

Job Description: Towers & Tales Festival Curator

The Towers and Tales Festival Curator is responsible for the curation of the festival, including artistic programme activity, key stakeholder relationships, and marketing overview. Working closely with the festival Producer who will implement and coordinate the festival, and further supported on site by the Lismore Estates General Manager, Lismore Castle Arts (LCA) and the Lismore Castle Team, this is a key opportunity to define and steer the Towers & Tales Festival as it enters its 12th year.

The Role

- Oversee artistic programme of the festival and ensure that high quality children's literature (writing and illustration) remains at the heart of all events and activities.
- Curate a programme of 8 core artists
- Curate the programming of the festival hub
- Artist liaison
- Development of Irish language programming/schools strand
- Write engaging copy for the festival programme and website
- Contribute to Arts Council and other funding applications and reporting with the support of the T&T festival Producer and LCA team
- Contribute budget overview with the support of the T&T festival Producer
- Manage stakeholder relationships including festival committees, Easons, Estate teams, partners, venues and other stakeholders
- Supporting the book gifting programme delivered in association with libraries
- Act as a media spokesperson for the festival
- Oversee website content with the support of the T&T festival Producer
- Lead social media initiatives with the support of the T&T festival Producer

Person specification

- Local knowledge of the southeast of Ireland and the ability to travel to Lismore in leadup to the festival) will be essential for developing relationships
- Track record of leading and curating programmes and events
- Experience of managing stakeholder relationships
- Excellent communicator
- Experience of managing fundraising applications

The role is fixed term / flexible commencing November 2025 to End June 2026. The core programme for 2026 has been largely curated however the role will require overview of all aspects. The role can be fulfilled remotely but onsite visits to Lismore Castle for meetings and briefings is required leading up to the Festival date. It is acknowledged the role is advisory and a limited commitment is expected given the available salary.

Individual fixed fee €5,000 - €8,000 depending on experience and availability.

To apply for the position send a covering letter and cv to gallery@lismorecastlearts.ie

Deadline for applications: Friday 17 October 2025, 1pm

Interviews w/c: 20 - 24 October 2025.