

WISER Life+ Project - Artists Commission
Call for proposals exemplifying reuse & redesign

The Rediscovery Centre

The Rediscovery Centre is an award-winning social enterprise dedicated to providing community employment and training through innovative recovery, reuse, recycling and efficient disposal of waste and unwanted materials. The Centre aims to change the traditional view of waste and waste management systems by demonstrating the potential of waste materials as a reusable resource.

The WISER Project

The Rediscovery Centre, in collaboration with Dublin City Council, has received funding to redevelop the boiler house building in Ballymun into a bespoke national demonstration centre for waste reuse and education for sustainable development.

WISER Life (Working with Industrial Spaces to Exemplify Reuse) will develop a prototype “3D textbook” which will promote positive behavioural change with regard to resource management and efficiency. WISER Life presents a new concept in educational space highlighting the ability to incorporate active learning through building design, construction, operation and occupation thereby defining the building as an educational tool.

The creation of this prototype will demonstrate excellence in reuse at every level of interaction, will be supported by a cluster of resource efficient enterprises and be complemented by a suite of environmental education, training and research programmes which together will support the development of a low carbon society where waste reuse plays a pivotal role in signposting the direction towards a resource efficient Europe. See www.wiserlife.eu for further information.

Industrial reuse in furniture design

Call details

Key to the centre aesthetic is the theme of industrial reuse which needs to be reflected both in the building design and in the interior fixtures and fittings. With this in mind, the Rediscovery Centre invites proposal submissions from designers for the creation of statement pieces for inclusion in the development.

We are particularly interested in submissions from designers who have worked creatively with reused materials in the past and who can achieve the required industrial aesthetic. We are particularly interested in designs for the following:

- Reception desk
- Chandelier / light installation
- Other potential showcase pieces or art installations

Material Use

We have a large quantity of salvaged material (largely metal) that we would like to see incorporated into the designs where possible. Interested parties can arrange a visit with our operations manager Roger@rediscoverycentre.ie to view the salvaged material. Please note, visits will only be accommodated where pre-arranged appointments have been confirmed by Roger via email.

Submission of proposals

Designers can submit a proposal with regard to one or more pieces mentioned above, or make suggestions regarding alternative pieces. Submissions should at a minimum include the following:

- Design concept - sketches, dimensions, material use, intent etc.,
- Details of previous and current experience in delivering projects of a similar nature and scale
- CV of proposed Co-ordinator(s) demonstrating appropriate qualifications to undertake the project
- An indicative methodology and approach to the process, including a detailed timeline and details of installation requirements
- Proposed lump sum cost and breakdown, where appropriate

Criteria for selection

The following criteria will be used for the evaluation process of each of the submissions.

- (a) Understanding: Demonstration of a good understanding of the project requirement and incorporation through design intent (20%)
- (b) Experience: relevant experience on similar projects or in delivery/creation of similar statement pieces (30%)
- (c) Design proposal: Quality and originality (30%)
- (d) Value for Money: Most economically advantageous submission representing good value for money in terms of lump sum. (20%)

Budget & Timeframe

The collective budget for this call is €20,000. All commissions / installations must be in place before 16th December 2016.

Please email expression of interest to: wiser@rediscoverycentre.ie by 7th October 2016 at 12noon.

