

Waterford City and County Council congratulate the 'Three Sisters' on being Shortlisted for European Capital of Culture 2020 Title

Waterford City and County Council would like to congratulate the Three Sisters Bid team on reaching the short listing stage today (Friday, November 13). This exciting news was announced at Dublin Castle this afternoon after the Selection Panel considered a comprehensive bid document and an intensive interview with each of the bid teams from Dublin, Limerick, Galway and The Three Sisters.

The dedication and hard work shown by the team has paid off and the success represents a huge opportunity for the region to showcase the vast cultural variety the South East has to offer. 'The Three Sisters' Bid was a huge collaborative effort by members of the team from Wexford, Kilkenny and Waterford.

The Three Sisters European Capital of Culture 2020 Bid is centred on focusing the collective ambition towards the development of an informed and sustainable regional identity. By harnessing the creative and collaborative potential of rural and urban areas, the bid hopes to foster new ways of working that connect, support and transform the lives of those living, working and creating in our region.

Commenting on today's result Mayor of Waterford City and County Council, Cllr John Cummins said, *"As Mayor of Waterford City and County I am exceptionally proud that the Three Sisters Bid has been shortlisted for the 2020 title and honoured to have been part of the Bid team. We put our best foot forward and showed what the Region and Waterford has to offer.*

I now look forward to engaging further in the process and with the panel, as they will now visit the shortlisted entries in the next stage and will have the opportunity to see firsthand our energetic and dynamic region.

I would also like to wish all the best as they continue forward and acknowledge the hard work and dedication that went into all of the submissions."

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