

BRANAR Meitheal



JOB DESCRIPTION:

Programme Manager

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(Fixed Term)



Branar

Branar is one of Ireland's leading theatre companies for children. Based in the West of Ireland, Branar is renowned for creating highly imaginative & beautiful work. Our productions tour nationally and internationally, we bring our work with equal enthusiasm to leading arts venues, such as the New Victory, New York as to a local school in county Galway. We are committed to reaching our audience wherever they are, aiming to instil wonder, joy, curiosity and compassion. Branar views every child in Ireland and beyond as an equal citizen of the world.

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Branar Meitheal is a dynamic production supports programme for artists and producers dedicated to the development, creation & presentation of high-quality performing arts for young audiences across Ireland. Following a successful pilot programme and with the support of the Arts Council's Creative Production Support funding Branar will launch the phase of this unique support programme for the performing arts for young audiences sector.

We are looking for to recruit a dynamic and experienced Programme Manager to work closely with the core Branar team to deliver the next phase of the Branar Meitheal initiative. The successful candidate will have a working knowledge of the performing arts for young audiences nationally and internationally, will have at least 3 years' experience in cultural management, is highly experienced in producing and is committed to the ongoing development of the sector.

The Role

The Branar Meitheal Programme Manager is a fixed term role. The role is to manage and lead the programme in collaboration with Marc Mac Lochlainn, Executive Artistic Director, & Joanne Beirne, Executive Producer, over the coming 24 months.

The Programme Manager will report to Branar's Executive Producer Joanne Beirne. Branar Meitheal has the potential to shape and determine the way in which work for young audiences is produced and supported over the coming 3 – 5 years.

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Key Responsibilities

- Management & implementation of the Branar Meitheal programme plan for 2025 & 2026.
- Liaising with participating artists and producers.
- Managing and responding to the bespoke needs of the participating programme cohort.
- Working with Branar senior management on the strategic planning of the initiative.
- Developing and maintaining relationships with the programme partners and across the wider arts sector.
- Preparation of interim reports with & for Branar senior management, the Arts Council and stakeholders.
- Working with the programme evaluation team.
- Managing programme budget with Branar senior management team.
- Working with the core Branar team in the overall delivery and promotion of the programme.

Person Profile

Knowledge

- A working knowledge of the performing arts for young audiences' sectors nationally and internationally.
- An in-depth working knowledge of the statutory & non-statutory funding landscape nationally.
- An in-depth knowledge of relevant statutory & non statutory policies.
- An excellent working knowledge of the arts sector throughout Ireland, specifically the presentation opportunities for performing arts for young audiences.
- At least 3 years' experience in cultural management.

Skills

- Demonstrated capacity to manage and implement effective action plans and delivery.
- Experience with managing, and monitoring budgets.
- Recent experience of delivering projects in partnership with other organisations or the co-producing of work.
- Proven ability to work effectively within a team.
- Ability to work with and support artists and producers.
- Strong communication skills.

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- Experience in preparing written reports for funders and stakeholders.

Personal Attributes

- Someone who has a passion for and understanding of performing arts for young audiences.
- Someone who is child centred in their practice.
- Someone who understands the practical supports that artists making work for young audiences require and is sensitive to the challenges they face.
- Someone who is driven, brilliant, bold, imaginative and ambitious for the sector.
- Someone who can collaborate and work well within a small team.
- Someone who is committed to developing and achieving best practice.

Terms

Days - The Programme Manager is a full-time role 9.30am – 5.30pm Mon – Fri. Some weekend and evening work may be required.

Location - The role will be hybrid, a combination of working onsite in the Branar office and working remotely. Some national and international travel will be required.

Please note Candidates must be eligible to work in the EU.

Duration - This is a 24-month fixed term appointment with a 3-month probationary period.

Holidays - There is a Holiday entitlement of 20 days in addition to public holidays.

Salary - €35,000 - €40,000 gross commensurate with experience.

How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of application, no longer than 2 pages, detailing your suitability for the role and an up-to-date CV including 2 referees to joanne@branar.ie

Your letter of application should specifically identify –

1. Your experience and working knowledge of performing arts for young audiences
2. Your experience in cultural management
3. The reason for applying for this role

Contact name: Joanne Beirne

Contact email: joanne@branar.ie

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Selection methods & Interviews Date

Short-listing of candidates will be based on the information contained in their CV and covering letter.

- Candidates who are short-listed will be invited to attend for an in-person interview to be held on Monday 26th May in Galway.
- The selected
- Start date will be June 2025
- In line with our data protection policy, we will only use the information that you provide for the purposes of this recruitment process. On completion of the process, your information will be securely retained for a maximum of 6 months before being erased.

The closing date for applications is Monday 12th May 2025 at 4pm. *Late applications will not be accepted.*

Please email your application in strict confidence to joanne@branar.ie

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