

Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival
Festivals and Events Scheme Application, Strand 1, Round 2, 2015
Application Number: A077192, ARN: 32816

Festival Name: 9th Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival

Dates: 1 - 4 October

Location: Meath

From an artistic and management perspective this is a well written proposal from an organisation that delivered on past supports. A significant feature of this application is that the festival will permanently move to Kells, Co. Meath after a long period in Donegal. Although this plan is discussed to some degree in the application and supporting material, the rationale for this substantial change should have been more fully addressed considering its significance. There are also questions in relation to the proposed timing of the event. The festival meets the objective of the scheme and on the basis of its artistic programme would deserve consideration for funding, although the absence of any confirmed artists is quite unhelpful. The change of location raises questions in regards to the future development of the festival and cultural cinema provision in both Donegal and the Meath-Dublin region. In this context it is not prioritised, however the festival might be subject of future consideration once the consolidation of its new base will become more evident.