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Provision of Educational and Community Services within the National Centre for Research and Remembrance Request for Information (RFI)

Please note this is a Request for Information only.

Please respond by 4pm on 17th February 2023

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Introduction

In the coming months, the State may wish to seek an organisation, to provide educational services and community-based family and parenting support services as part of the National Centre for Research and Remembrance (“the Centre”). In advance of any decision to proceed, the Steering Group overseeing the development of the Centre, through this notice, wishes to take soundings from service providers and identify capabilities.

Background

In 2022 Government approved high-level proposals for the Centre, to be located on the site of the former Magdalen Laundry on Sean McDermott Street in Dublin’s North East Inner City. The Centre is a core commitment in the *Action Plan for Survivors and Former Residents of Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions*. It will be designed to stand as an enduring site of conscience that will honour equally all those who were resident in Mother and Baby Homes, Industrial Schools, Reformatories, Magdalen Laundries and related institutions whilst also making a tangible and valuable contribution to the social and economic regeneration of the area in which it is to be located.

Therefore, the approved proposals are dual focused and seek to simultaneously achieve two high level objectives – memorialisation of institutional abuse in Ireland in the twentieth century, and the continuum of social and economic regeneration of the Dublin’s North East Inner City. To realise these objectives, the Centre will comprise the following:

- a museum and exhibition space, the development of which will be led by the National Museum of Ireland;
- a research centre and repository of records related to institutional trauma in the 20th century, which will form part of the National Archives;
- a place for reflection and remembrance
- social housing
- educational and community facilities

A Steering Group, comprising the key State stakeholders, is overseeing the development, coordination and implementation of the composite elements of the Centre, including the provision of educational and community facilities.

The area in which the Centre is to be located is one of local and national strategic significance. The area experiences high levels of deprivation with a high lone parent ratio, high concentrations of unemployment, coupled with low levels of educational attainment. The aim of providing a shared facility for educational services and community-based family and parenting support services (operated either by an individual organisation or a partnership of providers), within the Centre is twofold – it will be beneficial both *to* individuals within the community as well as *for* the development of the area itself. Locating educational services at this location will increase footfall and ingress into the area and beyond, facilitating economic regeneration. Significantly, an educational and community facility will serve the specific needs of the local populace by providing a pathway to both accessing and continuing further and/or higher education. Central to this aim will be the integrated provision of community centred family and parent support programmes within the

educational facility, aligned with the “First 5” Strategy, which both complement and take account of existing local services and supports, and have regard to existing area based plans.

Whilst the footprint for the educational and community facilities within the Centre has yet to be finalised, for the purposes of responding to this RFI, it should be assumed that there are two size options as follows;

- Option A: 3000 sq/m
- Option B: 6000 sq/m

Responses to the questions in the following section should be provided in respect of each Option.

The purpose of this RFI is to gather specific information on the provision of educational services and community-based family and parenting support services as they relate to the provision of an educational and community facility on the National Centre for Research and Remembrance campus.

Instructions to Respondents

The questions that you are asked to consider as part of this RFI are contained in the next section of this document.

Responses should be emailed to nationalcentre@equality.gov.ie by **4pm on 17th February 2023**.

Responses should address both the educational and community aspects of the centre. Where an education provider is intending to partner with another organisation to deliver integrated family and parenting support services, one composite response should be submitted by the lead education provider.

Please note that comments received will be treated in the strictest confidence, however, they may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Accordingly, respondents should indicate clearly in their submissions if any information contained therein should be considered as commercially sensitive. The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, as issuers of this request may seek clarifications from organisations that submit responses to this RFI. They may also seek meetings with some organisations for research purposes only. It is not considered feasible or necessary to hold meetings with any or all of those that make submissions or with all service providers. Any meetings organised will be for supply research purposes only.

Your Contact Details	
Name of Organisation	
Position Within the Organisation	
Contact Name	
Contact Number	
Contact Email Address	

Organisation Profile	
When was organisation established?	
Total Number of Full Time Employees	
Number of Locations	
What Is Your Core Business	

Section 1 – Objectives
<p>Q1. Taking account of the objectives of the Centre, the inclusion of integrated educational and community facilities within its development, and the possible range of space available, and having regard to existing service provision in the area, what services and model of service delivery would you propose to provide that would include both the provision of educational services and community-based family and parenting support services at a combined facility at the Sean McDermott street site?</p> <p>Response limit: 2 pages of font size 12 text.</p>
<p>Answer:</p>
<p>Q1A. As part of the proposed service model outlined in response to Q1, please provide details of the types of educational courses that you would propose to deliver at the site, including information on the disciplines, levels on the National Framework of Qualifications, target groups and delivery methods? How might educational courses or services be framed to facilitate participation from within the direct catchment area?</p> <p>Response limit: 2 pages of font size 12 text.</p>
<p>Answer:</p>

Q1B. As part of the proposed service model outlined in response to Q1, please provide details of the proposed community-based family and parenting support services to be offered at the site and how they would be integrated with the educational facility.

Response limit: 2 pages of font size 12 text.

Answer:

Section 2 – Operating requirements

Q2. Based on the responses to the questions in Section 1, what high-level, governance, funding and operating model do you propose? **Response limit: 3 pages of font size 12 text.**

Answer:

Section 3- Other Areas of Interest not covered in this RFI

Q3. – Are there any potential innovative concepts, unique features or critical success factors which should be considered in developing the educational and community elements of the National Centre campus? Are there any other areas of interest that we have not addressed in this RFI that you wish to mention? Please provide any additional information or commentary you believe is relevant and of use in this process.

Response limit: 2 pages of font size 12 text.

Answer:

Queries

If you have any questions about this **Request for Information** or would like to know more, please contact us at the following:



nationalcentre@equality.gov.ie