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Image: Students at Crawford College of Art and Design, MTU 'tuning into the park'. Photo by Marilyn Lennon, 2022

Open Call Competition to Design an Experimental Structure in Tramore Valley Park in Cork

Organised by Cork City Council as part of the KinShip Project which is led by artists Marilyn Lennon and Sean Taylor, The KinShip EcoLab Competition is an open call to design an experimental and innovative temporary structure of architectural importance in Tramore Valley Park in Cork.

“With the support of Creative Ireland, Cork City Council together with artists Lennon Taylor offers architects, artists, designers, eco-builders and craftspeople from all over the world the opportunity to

create a temporary architectural structure for public gatherings and workshops at Tramore Valley Park. This Open Call Competition is an unmissable opportunity for a unique setting.” according to Cork City’s Lord Mayor Cllr. Colm Kelleher.

Tramore Valley Park which opened as a public park in 2019 on land reclaimed from Cork City's Old Kinsale Road Landfill site, contains a Civic Amenity Site and a large expanse of low-lying peat bog.

Artists Marilyn Lennon/Sean Taylor said,

“The designs for the KinShip EcoLab for Tramore Valley Park should focus on eco-friendly and cost-effective building techniques to set an example of green building practice in Ireland and beyond. The entries should encourage a conversation about material provenance, construction practices, and the role of architecture in the greater climate change debate”.

The winning design needs to be pragmatic and easily constructible. Local communities may be invited to participate in the construction process where possible.

There are two stages in the competition. This first is a pre-qualification stage where applicants are required to submit details of their track record designing and building architectural structures, preferably with ecological materials and processes. They will also need to demonstrate their project management skills and how they propose to construct the EcoLab. The deadline for submissions is 29th March 2022. Successful shortlisted applicants will be invited into a dialogue process from April 11th. Winner announced in June 2022.

“The EcoLab will be one very tangible legacy of the KinShip project which is harnessing creativity for climate action. We expect that the winning design will embody the creative intent of the wider project and we are very excited to see what this unique opportunity sparks”, commented Michelle Carew, Arts Officer and Creative Ireland Coordinator for Cork City

To enter the Ecolab KinShip Open Call Competition email kinshipapplications@gmail.com

Jury to be announced via social media soon. Follow us @KinShipCork

For further information see <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/kinship/ecolab-information/>

Notes to the Editor

Background to the KinShip Ecolab

The KinShip Project is a durational public artwork at Tramore Valley Park led by artists Marilyn Lennon and Sean Taylor in partnership with Cork City Council, funded by Creative Ireland's Creative Climate Action Fund. Other project partners include Cork Nature Network, Cork Healthy Cities, Munster Technical University, University College Cork, UNESCO Cork Learning Cities. The Creative Climate Action Fund supports creative projects which can meaningfully connect people with profound changes happening in our environment, society and economy arising from climate change in Ireland.

The Open Call Competition is one element of the overall KinShip project.

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