

# ART FOR KELP EXHIBITION AT ORGANICO, BANTRY - June 2018

## Calling all Visual Artists!

In support of the campaign to save the native Kelp forest of Bantry Bay from large scale mechanical extraction, Organico Bantry would like to invite visual artists to donate work for a month long exhibition and sale of art on paper, in any medium, and on any subject (not necessarily Kelp or sea related).

### How to Take Part

In order to ensure the success of the exhibition, please follow the instructions below carefully.

1. Each artist can offer either one or two artworks. The finished size of the work must be **25cm x 25cm**, on a minimum of **220gsm paper/card/artboard**. **No other format, 3D or framed work can be accepted.**
2. Please ensure that all surfaces are dry and stable (pencil, charcoal or pastels should be fixed).
3. All work will be for sale for **€50, 100% going to the campaign**. (Organico will post work sold online via Facebook or the Kelp campaign website to the buyer, who will be charged €6 P&P to cover costs).
4. Please deliver or send your artwork to **Organico Bantry** to arrive no later than **Friday 11 May 2018**.
5. **Title of the work, the medium, and your name and contact details** (email and mobile) should be clearly written on a label stuck to the back of the work.
6. To ensure that your artwork is correctly displayed please indicate in pencil with an arrow on the back of your artwork which is the top.
7. Please email a brief artist statement or artist biography and/or a few words about the artwork you are submitting, (maximum 250 words in total) to [catherineweld@gmail.com](mailto:catherineweld@gmail.com). This information will be displayed in a folder in the café, enabling visitors to find out more about the artists taking part. If you do not wish to send any information, your name and the title (if any) of your work will still be displayed next to your piece during the exhibition.
8. Artists who would like unsold work returned can collect it from Organico after the exhibition. If posting is required, then please supply a suitable stamped, addressed envelope. Please note that, whilst every care will be taken, neither Organico or the Kelp campaign can be responsible for the safe delivery of artworks being returned by post.

### Exhibition Dates

- Delivery deadline: Saturday 12 May
- Opening Event: Friday 1 June
- End of exhibition: Saturday 23 June

### Opening Event and Publicity

All artworks will be photographed and displayed on the Kelp campaign website and as an album on the Organico and Kelp Facebook pages, both to generate interest and encourage online sales from those unable to come to Bantry.

Organico will host an **opening event on Friday 1 June from 4 – 6pm** to which all artists, their families, friends and supporters are invited. There will be an official opening plus a short talk about the Kelp campaign, live music, and wine. We encourage everyone to come, and to spread word of both the event and the exhibition via their social media contacts.

For any questions, please contact Catherine Weld at [catherineweld@gmail.com](mailto:catherineweld@gmail.com) or call 085 8308918.

**With many thanks for your kind support of this very important campaign!**

### Background Information

**Campaign to save Bantry Bay Kelp Forest:** A licence to Industrially Extract 1860 acres of Native Kelp in Bantry Bay has been issued to BioAtlantis, Tralee. NO Public Consultation took place. This licence was NOT Advertised Adequately. This licence has been issued with NO requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment [E.I.A.] For more information about Kelp and its importance to the ecology and people of Bantry Bay, visit <http://bantrybaykelpforest.com/>

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