

# Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date

**November  
2025**

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## Call for Applications Six in the Attic & Virtual Attic 2025 - 26 with Irish Theatre Institute

**Are you a playwright or theatre maker  
with bold plans for 2026?**  
Looking for time, space, support and a  
network of peers who  
get what you're doing?

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE: THURS 13 NOVEMBER, 4PM**  
**APPLY NOW: [irishtheatreinstitute.ie](https://irishtheatreinstitute.ie)**

**INFO SESSION (ZOOM):  
WED 22 OCT, 1PM**



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na Gaillimhe  
Galway City Council



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## Call Applications

### Six in the Attic & Virtual Attic 2025/2026

Applications are now open for the artist development programmes of the Irish Theatre Institute. This year-long initiative provides playwrights and theatre makers with the space, resources, and community to develop their practice and build lasting professional connections.

Deadline to apply: 13 November, 4pm.

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



# BASKING - THE NURSERY

## TOM MESKELL

14 November - 19 December 2025  
6s & 7s Gallery, Tipperary Town

Exhibition Opens Friday 14 November at 6pm  
Artist Talk Saturday 15 November at 11am  
All welcome

6s & 7s Gallery, 6 Davis Street  
Tipperary Town

Open Tuesday to Friday 10am - 4 pm, Saturdays 11am - 4pm



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**Artist Tom Meskell brings his touring installation *Basking* to the 6s & 7s Gallery in Tipperary Town this November with *Basking – The Nursery*, an immersive light installation celebrating the gentle mystery of the basking shark.**

The initial Installation in July of this year in Roscommon Arts Centre focused on the adult Basking Shark, this show is inspired by the rarely seen early life of these ocean giants.

*The Nursery* transforms the gallery into a glowing underwater world of light and sound. Four illuminated basking shark pups, each over six feet long, will appear to swim through the space alongside moon jellies and plankton created by local schools and community groups.

Working in collaboration with local artists, Meskell will build the installation over twelve days, sharing advanced lantern-making and installation techniques. Community engagement will include workshops with primary school children, and a teenage group, whose creations will become part of the final installation. In addition to this, an artist talk will take place on Saturday 15 November at 11am which is open to the public.

The beautiful soundscape was composed for this project by Colm O'Snodaigh and Brian Hogan.

"This iteration of *Basking* is allowing me to explore different formats the project can take — being inspired by the new space and context in Tipperary," says artist Tom Meskell.

The project is supported by The Irish Basking Shark Group, bringing the wonder and reality of these remarkable creatures to life.

This project takes place as part of Tipperary County Council's Arts Programme with the support of the Arts Council and in cooperation with Creative Places Tipperary Town.

**Location:** 6s & 7s Gallery, 6 Davis Street, Tipperary Town

**Dates:** 15 November to 19 December, 2025

**Opening Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Saturday 11.00am to 4.00pm

**Public Launch:** Friday, 14 November, 2025 at 6.00pm

**Artist Talk:** Saturday, 15 November, 2025 at 11.00am

# OPPORTUNITIES



## **Audio Description Training—Open Call to Attend Audition on Tuesday 25 November, 2025**

In Spring 2026, Arts & Disability Ireland, The Lir Academy, National Academy of Dramatic Arts and Mind's Eye Audio Description will run a training course in Audio Description in Dublin.

The Course will equip learners with the necessary skills and techniques to work as free-lance audio describers in theatre, with transferable skills for film, television and visual arts.

The course will cover:

- Visual impairment awareness and guiding
- The scripting and delivery of audio description
- Learning how to lead a touch tour
- Developing language and vocal skills
- Operating audio description equipment

### **Application Process:**

The Application process is in two phases:

Stage 1: Interested applicants are requested to submit a CV and a short paragraph (50 words) on why you think you would make a good audio describer. Please email to [jenny@adiarts.e](mailto:jenny@adiarts.e)

### **Closing Date for submissions is 18.00 on Monday 10th November**

Stage 2: Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an Information and Audition Day which will take place in Dublin on **Tuesday 25 November**, from 11.30—15.30 at The Lir Academy.

### **Course Fee: €300**

This covers lunch on the first and last day, tea and coffee during the sessions, and your theatre tickets. Course participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

For further information click [Here](#)

## MEDICAL NOTES MUSICIANS MENTORING OPPORTUNITY

*Music in Healthcare Settings*



Cork



Limerick

### Mentoring Opportunity for Musicians – Medical Notes 2026

Music & Health Ireland is inviting professional musicians in the Limerick and Cork regions to apply for a new mentoring opportunity as part of the *Medical Notes* programme, running from February to April 2026. This initiative offers professional musicians a chance to develop their practice in hospital settings or explore for the first time, working alongside experienced mentors to explore how music can connect and support wellbeing for patients, families, and staff.

There are seeking instrumentalists or vocalists with a portable instrument who are curious about using their music in new ways, not as performance, but as shared connection. The mentorship includes **four mentored sessions**, reflective practice, and **paid participation (€150 per session)**.

#### Interview Workshops:

- Cork – Monday, November 24th, 2025 @MTU
- Limerick – Wednesday, November 26th, 2025 @UL

#### Application Deadline: 14 November, 2025

Find out more information and how to apply click [here](#)

### Midwest Online Creative Exchange: Music & Health Ireland invites community musicians

An informal **one-hour online Creative Exchange** for musicians in the Midwest exploring **music-making in community and care contexts**.

This free session offers a space to:

- Connect with fellow community musicians
- Share creative and facilitation approaches
- Strengthen networks and spark collaboration

#### Who it's for:

Musicians from any genre working (or interested in working) with community groups — from young people to older adults, including intergenerational and community care projects.

Format: Online via Zoom

Date/Time: 12th November, 2025 7.00pm—8.00pm

Cost: Free

Booking: Via [Eventbrite](#)



## Lightform: Collaborative Festivals Initiative

### Longford Lights x Night and Day Festival x Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival

**Deadline:** Friday 14 November 2025

**Budget:** €6,000

We invite proposals for a **major outdoor installation** celebrating the creative partnership between three Midlands festivals: [Longford Lights](#), [Night and Day Festival](#), and [Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival](#).

### Project Scope & Considerations

- **Dual Visibility:** The work must be visually compelling **both during the day and by night**.
- **Location Flexibility:** Installation should be suitable for grass or hard surfaces, and may take the form of a single large piece or a series of inter connected elements.
- **Lighting:** Options for internal or external illumination are encouraged. Careful planning of lighting is essential
- **Practicality:** Consider ease of installation, dismantling, and transport logistics.
- **Audience:** All three festivals are family-friendly with high visitor numbers. Safety, accessibility, and broad public engagement are essential.

More information and how to apply [Here](#)



Applications are now open for the Music Capital Scheme Awards 1, 2 and 3

The Music Capital Scheme, which is supported by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport, provides funding for the purchase of musical instruments and selected items of equipment to individual professional musicians and non-professional groups across the country.

Deadline: Thursday 27 November 2025, 2pm.

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



## Call for Applications

**Deadline: 5pm, 28 November, 2025**

The Trustees of the [Golden Fleece Award 2025](#) invites applications for the 2026 Award.

The Golden Fleece Award provides funding for artists working in all forms of visual, craft and applied arts. It is the largest prize open to both artists and makers in Ireland, and it aims to provide resources for creative practitioners working in all forms of visual, craft and applied arts to innovate and develop their work at a critical point in their careers.

Applications must be made via the Online Application Form on the Golden Fleece Awards website before the deadline: **5pm of Friday 28th November, 2025**

For More Information click [Here](#)

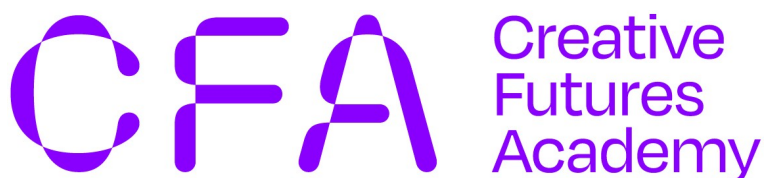


## **Community Climate Action Fund Call 2 Open Applications**

The Climate Action Team are delighted to announce the launch of the Community Climate Action Fund - Call 2 funded by the Department of Climate, Energy & Environment and administered by Tipperary County Council on Friday **17<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 with a closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025 at 4pm.**

For full details, application form and associated documents please see the website link below.

[Community Climate Action Fund Call 2 Open for Applications | Tipperary County Council](#)



## **Creative Futures Academy Courses for Artists and Creative Professionals**

Please see below list of upcoming courses that are fully online or in hybrid Formats:

[Professional Certificate in AI for Design](#), Apply by 25 November 2025. **ONLINE**

[Certificate in Radio + Podcast Production](#), Apply by 30 November 2025. **SATURDAYS + ONLINE**

[Professional Certificate in Art and Design Research Ethics](#), Apply by 5 January 2026. **IN-PERSON OR ONLINE**

[Professional Certificate in Creative Learning](#), Apply by 9 January 2026. **SATURDAYS + ONLINE**

[Certificate in Spatial Data Visualisation](#), Apply by 20 January 2026. **SATURDAYS**

[Certificate in Digital Sculpting](#), Apply by 20 February 2026. **ONLINE**

[Professional Certificate in Writing for / as Research](#), Apply by 23 February 2026. **IN-PERSON OR ONLINE**





## ARTS COUNCIL 2025 FUNDING SCHEDULE

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

<b>FUNDING PROGRAMME</b>	<b>OPENING</b>	<b>CLOSING</b>
Theatre Project Award 2026—Round 2	Open	20 November, 2025
Festivals Investment Scheme 2026—Round 2	Open	20 November, 2025
Co-funding Award 2026	11 November	11 December, 2025
Creative Production Supports	11 November	11 December, 2025
Writers in Schools Scheme	Open	31 December, 2025
Touring of Work Scheme—Advance Planning	9 December	22 January, 2026
Touring of Work Scheme— Round 2	9 December	22 January, 2026

# EVENTS

## Some Upcoming Festivals in Tipperary for November

### Irish Youth Circus Gathering 2025

Tuesday, 11th November  
to

Friday, 14th November

Find out more information and  
how to book [Here](#)



# *Cahir Arts*



Robert Jackson

## THE CLOUDS SEEM DIFFERENT HERE

Cahir Arts

26 Castle Street,

Cahir,

Co. Tipperary, E21 E004, Ireland

Exhibition on view 14th October - 15th November

CATALOGUE OF WORKS

Cahir Arts presents **The Clouds Seem Different Here** by **Robert Jackson**

Open Tuesday to Friday 10.30am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.30pm



067 34400  
www.nenagharts.com  
Banba Square, Nenagh,  
Co. Tipperary E45 NX26



### Notes from the Interior

An Exhibition by Gerri O'Brien

1st to 29th November , 2025

### Cash on Delivery

Join Nenagh Players, for their newest laugh out loud comedy production.

11th to 15th November

For ticket booking click [Here](#)



### Bush Meets Meadows

An Exhibition by Melissa Ryan

1 December to 31 December

To find out more Details and Upcoming Events

Click [Here](#)



### **Moving Through Things**

A new exhibition and performance by Elaine Grainger.

Open Reception: 14 November 6 to 8pm

Performance: 15 & 22 November at 1.00pm—STAC Gallery

STAC Chapel installation: 18 to 21 November

More information [Here](#)

### **Junior Cycle Arts Classes**

Classes run Wednesday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Cost is €60 for a 6 week block.  
Suitable for ages 13 +

Email for more information

[info@southtippartscentre.ie](mailto:info@southtippartscentre.ie)





## **Electronic Music Workshop**

Are you making music or in a band?

Source is hosting a workshop by electronic group Meltybrains to impart learners with a basic understanding of how they can use computer programmes to make music from scratch and give more advanced musicians a way to expand upon their knowledge of electronic music and apply it to various settings.

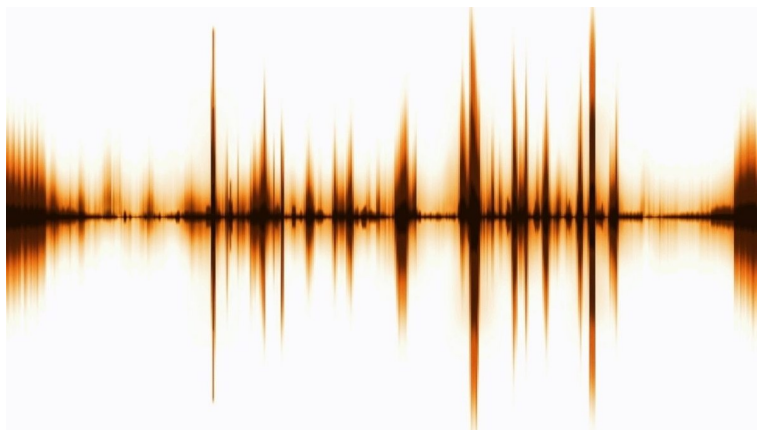
By the end of the workshop, we're hoping each learner would have the confidence and ability to open a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) for their own use.

Saturday 8 November, 2025 11.00am to 3.00pm

This is a day-long workshop

Fee is: €50 - for ages 15+ and places are limited.

Email: [admin@sourcearts.ie](mailto:admin@sourcearts.ie)



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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](mailto: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](http://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.

