

Invitation to submit Exhibition Proposals  
for National Design & Craft Gallery [NDCG], Kilkenny  
2021 - 2023

National Design & Craft Gallery invite innovative, ambitious and engaging exhibition proposals from professional curators, practitioners, galleries, partners and museums.

Established by the Design & Crafts Council Ireland in 2000, National Design & Craft Gallery is Ireland's leading centre for contemporary craft and design. National Design & Craft Gallery's vision is to transform and shape understanding of craft and design. Our exhibitions platform Irish and international designer makers of demonstrated excellence who push boundaries of their craft. NDCG works to engage with diverse audiences and continues to build understanding of craft, design and material culture in Ireland. NDCG actively seeks to grow opportunities for makers and audiences by extending national and International profile through impactful exhibitions produced or toured in partnership with relevant galleries and institutions.

In 2021 Design & Crafts Council Ireland will mark its' 50th Anniversary, we particularly invite exhibition proposals which celebrate this milestone and look forward to the future of craft and design practice.

**NDCG seeks to programme impactful exhibitions, which:**

- highlight work of international calibre which pushes the boundaries of craft and design practice
- demonstrate the role and relationship of craft and design within society
- are ambitious, with the intention and capacity to tour nationally and/or internationally
- are designed with an awareness of audience experience, engagement and participation
- create dialogue and address critical themes to contemporary live, or explore convergence between areas of distinct specialism – craft, technology, ecology, material science, design, architecture

**Proposals for the Autumn 2021- 2023 programme are invited under two categories:**

- Proposals from professional curators or practitioners
- Proposals from galleries, museums, institutions or partners (invited on an ongoing basis) *Including: Projects in development which could include NDCG as a touring or producing partner / Development of new projects, through collaborative models or co-production / Pre-existing exhibitions that haven't been shown in Ireland.*

**Proposal:**

Please email 2-3 page exhibition proposal to [curator@dcci.ie](mailto:curator@dcci.ie) by 30th March 2020. To include:

- A developed curatorial statement on the exhibition focus and theme
- Outline of how proposal fits with NDCG's vision and programming intentions
- List of proposed exhibitors, with weblinks and visuals (do not need to be confirmed but should be indicative of type of work proposed)
- Brief outline of audience engagement and education potential
- Budget outline to include curators fee and exhibition production costs
- Applicants should identify funding sources which could supplement the realisation of the proposal
- Outline of touring capacity, including links / partnerships with other venues
- Include examples of previous exhibitions curated, with details, images or catalogues

**Timeline:**

Exhibition Proposal Submission by 30th March 2020. The NDCG Programme Committee will review and communicate decisions within 8 weeks. Exhibition realisation runs from 2021– 2023.

**Note:** Further information may be requested by the NDCG Programme Committee in advance of a final decision. NDCG Floor Plans can be downloaded from [www.ndcq.ie/about/gallery-floor-plan](http://www.ndcq.ie/about/gallery-floor-plan) Details on current exhibitions available from [www.ndcq.ie](http://www.ndcq.ie). Queries can be emailed to [curator@dcci.ie](mailto:curator@dcci.ie) in advance of the submission deadline.