



Comhairle Contae Liatroma Leitrim County Council

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17th October 2012

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Mr. Leo Varadkar, T.D.
Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport,
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport,
44 Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: Artists Exemption Guidelines

Dear Minister Varadkar,

I wish to inform you that at the October meeting of Leitrim County Council the Members unanimously passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Ministers for Finance, Tourism and Arts to either extend the artists exemption guidelines to musicians to include the performance of traditional pieces or that publicans be allowed to make tax free payments of up to €25,000 per year for the provision of traditional sessions."

Members outlined that Revenue are currently taking action against publicans and musicians who provide traditional music sessions. Members have indicated that we should not be creating a tax impediment to our most recognizable cultural resource and have suggested that the Artists Exemption guidelines demonstrate an ignorant view of the creative process with the written word, musical compositions, paintings and sculptures the only media qualifying. Members have highlighted that, in traditional music performance, the musician is licensed to extemporize within the guidelines of the original composition and the weight of creative responsibility is carried by the performer. It is in this context that the Members passed the above Resolution. Members have also highlighted that this matter is especially important in the context of 2013 as the year of The Gathering.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Michael D. Higgins,
Uachtarán na hÉireann,
Áras An Uachtaráin,
Phoenix Park,
Dublin 8

Re: Artists Exemption Guidelines

A Uachtaráin,

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Mr Jimmy Deenihan, T.D.,
Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs,
Department of the Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs,
23 Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: Artists Exemption Guidelines

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