



## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

# Granby Park

A pop-up park by Upstart

## INTRODUCTION

Dublin city centre will be transformed this summer 2013 by the work of a creative group called Upstart. Upstart are building an exciting new pop-up park, which aims to showcase the best in Irish creativity by temporarily converting one of the city's vacant spaces into a thriving visitor playground. Design plans already include a giant amphitheatre space built from reclaimed wooden pallets by cross-border youth groups, a cafe, education spaces, an urban orchard and garden project, an outdoor cinema facility and a series of light, sound and visual shows.

Upstart invites you to submit a proposal for a special performance or educational event that will raise the cultural profile of the city and advance equality, justice and social change through collaboration and creativity. We're looking for curious, exciting and thoughtful propositions that will provide a unique experience for park visitors, engage the local community, and make Granby Park a place that people interact with in a meaningful way.

## DATES/TIMES AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS

Granby Park will be open for one month from 22 August to 22 September, from 8am-7pm daily. The park will open in the evening for specific performances and events.

## SPACES AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS

Partially covered amphitheatre accommodates 400 standing/280 seated.

Partially covered pavilion accommodates 30 people.

Indoor polytunnel area accommodates 40+ people.

There is also the opportunity of using the cafe, which will be a covered space for 50+ people seated.

## STUFF WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE IN THE PARK

1. Innovative and entertaining classes, workshops, talks, and tours, covering areas such as:  
Gardening, growing your own, sustainability

Science and the natural world

Photography, painting, drawing, printing, etc.

Crafts, construction, DIY

Innovation, creative thinking, philosophy

Irish and other languages, English poetry and creative writing, history, culture, literature

Music and dance

Health and fitness - yoga, etc.

The Education Programme is being run by Trade School Dublin, a non-traditional learning model where students can barter with teachers in exchange for knowledge or skills.

2. Performances of live music, dance, theatre, comedy, and fantastic spectacle. Granby Park's entertainment programme will be populated by multi-faceted, collaborative events with workshop tie-ins and community involvement. Events should be inclusive, family friendly and capture the imagination of the broad demographic that lives in the locality – they're who this park is for. With that in mind, performances will be conducted at a volume respectful to the park's nearby neighbours.

## **PROPOSALS**

We love meeting with people to discuss and develop ideas, but due to time constraints, that won't always be possible during the early planning stages. The earlier you submit your proposal and the more information you provide, the earlier we can revert to you and arrange to add it to our schedule of events (providing your proposal is suitable for Granby Park). Granby Park will curate afternoons of related events as well as stand-alone events, so we welcome all proposals, modest or grandiose, and hope to be a special location for as many as possible. Please submit events for inclusion in Granby Park's education and performance programmes (to take place 22 August- 22 September) no later than 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

Please send proposals with as much of the following information as possible to [events@upstart.ie](mailto:events@upstart.ie).

1. A brief outline describing the event or events (will it be a once-off or a series), and the people involved.
2. Proposed or preferred date(s) and time(s) for your event(s).
3. Time/duration of event(s), as well as time/duration of set-up/preparation.
4. Technical or other requirements for your event(s).
5. Any images, files (must be under 8mb in total), and/or links.
6. Upstart would like to cover reasonable personal expenses for contributors to the Events Programme. Please estimate your anticipated expenses for travel/transport, etc.

Stuff we will select: Upstart will give preference to proposals which include all of the above-mentioned information. At present, we have no funding to support these proposals, so preference will be given to projects which are self-sustaining, affordable, safe, green and amazing. Should funding become available, we may be able to offer some support to realise particularly special proposals.

Upstart look forward to your proposals and your involvement in this extraordinary project.