

Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date

OPPORTUNITIES

February 2025



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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>



Creative Engagement

networking and information sharing for artists and creative practitioners



Get your ticket now via **Eventbrite!**



Tipperary Arts Office and artist Marie Brett sharing socially engaged practice 6 March 2025, Source Arts Centre, Thurles, 10.30am - 1pm, Free

Tipperary Arts Office invites artists and creative practitioners working across all disciplines to **Creative Engagement** - a networking and information sharing event to explore socially engaged practice with special guest artist Marie Brett.

Taking place in the Source Arts Centre, Thurles, the event is designed both for those starting out in this area as well as artists with experience in socially engaged practice and collaborative working. The event will include discussions on the intersection between social engagement and therapeutic work, and considerations on how to balance artists' expectations with the needs of the participants. We will also explore the subjects of co-creation, ethics, ownership of content and best practice in collaborative working. During the session Marie will share some of her own experiences and findings from her work to explore elements of a successful engagement. Artists and creative practitioners will also have plenty of opportunities to connect and network with other creative people and share thinking and experience.

Marie Brett is an award-winning visual artist working across filmic, immersive sculptural installation and more recently live events; she makes work about profound human experiences recurrently involving trauma or social (in)justice. Brett is considered one of Ireland's leading exponents of social arts practice. She graduated from Goldsmiths, London University with both MA and BA degrees. She is the recipient of numerous awards, has artwork held in national and international art collections including IMMA and the Arts Council and has writings published in Ireland, the UK and Finland.

This event is free of charge and open to artists from Tipperary or living and working in Tipperary. Artists who are new to this way of working and/or who wish to get involved in socially engaged work in Tipperary are also welcome to attend. A light lunch will be provided.

[Click here to get your ticket!](#)

Venue: Source Arts Centre, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

When: Thursday 6 March, 2025, 10:30am - 1pm

**BLAS International Summer School
for Traditional Irish Music and Dance**

Tipperary County Council Arts Office are offering two bursaries to attend this years BLAS International Summer School at the University of Limerick which takes place the 23rd June to 4th July, 2025.

The value of the bursary covers 1 week tuition (one week intensive of master-classes, Irish language, lectures and concerts). The purpose of these bursaries is to support professional development of artists

Applications must be living in County Tipperary administrative area

Deadline for applications is 12 noon on Thursday 27th March, 2025

Application Form & Guidelines for the above are available at this link:

[BLAS International Summer School for Traditional Irish Music and Dance | Tipperary County Council](#)



Tipperary Cruinniú na nÓg open for Events/Projects

Tipperary Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 open call is now accepting applications.

This scheme aims to support projects/events which provide creative activities for children & young people (0-18yrs) in County Tipperary for Cruinniú na nÓg Saturday 7th June 2025.

The primary focus of this programme is youth creativity including direct participation in the project/event. This grant scheme will accommodate applications for funding for events on **Cruinniú na nÓg day** or longer-term projects which take place in advance and then **culminate with an event or showcase on Saturday 7th June 2025.**

The application form and guidelines are available on our website through the link below or alternatively you can

email creativeireland@tipperaryoco.ie.

[Cruinniú na nÓg Programme | Tipperary County Council](#)

Deadline for Submissions: 4pm on Tuesday 4th March, 2025

30 | Bealtaine Festival

YEARS | An Age & Opportunity arts initiative



Creative Ageing Writing Bursary 2025

Applications are now open for the Age & Opportunity Creative Ageing Writing Bursary, which supports artists, writers, and arts workers in reflecting on the arts and ageing in Ireland. To mark the 30th anniversary of the Bealtaine Festival, we are commissioning an essay exploring the learnings, challenges, and insights from the past 30 years. The bursary is open to practising artists as well as those interested in contributing to this discussion.

Deadline: 12pm, 12th March 2025.

For full details and to apply: <https://bealtaine.ie/open-call-creative-ageing-writing-bursary-2025/>



Volunteer for Bealtaine Festival 2025

Be part of the 30th anniversary of the Bealtaine Festival by volunteering. Looking for enthusiastic, friendly, and creative individuals to help bring this vibrant celebration to life.

Opportunities for general festival volunteers, who will assist with events and engage with the public, as well as social media volunteers, who will help share the festival's energy online. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, gain new experiences, and enjoy exciting arts events. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome.

If you're passionate about the arts and creativity, we'd love to hear from you!

Deadline: 12pm, 12th March 2025

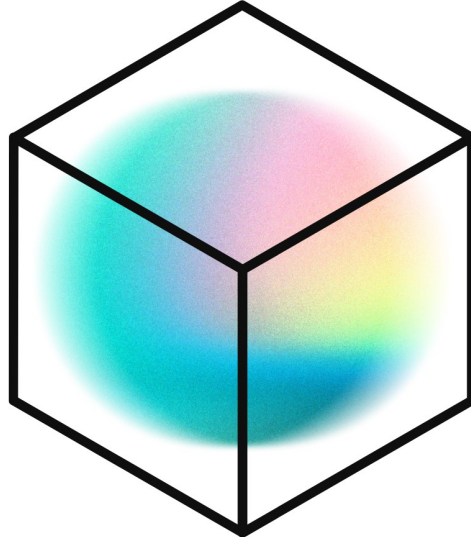
For more details and to apply: <https://bealtaine.ie/be-a-bealtaine-festival-volunteer/>

OPEN CALL

Exhibition and Event

Proposals for

Súil



Find out more at clarearts.ie

Deadline

28 FEB



About Súil

Súil is the first municipal gallery in County Clare and is the result of years of consultation, design and development. Súil offers a purpose built, professionally curated and managed space in the heart of Clare. The new gallery will provide the people of Clare, surrounding counties and tourists, with access to professional, contemporary art exhibitions and events.

Exhibitions

Súil seeks exhibition proposals from professional artists, either independent or as a group, to be realised from spring/summer of 2025. Exhibitions are expected to range from 4-8 weeks. Applicants will receive a stipend proportional to the size/scope of the exhibition.

Events

Súil seeks event/workshop/performance proposals from professional artists, either independent or as a group, to be realised throughout 2025. Applicants will receive a stipend proportional to the size/scope of event.

Find out more at Clarearts.ie



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council



Local Enhancement Programme 2025 - Applications Open

Tipperary County Council on behalf of Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) has launched its Local Enhancement Programme for 2025.

Funding of €206,558 has been allocated to Tipperary for **small scale capital supports** for community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged communities in rural and urban areas.

There will be a particular focus on small capital works/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use. The funding may be used, but is not limited to; improved access for persons with a disability; enhancing community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups, and improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs.

A further €34,426 in current funding is available to community groups to provide **support for running costs** to help them continue their important work within the community.

Applications are now open and can be made via the Council website - <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/community/community-enhancement-programme>

The closing date for applications is 4pm Friday 28th February 2025.

Any queries can be emailed to ecrdgrants@tipperarycoco.ie



Attention Playwrights

SCRIPTS: Ireland's Playwriting Festival, in partnership with Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, seeks new works for the stage.

The theme for 2025 is **PERCEPTIONS**.

PERCEPTIONS... How do perceptions shape the way stories are told? Whether it's the lens through which we view ourselves, others, or society as a whole, individuals' perceptions impact each and every one of our daily interactions, leading to connections, misunderstandings, or revelations.

Playwrights (both established and emerging) are invited to submit an original 15 minute play on the theme **PERCEPTIONS**. Three scripts, most suited for development, will be selected through a rigorous shortlisting process.

[Submit your Play Here](#)

The Selected Playwrights then receive:

- A week of mentoring and script development with **Eugene O'Brien**
- Free accommodation
- Multiple Workshops with theatre practitioners and a team of professional actors
- Live rehearsed reading of your work at our Festival Finale at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre
- Tickets to all Scripts 2025 events

The prize for "Best Play" given at the end of the festival includes:

- Dramaturgy support with the literary department at **The Abbey Theatre**;
- a scholarship with **Fishamble**, the New Play Company;
- a Theatre Residency at **Birr Theatre & Arts Centre** in 2026.

Deadline for Submissions is Friday, 21st March, 2025 at 12 noon



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Rough Magic SEEDS Opportunity

A new round of SEEDS artist development programme: 2025–2026

In 2001, Rough Magic launched SEEDS as a **pioneering artist development initiative**. To date it has supported 58 emerging theatre artists, with the vast majority of these going on to establish themselves as theatre professionals, many in leading roles.

The programme has evolved over time in response to the needs of the sector. Having previously focused on supporting individual artists, this year Rough Magic will be evolving SEEDS to support **emerging theatre collectives**.

[More information and apply here](#)

The closing date for applications is 5pm, Friday 7 March 2025.

If you have any questions, feel free to email at info@roughmagic.ie.





create national development
agency for collaborative arts

Artist in the Community Scheme

AIC Awards



Pleasc, Fíabín. A previous AIC Scheme Project Realisation award recipient. Photo: Seán T Ó Meallaigh

[Artist in Community Scheme Awards 2025](#)

Deadline 31st March, 2025

The Arts Council's Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme, managed by Create, offers awards to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together to create exceptional art.

Applications are now open for Artist in the Community Scheme Awards 2025. This includes the following awards:

- Research and Development Award (without Mentoring)
- Research and Development Award (with Mentoring)
- Recent Graduate Research and Development Award (with Mentoring)
- Project Realisation Award

Information Sessions

From internal research that in 2024, 63% of proposals deemed ineligible were submitted by artists and communities who did not seek advice from Create before applying. We strongly recommend that applicants attend information sessions and one to one advisory clinics in advance of applying. Find out more about upcoming info sessions and advisory clinics with Create staff and previous AIC Scheme recipients on [events page](#), or click the links below:

[AIC Scheme Online Info session – 25 February 2025](#)

[AIC Scheme Info Session, Tipperary Arts Centre – 27 February 2025](#)

[AIC Scheme Online Info session – 12 March 2025](#)



ARTS COUNCIL 2025 FUNDING SCHEDULE

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

FUNDING PROGRAMME	OPENING	CLOSING
Commissions Award	Accepting Applications	27 Feb 2025
Dance Artist Residency Scheme	Accepting Applications	27 Feb 2025
Deis Recording and Publication Award	Accepting Applications	27 Feb 2025
Young Ensembles Scheme	Accepting Applications	27 Feb 2025
Culture Night Late	Accepting Applications	6 Mar 2025
Arts Grant Funding	Accepting Applications	13 Mar 2025
Joan Denise Moriarty Award	Accepting Applications	13 Mar 2025
Artist in the Community Scheme	Accepting Applications	31 Mar 2025
Writers in Schools Scheme	Accepting Applications	Ongoing
Artist & Youth Work Residency Scheme	14 Feb 2025	28 Mar 2025
Opera Projects & Production Award	18 Feb 2025	20 Mar 2025
Art & Disability Connect	24 Mar 2025	7 May 2025

EVENTS



1 Nelson Street, Clonmel,
Co Tipperary E91 W658



Artist In Community Scheme | Information session

The scheme is open to artists from any of the following artform disciplines: architecture, circus, street art and spectacle, dance, film, literature (Irish and English language), music, opera, theatre, visual arts, and traditional arts. The projects can take place in a diverse range of social and community contexts e.g. arts and health; arts in prisons; arts and older people; arts and cultural diversity. The aim of the scheme is to encourage meaningful collaboration between communities of place and/or interest and artists.

The information session is about answering any questions you might have about making an application to the Scheme. It's also about sharing experience of developing and delivering a collaborative project through the Scheme. If you are an artist or a community organisation interested in the Artist in the Community Scheme but don't know where to start, come talk to us. If you are an artist interested in developing a collaborative project with a community organisation or in a community situation this event is for you. If you are an artist who has applied before and would like to access further detail on the application process, please join us.

For more information visit: <https://www.southtippartscentre.ie/events/artist-in-community-scheme-information-session>

Contact: +353 52 61 27877 info@southtippartscentre.ie



I will not flower
Sarah Long

1st March - 17th April 2025



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Sarah Long - *I will not flower*

I will not flower presents an installation of painting and sound that reflects on the potential allegorical qualities of the fern plant. The fern's ability to reproduce asexually and sexually through the production of spores, alongside its primeval origins, has generated a rich mythology, in particular that of the imaginary 'fern flower'.

This work is part of larger project Death & Dreams. Death & Dreams is a work of autofiction that encompasses painting, performance, sound, moving image and long form text. The work engages with the Mother Ireland figure and reflects on repressed feminine archetypes.

Sarah Long is a CorkCity-based artist. Her practice is concerned with the idea of the landscape as a receptacle of human ideas—a place where nature and allegory are intrinsically intertwined. She makes drawings, paintings, installations and moving image work that reflect on the present relationship with the Irish landscape. The landscape acts as a framework for her practice, allowing the work to reflect on suppressed feminine archetypes and the influence of Irish history and literature on both our cultural memory and our current collective perspective of space. Join us for our opening reception of Sarah Long – *I will not flower* from 6pm-8pm on Friday 28th February 2025.

For more information visit: <https://www.southtippartscentre.ie/events/sarah-long---i-will-not-flower>

Contact: [+353 52 61 27877](tel:+353526127877) info@southtippartscentre.ie



Do you know a child aged 6-16 with a lifelong physical health condition who'd love to connect with others and get creative?

At Helium Arts, we run **free art workshops**—both **in-person and online**—**for children and young people with lifelong physical health conditions like diabetes, epilepsy, spina bifida, heart conditions, juvenile arthritis, rare conditions, and more.**

Through art, these children can **build confidence, make friends, and just have fun!** Our workshops are led by professional artists, supported by friendly volunteers, and include an **on-site medic at every session to ensure a safe and secure environment** for all participants. Here's what one parent had to say:

"Being connected to other kids with various conditions is great for her. In normal life, she's the only kid she knows who even has to take daily medication of any kind."

Our Spring workshops are **now open for registration in Limerick, Nenagh, Ennis and online!** Please help us spread the word by sharing this email with anyone who might be interested in these workshops.

Workshop details below:

Ages 13-16

Limerick Youth Saturday Meet Ups: 22 March, 26 April, 24 May, plus more Saturdays coming soon (Limerick City Gallery of Art)

Distance Creates Online Saturday Youth Meet Ups: 26 April, 24 May with more Saturdays to be announced throughout the year (Nationwide)

Ages 8-12

Limerick Spring Saturdays: 5 Saturdays Workshops 8 March - 12 April (Dooradoyle Library, Crescent Shopping Centre)

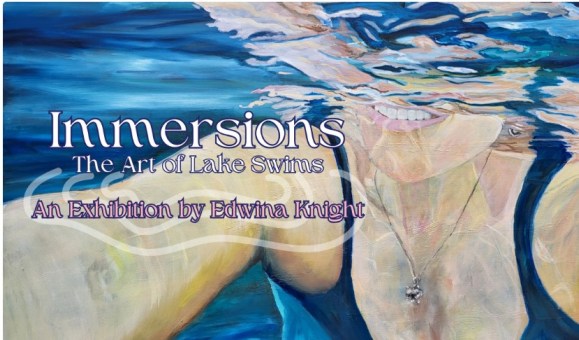
Nenagh Easter Camp: 2-day camp 16-17 April (Tyone Community Centre)

Ennis Easter Camp: 3-day camp 15-17 April (CBS Primary School, Ennis)

Distance Creates Online Spring Saturdays: 8 March - 12 April (6-week online & offline workshops from home with a bespoke art pack delivered to your door)

Ages 6-8

Distance Creates Online Spring Saturdays: 8 March - 12 April (6-week online & offline workshops from home with a bespoke art pack delivered to your door)



Immersion—The art of Lake Swims

An exhibition by Edwina Knight

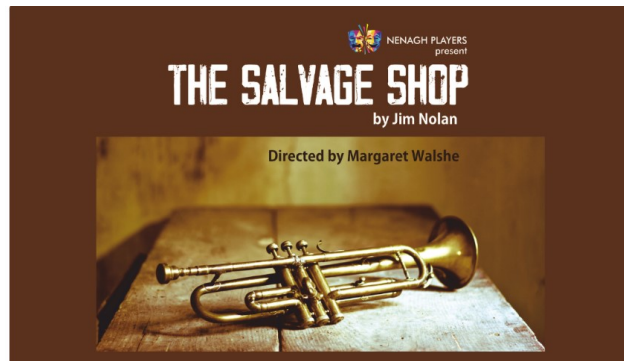
3rd to 31st March, 2025

Meet the artist—Monday 10th March
2pm—4pm

Nenagh Players Present:
The Salvage Shop
from Tuesday 4th March to
Saturday 8th March, 2025

At 8pm

Tickets €18/€20



First Friday of Every Month

Next Meet up is on **7th March, 2025**
At 10am

FREE Event

Tel 067 34400 for more information

Volunteers Needed for St Patricks Day Parade, Nenagh

Be part of the St Patricks Day Parade by volunteering.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, gain new experiences, and enjoy the parade. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome.

If interested please email Nenagh Chamber of Commerce

nenaghchamber@gmail.com



Philip Quinn Exhibition

All Ground is Holy

From Saturday 15th February 2025

Artist talk with Eamonn Maxwell on
Saturday 22nd February, 2025

ALL GROUND IS HOLY

Created mostly in *wild stone* is inspired by stories and the people and the place where Philip lives and where he grew up. It's about having an innate connection to the land and the stories, it's a feeling deeper than just nostalgia; it's a part of your being. It is something most people relate to it, the sense of place and belonging.

Philip's sculptures are maps of landscape and memory. The pieces he makes are reminiscent of and inspired by the place where he grew up, the fields, hills and ruins where they played. We are connected to everything; Philip believes that the land and the objects around you influence your being and soul.

Wild Stone: *Stone that appears while digging a drain or ploughing a field.*

On **Saturday 22nd at 2.30pm** there will be a Gallery Talk at the exhibition, featuring Eamonn Maxwell chatting to Philip about the pieces; the inspiration and the process. Eamonn has worked as a contemporary art curator and art advisor for more than 20 years.

He has curated numerous exhibitions across the world including the Irish Pavilion at the Venice Biennale in 2011. From 2009 to 2016, he was Director of Lismore Castle Arts. Eamonn regularly lectures at Universities and Art Schools in Ireland and internationally.



The Arts Council Agility Award Application Basic

5 March, 2025 @1.00pm—2.00pm

How do I 'Develop' my Script

12 March, 2025 @1.00pm—2.00pm

My Play is ready now what?

19 March, 2025 @1.00pm—2.00pm

For more information and to register:

<https://mindingcreativeminds.ie/events/>

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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.

