



Rua Red Annual Open Call Exhibition

Rua Red's annual open call is an opportunity for graduates, emerging and established artists, living on the island of Ireland, to submit their work to be shown as part of a group exhibition.

For this Winter Open, **Red** is a starting point as a colour and a concept.

Red is a warning. It is also the colour of love, warmth, desire and energy.

It is the colour of blood, heat, fire, intense passion and beauty.

Red can signal danger, mark a boundary, demand attention or call us to action.

Works do not need to use the colour red.

Rua Red welcomes submissions across all art forms that respond to these ideas.

Exhibition dates: 11th December 2026—6th February 2027

Deadline for applications: 26th October 2026 at 5pm

Artworks submitted may be in any discipline: painting, sculpture, print, ceramics, glass, photography etc., from artists living on the island of Ireland, or who identify Ireland as home.

All work submitted will be considered by a selection panel that will meet and select the work. Not all work submitted will be selected.

The panel will also select a 'Judges Choice', that awards the selected artist with a solo show in Rua Red's gallery 2 during the following 12-month period.

Each application must include the following:

- A fully completed application form
- Up to 3 artworks

The application form can be found through the Rua Red website:

<https://www.ruared.ie/news>

Incomplete submission will not be considered. An application may include up to three artworks for consideration.

At Rua Red we acknowledge that the arts, like all professional sectors, continues to reflect the inequalities that exist in society, where some people are less visible and less well served than others due to bias and discrimination, conscious and unconscious. We encourage applications from all sectors of the community and strive to create a welcoming environment.

All applications will be considered without regard to age, disability, ethnic background, family status, gender identity or expression, marital status, membership of the Traveller community, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation.

Please note:

- Artists may submit up to three artworks for consideration
- Incomplete applications will not be considered
- Please ensure that your contact details are correct

If the work is selected, you will be contacted with further information regarding delivery and collection.

The sale of artworks during the exhibition is subject to 25% commission. Sales will be handled by Rua Red.

If you require more information or assistance with this application, **please contact info@ruared.ie or call 01 451 5860.**