

Creative Panel Call Out

COLOUR programme; supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) delivered in collaboration with UNICEF Ireland, UNICEF UK and Ulster University.

Kids' Own seeks to create a panel of suitably qualified and experienced creative professionals to lead the delivery of a **child-led, child-rights** focused and **cross-border** project over 4 years (end date August 2029). The project is rooted in principles of equality, inclusivity, creativity and intergenerational celebration, and aims to bring together children, educators and communities across Northern Ireland and the border region.

In keeping with Kids' Own's ethos, the COLOUR project will be developed **from the ground up** through direct consultation and co-creation with young people from schools in Northern Ireland and the border region.

Participatory Approach

The appointed creative professionals will work directly with children and teachers through a series of facilitated workshops and arts engagements. This participatory process will ensure that young people are meaningfully involved in shaping the project's identity, fostering a strong sense of ownership and connection. The process will bring together children and educators from different schools, communities and jurisdictions, encouraging collaboration across borders and shared creative exploration.

The Panel

This panel will consist of 5 **distinct roles**:

1. Visual Artist
2. Graphic Designer
3. Writer
4. Publishing Assistant
5. Photographer / Videographer

The indicative budget assigned to each role, including travel over the course of the project:

1. Visual Artist - €48750
2. Graphic Designer - €28250
3. Writer - €28750
4. Publishing Assistant - €13500
5. Photographer / Videographer - €23500

Practitioners selected for the panel roles will be invited to tender for phases of the project via mini competition responding to more detailed project briefs.



Individual Requirements

The successful applicants will be required to follow the Kids' Own safeguarding policy and code of conduct. Appropriate vetting procedures will be implemented, and the appointed practitioner must fully engage with safeguarding requirements. Additionally, the appointed practitioner must provide Tax Clearance status and carry Public Liability Insurance. They also agree to adopt the Safe to Create code (<https://www.safetocreate.ie>) and adhere to Kids' Own's Dignity and Respect at Work Policy.

Kids' Own welcomes applications from people of diverse backgrounds and abilities. We are committed to providing reasonable accommodations for applicants and employees with a disability.

Submission Requirements

1. Short Statement of Interest (max. 250 words)

A brief overview outlining:

- Relevant professional experience and creative practice
- Experience of collaborative, participatory or community-based work
- An understanding of working in cross-community and/or cross-border contexts in a school setting
- Commitment to child-led, inclusive and rights-based approaches

2. Portfolio / Examples of Work

Up to **five examples** of relevant work (jpg, pdf, mp4 or links).

Examples may include participatory projects, creative outputs, publications, workshops or documentation. Collaborative and socially engaged work is encouraged.

3. CV or Biography

A short CV or professional biography outlining career to date and relevant experience.

Applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to child-led practice and collaboration.

To apply email emma@kidsown.ie with the above information and subject heading of the role you would like to be considered for.



Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Quality and creativity of track record and proposed approach
- Demonstrated experience and suitability for the project
- Understanding of inclusive, child-centered art processes

Timeline

Proposals will be assessed based on:

- Expressions of Interest / Accessibility Queries – Friday 20th February 2026, 5pm
- Submission Deadline – Friday 27th February 2026, 5pm
- Selection Announcements – Friday 6th March 2026, 5pm
- Project End Date – 31st August 2029

Please submit informal enquiries and accessibility queries to dany@kidsown.ie by 20th February, 5pm

Additional Information

Kids' Own will provide a dedicated Project Manager to support the practitioners throughout in relation to access to schools, coordination with teachers, venues for workshops and safeguarding procedures.

