

Partner search

Culture sub-Program

Strand/category	European Cooperation Projects 2018
Deadline	Jan 2018

Cultural operator(s)

Name	First Fortnight
Short description	<p>MISSION First Fortnight is a charity that challenges mental health prejudice through arts and cultural action.</p> <p>AIMS & OBJECTIVES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make the First Fortnight of each year synonymous with mental health awareness, challenging prejudice and ending stigma.• Create a consistent space in the cultural calendar where citizens can be inspired through arts events and experiences to talk about mental health issues in a non-scripted manner.• Utilise unscripted conversation to change people's perceptions about the ordinary experience of a mental health problem and the less ordinary experience of mental ill health.• Develop research findings from Festival Events to aid policy makers in the development of a greater understanding of the complex maintaining factors affecting mental health prejudice and discrimination.• Advocate for change to the art making system (Art funding streams, Art Education Programs, Cultural Venues, Arts institutions and discipline specific festivals and groups) to accommodate the development and production of mental health themed artwork.• Provide the highest standard of Creative Therapies to marginalised communities affected by mental ill health (even where co-morbid with other health or social problems)• Commission and Publish research interrogating the efficacy of the Creative Therapies in promoting recovery to marginalised communities affected by mental ill health (even where co-morbid with other health or social problems)• Develop and maintain a workforce and governance structure suitable for the delivery of a professional level of activities and service while maintaining voluntary efforts of committed activists.

- Maintain co-operation with National, European and International Partners in the developments of new funding streams and artistic collaborations.

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Project

Field(s)

Mental Health and Arts

The project will run from July 2018 to Feb 2020

Partners proposed are:

- 1) FF- Lead
- 2) EDRA
- 3) Eastern European Organisaion-(EEO) TBC
- 4) Centre for Mental Health and Community Research in Maynooth University
- 5) NEFELE acting as a strategic partner as it isn't eligible for full partner status. NEFELE is the NETWORKING EUROPEAN FESTIVALS FOR MENTAL LIFE ENHANCEMENT and was one of the outcomes of the Creative Europe funded NEFELE project, which also saw the first European mental health arts festival.

Primary Activities include:

Description

1) European Mental Health Arts Festival will be held in Jan 2019 with contributions from EDRA and EEO. NEFELE members would be encouraged to submit programming ideas and there will a budget for a NEFELE event in programme.

2) Satellite mental health art events in Greece and Eastern European Country organised by EDRA and EEO. It is intended these events will be held post Jan 2019 in respective countries. These events are intended to demonstrate that the impact of mental health events can be felt in multiple locations across member states.

3) Research project exploring the impact of a mental health arts festival & events on stigma and discrimination. This work involves developing research findings from Festival Events to aid policy makers in the development of a greater understanding of the complex maintaining factors affecting mental health prejudice and discrimination. The research project will:

*Demonstrate impact of a mental health arts festival & events on stigma and discrimination

*Establish baseline findings gauging mental health stigma &

discrimination

*Provide year on year comparisons

*Justify ongoing European/National investment

*Influence policy at a Euro/National level

This will be co-ordinated by the Centre for Mental Health and Community Research of Maynooth University. We would seek NEFELE's help to translate and disseminate the research survey and findings.

4) Presentation of findings with a Conference to be organised in Brussels by EDRA with support from NEFELE in October 2019. This would be an opportunity for the network to promote itself and its work, its plans for the future and to demonstrate the valuable work that the network carries out in this space. In addition there will be a number of workshops and cases study presentations as a result of a public call to participate.

5) Partner meeting in Athens hosted by EDRA in July 2018, Partner meeting in Dublin September 2018 hosted by FF and Partner Meeting in Brussels October 2019 around conference coordinated and hosted by the NEFELE Network.

Partners searched

Countries

(or region) Eastern European Countries

Profile

Mental health arts organisations- mental health organisations who create/host art events/festivals

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