

Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival

Artistic Assessment – Film

Artistic Quality

A well written application from Guth Gafa sees it move the documentary festival to Kells, Co. Meath after a long period in Donegal -first in Gortahork and more recently in Inishowen. This move is not explained. The proposed date in early October comes immediately after the IFI's established documentary festival in late September.

Award Objectives/ Priorities

The festival fits easily within the objectives of the FES scheme on all fronts: increasing audience attendance; extending the range of audiences; adding to the types of engagement.

Feasibility

The festival has succeeded in leveraging funding from a number of different sources including agencies and commercial sponsorship. This mix of funding gives it a solid financial structure to implement its plans.

Conclusion

The plans for the event as articulated are realisable given the experience of the team involved. The festival's move to Meath is now in train. However, this move has implications for cultural cinema provision in both Donegal and the Meath-Dublin region. This, and the timing of the event, are a concern especially as a rationale has not been provided for either.

Supporting Material

Arts Development Plan 2015 to 2017
2014 Catalogue x 2
2013 Catalogue
Child Protection Policy
Additional programming information for 2015
2014 Survey results