

Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date

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OPPORTUNITIES



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Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2025
Deadline for submissions: 12 noon, Thursday,
6 February 2025.

Artist in Primary School Scheme 2025
Deadline for submissions: 12 noon, Friday,
7 February 2025.

Tipperary Arts Act Grant 2025
Deadline for submissions: 12 noon, Thursday,
20 February 2025.

Tipperary Artist Award 2025
Deadline for submissions: 12 noon, Thursday,
27 February 2025.

Local Drama Scheme 2025
Deadline for submissions: 12 noon, Thursday,
27 February 2025.

Application forms and guidelines for the above schemes
are available at this link:

<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/arts-and-culture/arts-grants>



ENGINE

SHORT FILM SCHEME

Call for Applications ENGINE Short Film Scheme

Call for 3rd Edition of Prestigious
ENGINE Short Film Scheme

ENGINE short film scheme will
commission up to six new films in the
Mid-West

Now open for applications from writers

The renowned **ENGINE** Short Film Scheme is back for a 3rd Edition, with the call now open for emerging filmmakers based in Clare, Tipperary or Limerick to join the training programme, which will commission up to six new short films in the region in 2025.

The ambitious short film training and production scheme for emerging talent has already produced 12 films over the first two editions, and seen commissioned films screened globally, picking up awards in London, Belfast, Chicago and screening at the famous SXSW festival in Austin, Texas.

Run by Innovate Limerick through Film in Limerick, Engine Shorts is a partnership between the Local Authorities in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare, and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.

The new scheme aims to inspire and support up-and-coming writers, directors and producers to create inspiring and engaging world-class short films that resonate with a wide international audience.

It will also offer the opportunity for emerging local crew to gain real-world experience on funded productions and to receive industry guidance.

Shortlisted teams join the training programme to develop their project ideas and up to six teams are awarded production funding of €12,500 each to produce a short film locally.

Two films from county Tipperary creatives were funded for production in the 2nd Edition of Engine Short Film Scheme in 2024. The first film 'Bog' is written by Beverly Penn from Thurles and was filmed in Newport and Roscrea. The second film 'Heart of Stone' is written by Roseanna Purcell from Littleton and was filmed in Thurles.

The Engine Shorts initiative is a key mechanism for developing filmmaking talent in the Mid-West of Ireland, supporting skills and talent development through industry-led training, as well as tailored training and practical experience for crews on commissioned projects.

The commissioned projects are all filmed in the region, crewed by locally-based talent and offer skills training and career development for all those involved.

Visit engineshorts.com to find out more and to apply

Deadline for applications is Friday 31st January, 2025



Exploring Youth Arts!
Date: Tuesday, February 11th
Time: 10.00 am – 4.00pm
Venue: Templemore College of Further Education

Calling all artists and youth arts practitioners in Tipperary! Are you interested in finding out more about youth arts practice and youth work? Interested in making connections and finding new avenues to develop your practice in youth arts? [Exploring Youth Arts](#) the event for you

The Tipperary Youth Arts Hub invites Tipperary-based artists and practitioners with an interest in youth arts to join us for a day-long workshop to explore youth arts practice, introduce the youth work context in Tipperary and participate in a youth arts workshop with artist Chelsea Canavan. You can expect lots of practical activities and discussions and a supportive environment where you can connect with other artists and practitioners! Sessions will include:

- Exploring youth arts practice with Rhona Dunnett, National Youth Arts Programme Manager, National Youth Council of Ireland
- Introducing youth work and the map of youth work services in Tipperary, with the Youth Work Team, Tipperary ETB
- Exploring printmaking & creative word-play (typography) in the youth arts context with artist Chelsea Canavan
- Introducing new Tipperary Youth Arts Bursary Scheme and other funding opportunities with NYCI, Youth Work Team, Tipperary ETB and Tipperary Arts Office

Lunch will be provided.

[Click here to find out more about the event, registering interest, contributors, and artist Chelsea Canavan.](#)

Artist bursary to support participation

Tipperary Arts Office is managing a bursary scheme to assist artists to attend this event and support artist development in youth arts practice. Artists can apply for a bursary of €120 to support their participation by completing the [‘Register Your Interest: Exploring Youth Arts’ form](#) by **Thursday, January 30th at 12pm**

Tipperary Arts Office will respond to all artists regarding the outcome of their bursary application. If you have any queries about this bursary scheme, please contact Fiona Flavin, Assistant Arts Officer, Tipperary County Council at artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie

Questions?

Contact Rhona at rhona@nyci.ie with any questions about the training day. Lunch will be provided. Please advise us if you have any special dietary requirements

Creative Ireland Grant Schemes 2025

The Tipperary Creative Ireland grant schemes 2025 are now open for applications.

The Creative Ireland programme is a **culture based** programme which was created in 2017 following on from the hugely successful 'Ireland 2016' initiative which celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the Easter Rising. The vision of the Creative Ireland Programme 2023 - 2027 is to mainstream culture and creativity in the life of the nation so that individually and collectively, in our personal lives and in our institutions, we can realise our full creative potential thereby promoting individual, community and national wellbeing.

Tipperary Creative Ireland Community grant scheme 2025

This scheme can accommodate applications from community groups, festivals and not for profit organisations to support in providing participatory culture based activities and projects. Funding is between €500 - €3,500.

Tipperary Creative Ireland Project Award 2025

This call is open to all cultural & creative practitioners in the county; Crafts people, Historians, Archaeologists, Archivists, Folklorists, Curators, Artists, Writers, Performers, along with not for profit and community organisations. The funding for this scheme is between €3,500 - €15,000 maximum. We are open to receiving applications for projects which may extend over a year or two which may be of longer-term benefit to the community, however these applications should clearly outline the progress achievable in each year. Projects in this category should create a lasting positive legacy for the community and participants.

Guidelines and application forms for each scheme are available at this link

[Creative Ireland Grant Scheme | Tipperary County Council](#)

**Deadline for applications is 4pm
on Thursday 30th January 2025.**

Queries can be emailed to creativeireland@tipperarycoco.ie



ARTS COUNCIL 2025 FUNDING SCHEDULE

More information: [Available funding | The Arts Council | An Chomhairle Ealaíon](#)

FUNDING PROGRAMME	OPENING	CLOSING
Touring of Work Scheme	10 Dec 2024	23 Jan 2025
Touring of Work Scheme - Advance Planning	10 Dec 2024	23 Jan 2025
Music Bursary Award	7 Jan 2025	13 Feb 2025
Arts Participation Bursary Award	7 Jan 2025	13 Feb 2025
Circus Bursary Award	7 Jan 2025	13 Feb 2025
Dance Bursary Award	7 Jan 2025	13 Feb 2025
Film Bursary Award	7 Jan 2025	13 Feb 2025
Traditional Arts Bursary Award	7 Jan 2025	13 Feb 2025
Commissions Award	21 Jan 2025	20 Feb 2025
Young Ensembles Scheme	28 Jan 2025	27 Feb 2025
Arts Grant Funding	28 Jan 2025	13 March 2025



Clonmel Applefest

CALLOUT for writing collaborator/ editor

Clonmel Applefest are looking for an experienced writer/editor to coordinate and edit their forthcoming book project under the working title of 'Families of Clonmel'.

Clonmel Applefest is a Harvest festival taking place the last week of September; we aim to celebrate the heritage, nature and food of Clonmel and its surrounding areas through the prism of the Arts. Clonmel Applefest have been publishing books for the past 4 years on topics such as migrants, artisans, and Elders of Clonmel (2) to much acclaim leveraging the dual resource of a keen and experienced cohort of community writers and a vibrant selection of interview subjects, typically recruited via open call and/or referrals.

This year, we have chosen to explore the theme of families to explore its many variegated composition from multigenerational, to multicultural, to single and/or blended. The aim is to explore and celebrate the many ways and means to be a family in the Ireland of 2025.

We are seeking a professional writer interested in this challenging collaborative project that will support the community writers in the interview and writing process: the role will involve working with the Festival Director, liaising with and mentoring approximately 10 community writers, communicating with the selected families and collaborating with a photographer and graphic designer towards the publication of an illustrated book to be launched in late September. Estimated starting timeline: early April to late September.

This is a paid role; if interested please send a letter of intent with a CV to clonmelapplefest@gmail.com





Creative Places Tipperary Town is part of the national Creative Places programme developed and funded by the Arts Council.

Creative Places Tipperary Town Open Call Arts & Health Residency

Creative Places Tipperary Town is seeking two socially engaged artists from all disciplines, with facilitation experience and a background in Arts and Health contexts, for a 6-month residency running from February to July 2025. These residencies offer the opportunity for artists to engage with the local community, explore collaborative arts practices, and create new works that respond to the social and cultural context of Tipperary Town.

The selected artists will work closely with the Creative Places Project Team and engage with a diverse range of community members, including adults, young people, and children from across Tipperary Town. This includes those accessing services at organisations such as Three Drives Family Resource Centre, St. Vincent's Hospital, and Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, as well as the wider public living and working in Tipperary Town.

We are looking for artists who are passionate about working with diverse groups and responding creatively to community needs, fostering inclusive, participatory arts experiences.

Each artist will collaborate closely with one community partner, building meaningful relationships and working together on research and project development. The residency will focus on community engagement, listening to how local voices shape the direction of the work. The aim is to celebrate Tipperary Town—its people, culture, history, landscape, and potential for the future—through active consultation and engagement with individuals of all ages.

Starting in February and ending in July 2025, this residency will immerse each artist in a collaborative environment, addressing arts and health-related issues, and creating work that reflects the community's social, cultural, and political context. The residency is grounded in the belief that artists and communities can use collaborative arts practices to explore and express the issues that matter most.

We welcome applications from artists at various stages of their careers and from diverse backgrounds.

The fee for this 6-month residency is €8,000 per artist, covering development, preparation, delivery, and post-production work.

The deadline for applications is **Sunday January 26th 2025, at 5pm.**

Interviews will take place the following week, on **Wednesday 29th January.**

For more information and how to apply click [Here](#)

If you have an enquiry about this role you can email creative.places@youthworktipperary.ie

The Trench Award 2025



Applications are now invited from emerging singers and instrumentalists pursuing a career in professional performance in classical music.

The Trench Award aims to assist those developing their professional career through further study at home or abroad.

Applicants must be from the general Midlands region. While there is no upper age limit this year, applicants should be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in Music Performance, participating in a Young Artist Programme, or less than two years of completing their studies.

As the purpose and priorities of the award is to help artists develop their craft, applicants should **not** be undertaking a significant level of professional work and should be very clearly identifiable as 'emerging' artists.

The Trench Award is €5000.

Further bursaries which may also be awarded include:

The Birr Lions Club Bursary
The Canto al Serchio Prize (for voice)
The Connolly Award For Voice (new in 2025)
The Audience Prize

Six finalists will be invited to attend Birr Festival of Music from Friday 2 May - Monday 5 May 2025, and to perform a 15-minute programme at **The Trench Award Gala Concert** at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, Birr, Co. Offaly on **Sunday 4th May 2025** when The Trench Award and other bursaries will be awarded by an international selection panel.

Deadline: Thursday 20 February, 3pm

Late applications will not be considered

For more information and how to apply click [Here](#)



Children's Books Ireland are delighted to announce the 2025 Junior Juries' scheme - part of the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards - is now open for registration! Junior Juries is a unique programme for schools, libraries and book clubs, designed to encourage reading for pleasure and appreciation for a wide variety of books for ages 0-18.

Participating classes and book clubs make their own selection of suitable titles from the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards shortlist, which will be announced on 5 February online and at Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast. We will provide your group with a specially designed digital resource pack so participants can engage with the chosen books by taking part in quizzes, debates, discussions, research projects, creative writing, and visual art activities which will enhance their reading experience. At the end of this process, each group is asked to collectively score the books they have read. The deadline for submitting scores is 13 May 2025. Children's Books Ireland will collate these scores to determine the winner of the Junior Juries' Award, which will be presented by Junior Jury members at the official prize-giving ceremony on 19 May 2025 as part of International Literature Festival Dublin.

Registration is completely free!

Register online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KB39PXR>

All groups will receive:

- A digital resource pack
- Bookmarks
- Poster

As part of the Junior Juries scheme registered groups can apply for the following free opportunities*:

- An online or in-person author or illustrator visit to your school March – April 2025
- A visit from a KPMG volunteer on 10 April 2025
- Copies of the shortlisted books
- A chance to be part of a short online video about the Junior Juries
- Attending the in-person awards ceremony on 19 May 2025

***These opportunities are limited and based on need. Applications for books or author/illustrator/volunteer visits will be given to those groups who show most need.**

We're keen to expand the Junior Juries even further than before and have groups from across the island of Ireland signing up. If you have any colleagues, friends or family who might be interested in the scheme with a group of young readers please forward them this email.

Further information about the awards and the Junior Juries scheme can be found [here](#)



Helium Arts is Seeking to Employ a Community Outreach and Communications Officer (part-time)

Helium Arts is seeking an enthusiastic, effective, and highly organised Community Outreach and Communications Officer to implement regional outreach activity in Cork, Limerick, Galway, Dublin, and surrounding areas. The primary responsibility of this role is to build relationships, increasing awareness and access to Helium Arts' Creative Health Programmes, particularly targeting marginalised and vulnerable children across health, education, and social care sectors. The goal is to increase participation of marginalised and vulnerable children in our programme to achieve our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion goals as set out in our Strategy 2023-2027.

How to Apply

Please request a full job description and information on the application process by emailing hr@helium.ie with Community Outreach and Communications Officer in the subject line.

**Deadline for applications: Thursday 13th February 2025
@ 5pm**

EVENTS



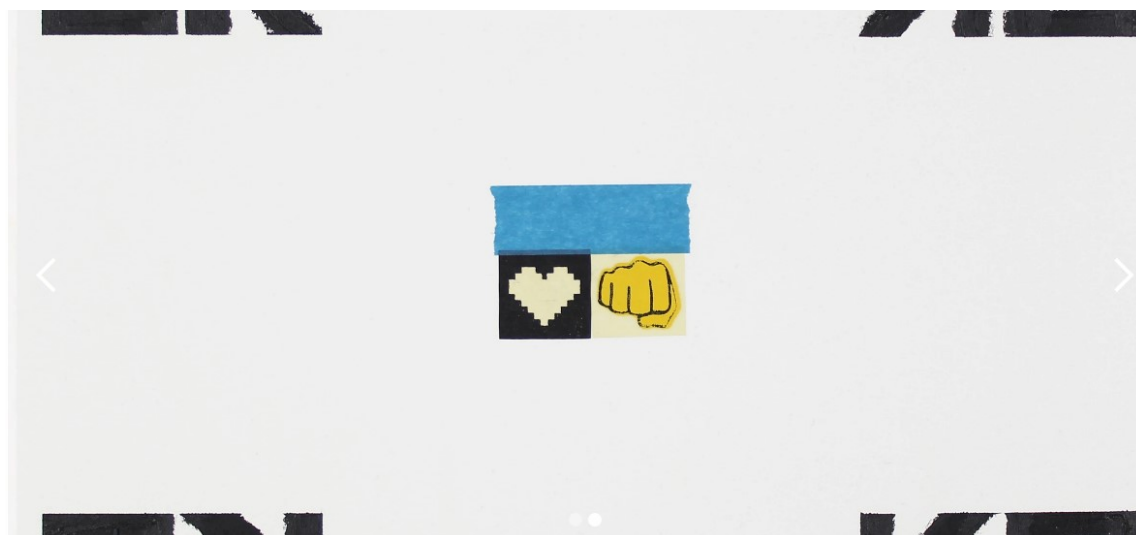
1 Nelson Street, Clonmel,
Co Tipperary E91 W658

The Project Twins - CIVIC, RADAR, LEVEL, ROTOR

January 18, 2025 - February 22, 2025

10am - 5pm Tuesday - Saturday

This new body of work from The Project Twins comes as a result of STAC's Tipperary Artist(s) in Residence 2024, an initiative supported by Tipperary Arts Office



More Information : [The Project Twins - CIVIC, RADAR, LEVEL, ROTOR](#)



Banba Square, Nenagh, Co Tipperary, E45 NX26



Brigid, Gbnait & Sheela-na-Gig with Edel Meade
Saturday 1st February – St Brigid’s Day
at 7.30pm.
Tickets €18 (Standard) €15 (concession)

Celebrate St. Brigid’s Day with an unforgettable evening of songs, stories and reflections from award-winning performing artist and Tipperary woman, Edel Meade. Noted for her stunning voice and mesmerising live performances, Edel will present a rich tapestry of music and anecdotes to honour Brigid, Gbnait and Sheela-na-gig, celebrating the Divine Feminine and reflecting on how ancient wisdom can inform our present and future. This unique and very special event will appeal to anyone interested in Irish music, Irish folklore and mythology, women’s stories, the Irish language and Celtic spirituality.



St Brigid and the
Brideog Doll Workshop
Saturday February 1st
St Brigid’s Day
2.00pm–4.00pm
Free Event

Try your hand at creating your own unique Brideog Doll with mixed-media artist, Kay O’Donoghue

For more information on upcoming events visit [Here](#)



Helium Arts empowers children with lifelong health conditions through creativity and the arts, giving them an opportunity for connection, belonging, imagination and joy. They provide activities to children attending the Outpatients Paediatric Department at University Hospital Limerick and in the community. A unique element of their community programme is the provision of paramedic support at camps which provides peace of mind to the families of the children.

Registration of interest in their programme is now **open** and an Easter workshop for children aged 8 – 12 with lifelong physical health conditions will take place in **Nenagh** (15th – 17th April).

Supported health conditions include diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, juvenile arthritis, heart conditions, spina bifida, hydrocephalus, cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy, allergies, rare and complex conditions and more.

Visit <https://helium.ie/workshops/nenagh-easter-camp-ages-8-12/> to register or visit <https://helium.ie/workshops/> to sign up to hear more about the programme or to receive further information, they also provide online camps.

Camps will also take place in Ennis & Limerick as part of the Mid-West region Creative Health & Wellbeing project funded by Creative Ireland <https://helium.ie/workshops/>

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Do you have information to include?

The aim of our newsletter is to highlight the work of Tipperary County Council Arts Office, work by Tipperary artists / groups throughout the County and opportunities / events of interest to our subscribers. To submit information for inclusion in our Newsletters:

Please send us your information to artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie with the text 'next arts bulletin' in the subject line. Submit your text only information under the following headings:

Title entry: (10 words or less) Short title to grab people's attention

Main entry: (500 words max.) The main content of your submission, make sure to include dates, location, cost (if any)

Contact info: (100 words max.) A contact name, phone number, email are essential. Please send your information as text only, no PDF's etc as these items can't be included.

www.whatsonintipp.ie

Is an online festival calendar to highlight and promote Festivals and Events across Tipperary which has been developed by Tipperary County Council. In addition to being a promotional tool for events taking place throughout Tipperary, this online festival calendar will also facilitate organisers in planning event dates by providing an accessible reference point for as many of the County's Cultural, Community and Sporting events as possible, acting as a "clash" calendar for organisers when setting dates for festivals and events.

The calendar is easy to use and organisers can register their events on the website. Cultural, Community and Sporting events are categorised under a range of headings and users may search by date or type of event. Categories include: Arts; Children's; Family; Comedy; Exhibitions; Fairs; Shows; Markets; Festival; Film; Heritage; Historical; Lectures; Readings; Music; Theatre, Sports & Outdoors.

