

COMMISSION OF PORTRAIT OF KATHLEEN CLARKE TO HANG IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

At its meeting of 2nd February 2017 the Protocol Committee passed the following motion:

Inspired by the Accenture Ireland #WomenonWalls project which seeks to address the lack of portraits of historical female leaders in Ireland. Dublin City Council will seek sponsorship for and commission a portrait of the first female Lord Mayor of Dublin Kathleen Clarke framed to a size and scale that will allow it to replace one of the current portraits that hang in the Council Chamber alongside that of Daniel O'Connell.

To give effect to the above motion, a team has been established to oversee the commissioning of the portrait. The members are Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian; Dr Barbara Dawson, Director Dublin City Gallery the Hugh Lane; Dr Mary Clarke, City Archivist, and Ruairí Ó Cuiv, Public Art Manager.

The Team proposes the following process.

- The artist will be commissioned following a limited call for proposals.
- A briefing document setting out the requirements (size; medium; materials; timeframe, etc.) and a short biography of Kathleen Clarke will be prepared.
- Potential artists will be nominated by DCC (City Archives; Hugh Lane) and by selected arts organisations (RHA, National Gallery).
- A selection panel will be convened, the members being the DCC team, 2 councillors?), and two external experts.
- The selection panel will agree a set of criteria for the selection of a shortlist and the selection of the winning proposal.
- The selection panel will review the list of nominated artists and choose five/six artists from the list who will be invited to submit proposals.
- The invited artists will be paid a fee of €1,500 for their proposals.
- The selection panel will review the proposals and select a winner.