



A Better Place **Call for exhibition proposals**

'While struggling with illness and medication, I found the art in the corridors was a healing influence and these dashes of creativity supported me.'

Patient of University Hospital Waterford

Waterford Healing Arts Trust invites submissions from artists based in Ireland for a solo wall-based, visual art exhibition entitled *A Better Place*. The exhibition will take place at University Hospital Waterford (UHW) in 2018 with the aim of making the hospital a better place for patients, visitors and staff.

WHAT curates a lively programme of temporary exhibitions which offer patients, staff and visitors opportunities to access diverse contemporary art. The exhibitions also prompt conversations between patients, staff members and visitors that are beyond the medical context. They are chosen for their aesthetic quality and for their positive impact, primarily on patients, within a hospital setting.

Images submitted for consideration for *A Better Place* will be displayed on laminated A4 pages in the hospital and UHW, patients, visitors, staff and other stakeholders will be invited to vote for their favourite artwork. The artist with the most votes will be selected for exhibition. The artists will not be identified during the selection process.

Artworks must comply with the following health and safety requirements:

- Artworks must tolerate cleaning with detergents/water and occasional disinfectants.
- Artworks with canvas, feathers, textiles or non smooth surfaces must be encased in a solid frame to facilitate cleaning/dusting.
- Artworks should not contain beads or parts that can be easily removed and accidentally swallowed.

How to submit

Please send two captioned (with title, medium and dimensions) jpegs of artworks you propose to exhibit as part of *A Better Place* to WHAT at WHAT@hse.ie or to the address below by **Monday 5 March 2018 at 2pm**. Make sure your name and contact details accompany the jpegs but are not on the images of artworks. If emailing your submission, please put 'A Better Place' in the subject line of the email. Submissions will not be returned.

For further information, contact WHAT at WHAT@hse.ie or phone 051 842664.

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Please note: UHW staff members are not permitted to submit to *A Better Place*; However UHW staff who wish to submit work for exhibition may apply to the *Staff Art Wall* programme at WHAT@hse.ie or phone 051 842664.

A Better Place is kindly supported by the Arts Council.

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