

**THE AODH RUADH Ó DOMHNAILL POETRY EXCHANGE**  
**RESIDENCIA LITERARIA 1863 & THE TYRONE GUTHRIE CENTRE,**  
**ANNAGHMAKERRIG**  
**SEPTEMBER 1-30<sup>th</sup> 2026**

## **GUIDELINES & APPLICATION**

**The Aodh Ruadh Ó Domhnaill Poetry Exchange** aims to encourage and promote poetic creation in conditions of excellence, as well as its international projection, providing the poets of Ireland and Galicia with space, time, context and optimal conditions for the dedication to their creative writing project within an international environment for the month of **September 2026**.

The Exchange will be accompanied by at least two public readings by the beneficiary, in Galicia and Ireland respectively, during the period of residence, as well as the publication of a chapbook of their poems translated into the language[s] of the destination country.

While the Exchange awardee in Ireland enjoys contact with other international artists in the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, those residing in A Coruña will have priority access to museums, galleries, libraries, concerts, guided tours, literary meetings, plays and other events in a city with a rich and diverse cultural life, as well as contact with experts in the field of Irish Literature.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Any poet over the age of eighteen born/ resident in Ireland with at least one published collection of poetry may apply.

## **APPLICATIONS**

Applications may be made in doc, .docx, .odt or .pdf and must include the following:

- Literary CV (Max. 2 pages).
- **PROJECT:** Description of the literary project that is intended to be developed during the residency (Max. 2 pages). Mention can be made of the main theme(s), structure, shape, stylistic features and/ or any other details that allow the evaluation committee to get an idea as to the creative project to be undertaken.
- **SAMPLE OF WORK:** a selection of poems (max 10 pages).
- **LETTER OF MOTIVATION:** Please state why you are applying for the Aodh Ruadh Ó Domhnaill Poetry Exchange (Max. 1 page).

All documents to be sent as an attachment to [1863coruna@gmail.com](mailto:1863coruna@gmail.com) on or before **Midnight on May 29<sup>th</sup>**. With the subject heading: “Aodh Ruadh Ó Domhnaill Poetry Exchange.” In the event that the application is not received in full, the application will be rejected, and the applicant be excluded from the call. The Exchange is for the month of **September 2026**.

## **SELECTION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Applications will be submitted to evaluation committees appointed by the 1863 Literary Residence and the **Aodh Ruadh Ó Domhnaill Poetry Exchange**.

The evaluation committees will choose the project they consider worthy of the Exchange, evaluating:

- artistic quality and viability of the literary project.
- excellence of literary trajectory.
- suitability of the letter of motivation.

## **RESOLUTION AND PUBLICATION OF THE RESULT OF THE CALL**

The awardee will be notified during the second half of June 2026 at the email address provided. Applications submitted that do not comply with the rules governing this call will be rejected. No correspondence will be maintained with applicants who are excluded from the final selection.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF THE BENEFICIARIES**

- Communicate in writing, within ten calendar days from the announcement of the awarding of the Poetry Exchange, the acceptance of the same and the bases that regulate the Exchange.
- Accept and comply with the agreement that governs the correct use of the facilities of the Residencia Literaria in Galicia in a respectful, appropriate and responsible manner, and strictly for the agreed period. Spouses, relatives, companions and pets will not be admitted to the residences, which are intended for the concentrated individual development of the creative work of the writer.
- To participate in 2 public readings of their work at 1) The University of Santiago de Compostela and 2) The Amergin University Institute of Research in Irish Studies, University of A Coruña.
- To submit, within 10 working days, a selection of poems (12 pages max.), for translation and publication.
- Present a short final report that assesses the experience and the possible impetus to the literary work itself. To be submitted within one calendar month after the end of the period of residence.
- If, in the future, literary work developed during the residency exchange is to be published, it should be noted that the creation of this work was promoted at the Residencia Literaria 1863 and acknowledge the support of **The Aodh Ruadh Ó Domhnaill Poetry Exchange**.

## THE EXCHANGE

Return flights in economy class from Dublin to Galicia –intended for the use of the residency– will have a single entry and exit and will not be in any name other than that of the beneficiary. Airport transfers are included in the Exchange.

Responsibility for health insurance is of the beneficiary. Please ensure you have your European Health Card and/or appropriate health insurance with you. The **Aodh Ruadh Ó Domhnaill Poetry Exchange** takes no responsibility for covering repatriation, hospitalization expenses and/or medical expenses.

Maintenance during the month of the stay will be covered through a stipend of €750 payable at the beginning of the month.

The Residencia Literaria 1863 is a **fully self-catering**, one-bedroom apartment located in the old town of A Coruña, Galicia. A cleaner will attend to the residence every 10 days, and a local emergency/ informational contact will be maintained at all times.

## FUNDING

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