESCRIPTION

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### Responsibilities

- Opening and closing the exhibition at the required hours, including securing the venue and key holder duties.  
Care of the artwork, including regular condition checks
- Keeping the exhibition area clean and tidy.
- Welcoming visitors and engaging in conversations about the artist, exhibition and the visual arts in Ireland.
- Daily and weekly reporting duties to Commissioner and the exhibition team.
- Support the exhibition team with online content.

We are looking for individuals who will be:

- Experienced in exhibition invigilation, (or other comparable experience), for example through volunteering, internships, self-initiated projects or through paid work.
- Confident in dealing with the public and communicating with visitors.
- Knowledgeable not only about Eva Rothschild's work but also about the context of contemporary art in Ireland.
- Ambassadors for the exhibition and for the visual arts scene from Ireland furthering visitors' interests in Ireland and its visual arts.
- Self-motivated in making new connections and networks with other artists during their time in Venice

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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To submit an expression of interest, please include the following items:

- A cover letter include preference for Dublin or Derry interview
- An expression of interest form
- Your CV

## CLOSING DATE

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**Applications close Monday 21 January, 2019.**

**Interviews will take place 28 January, 2019 – Dublin /29 January, 2019 - Derry**

Notification of the outcome of your application will be received by the end of February 2019.

You can submit your application:

**By email** – [engage@derryvoid.com](mailto:engage@derryvoid.com)

**For further information:**

Please contact Maeve Butler, Producer

Email: [engage@derryvoid.com](mailto:engage@derryvoid.com)

**DATES FOR VOLUNTARY VENUE ATTENDANT SESSIONS (TO BE CONFIRMED)**

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SESSION 1:	May 18 – June 15, 2019	(4 weeks)
SESSION 2:	June 14 – July 13, 2019	(4 weeks)
SESSION 3:	July 12 – August 10, 2019	(4 weeks)
SESSION 4:	August 9 – September 7, 2019	(4 weeks)
SESSION 5:	September 6 – October 5, 2019	(4 weeks)
SESSION 6:	October 4 – November 9, 2019	(4 weeks)



## 6 Certification

I certify that all details supplied in this Expression of Interest form are correct. Electronic submission of this form has the same effect as a signature.

Signed:

Dated:

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: Monday 21 January 2019.**

The Irish Pavilion will not accept applications that are received or postmarked after this date.

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

**To:** Maeve Butler, Producer

**By Email:** [engage@derryvoid.com](mailto:engage@derryvoid.com)