

Pipe Making Mentoring Programme in Honour of Leo Rowsome – Application

Thanks to the support of the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland, Na Píobairí Uilleann are delighted to announce an uilleann pipe making mentoring programme. The programme will provide one-to-one mentoring to emerging pipe makers over an intensive one-week period. This will allow them to refine their skills and develop their instruments to a standard on par with those produced by a professional maker.

Students will be paired with an established pipemaker and mentoring will be delivered face-to-face on a one-to-one basis in the established pipe maker's workshops. The participants will bring along a set of pipes which they have made to be reviewed by their mentor. The pipemaker can then make suggestions on how this instrument can be improved and demonstrate how the student can implement these suggested improvements.

The mentoring programme will take place between September 2020 and February 2021. Na Píobairí Uilleann will take into account all COVID-19 guidelines from HSE/Government.

The programme is named in honour of Leo Rowsome, uilleann piper, uilleann pipes teacher, and master uilleann pipes maker whose work continues to provide inspiration and set an example of excellence to pipe makers today. 20th September 2020 will be the 50th anniversary of his death.

Full name:

Address:

Contact telephone number:

Email address:

Please confirm that you are over 18 years of age

N.B. Applicants should have already produced at least a practice set of uilleann pipes.

1. Please detail your experience to date making uilleann pipes. Supporting files including audio recordings and images can be submitted alongside this application.

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2. Please list any formal instrument-making courses which you have attended, including course provider and location, course title, tutor(s), and date(s).

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3. Describe your level of competency making reeds for the uilleann pipes.

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4. Describe your ability to play the uilleann pipes. Note that this is not a necessary precondition of being awarded a place on the programme.

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5. What do you hope to get out of the programme, should your application be successful?

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