



## Exciting Café Tender Opportunity at the Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA)

IMMA is delighted to invite experienced and visionary restaurant operators to submit tenders for the provision of Café Services in its vibrant and dynamic café space. This is a rare opportunity to partner with one of Ireland's leading cultural institutions and bring your culinary expertise to life within a world-class setting.

We are seeking a partner who not only shares our strategic vision but is equally passionate about crafting exceptional experiences for our visitors. Together, we aim to elevate IMMA's experience alongside your own in a truly collaborative partnership.

### The Café: A Unique Opportunity

Located in IMMA's historic basement, the café offers seating for 62 guests, with the adjacent outer vaults providing potential additional capacity for up to 90 customers. The café is a bustling hub within IMMA's stunning grounds, serving as a gathering point for our 630,000 annual visitors.

In addition to the café, the operator will manage a mobile catering unit in IMMA's Courtyard—an iconic space brimming with activity year-round, including cultural events, family days, and large-scale gatherings.

As IMMA hosts numerous high-profile events on-site, this tender also provides an opportunity to cater for our prestigious clientele and showcase your culinary innovation.

### Key Facilities & Requirements

- **Fully Fitted Finishing Kitchen:** IMMA provides a fully equipped finishing kitchen on-site with energy needs covered, but operators will require an off-site preparatory kitchen to meet operational demands.
- **Revenue Structure:** Operators will pay a combination of fixed and variable fees, detailed in the Request for Tender (RFT) document.
- **Orientation Tours:** Tenderers are encouraged to visit the site to fully appreciate its potential and charm.

### Why Partner with IMMA?

This is more than just a café—it's an integral part of IMMA's visitor experience and a chance to establish your offering as a destination in its own right. Nestled in the heart of Dublin 8, the café benefits from a growing audience, both from the Museum's rapidly expanding visitor base and the thriving local business community.

### Board Members

Ali Curran — Cathaoirleach/Chairperson, Mary Apied, Gerard Byrne,  
John Cunningham, Dermot Dwyer, Mike Fitzpatrick, Eva Kenny, Margot Lyons,

Jess Majekodunmi, Sinead O'Sullivan, Rhoda Lane O'Kelly agus/and John McLaughlin

This partnership is an unparalleled chance to maximise the café's potential while playing a central role in enriching the cultural and social life of the museum.

## Key Dates

- **Closing Date for Queries:** 18th January 2025
- **Closing Date for Tender Submissions:** 25th January 2025
- **Notification of Successful Tenderer:** 7th February 2025
- **Contract Commencement:** 7th April 2025

The tender will be awarded for an initial **three-year period**, with an emphasis on creating a long-term, mutually beneficial partnership.

## Next Steps

To obtain the full tender documents and learn more about this exciting opportunity, email us at [procurement.info@imma.ie](mailto:procurement.info@imma.ie). Don't miss the chance to make your mark in one of Dublin's most iconic cultural landmarks.

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