

Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date

December 2025



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Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2026- Open Call



Tipperary Arts Office is issuing an open call to artists from across all art forms born or based in County Tipperary to submit a written proposal for an engagement project or event targeted at older people, culminating in a showcase during the month of May 2026 as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

Bealtaine is presented as a nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is an initiative of **Age & Opportunity**, the national organisation that promotes active and engaged living as we get older.

Deadline: 12 Noon, Thursday, 15 January, 2026

Please click on the below link for full details::

[Tipperary Bealtaine 2026 - Open Call to Tipperary Artists | Tipperary County Council](#)

Image: 'My Singing Bird' Artists Andy Spearpoint and Leisa Gray working in partnership with Silver Arch Family Resource Centre, together explored the world of birds through songwriting, soundscape making, singing, creative writing and image making.

Tipperary Arts Office Grant Schemes 2026

Tipperary Arts Office are pleased to announce the following Grant Schemes are now open for applications

Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Thursday 5th February, 2026**

[Arts Festivals Support | Tipperary County Council](#)

Artist in Primary School Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Friday 6th February, 2026**

Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Thursday, 19th February, 2026**

Tipperary Artist Award 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Thursday, 26th February, 2026**

Local Drama Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Thursday, 26th February, 2026**

Click on the link below for Application Forms and Guidelines

[Tipperary Arts Office Grant Schemes](#)

The Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Thursday 26th February, 2026**

Blas International Summer School for Traditional Irish Music and Dance

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon, Thursday, 26th March, 2026**

Application Forms and Guidelines for the above two schemes will be published on the website shortly



OPPORTUNITIES



Artist Residencies 2026 Open Call

Artlink's 2026 residency program invites professional visual artists in any discipline to spend four weeks between April and September developing new work inspired by the site and engaging with the community.

Three residencies are available—

one international (€7,500),

one for an Iceland-based artist (€7,500), and one for an Ireland-based artist (€6,000).

Application deadline: 5th January 2026.

Click [Here](#) for more information and to apply

Sewing Classes

For teens and children

€70.00 – €85.00

6 week course January-February 2026

Dates; Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
January, 4th, 11th February

3pm-4pm 8-12 year old

4.30pm-5.30pm 12 year +

The course will be held in the Killaloe area.

Suitable for beginners and improvers.

Click [Here](#) for more information



Art Classes at Pastoral Centre, Church Road Nenagh

Mondays, 10:00 am – 12:30pm.

Beginners extremely welcome as well as improvers and the more experienced.

Friendly, calm and relaxed atmosphere.

For further details contact:

Eileen 087 2498258

or

Richard: richx@live.ie





3 new grant
calls are
now open!

New Creative Ireland
funding announced
€4.6 million across
3 grant calls



THREE new funding calls totalling €4.6 million are now OPEN

These new funding opportunities will support creativity, connection and wellbeing across the island of Ireland and are available through;

1. Creative Health & Wellbeing in the Community, Local Authority Partnerships Grant Call (with a Shared Island dimension)
2. Creative Communities on a Shared Island - Local Authority Partnerships with Creative and Community Organisations Grant Call
3. Creative Youth Nurture Fund Grant Call (with a Shared Island dimension)

Applications close at 1pm on 27 February, 2026

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





ANNOUNCING IRELAND'S NEW POETRY PUBLISHER

Three Pillars Press

Three Pillars Press is excited to announce its official launch as an independent Poetry Pamphlet Press dedicated to publishing new voices in contemporary poetry.

Founded in 2025, the Press aims to offer a publishing platform to new and emerging poets, who haven't published a full collection.

There will be up to four new releases each year, each pamphlet consisting of 20-25 poems. They want to celebrate new poetry voices and make poetry accessible in affordable editions.

Each pamphlet will be carefully edited and designed, and will be available from the Press's on-line store, at launches, readings, and through selected bookshops.

The Founding Editors are Ger Duffy and Billy Fenton, both who are emerging poets themselves, and are widely published in Irish and UK journals.

Initially, the press will host **The Three Pillars Press Poetry Awards** - a new pamphlet competition. Submissions will be open from January-February 2026. In 2026; this will only be open to poets resident or born on the Island of Ireland. From this, the editors will select a shortlist of ten. These will be submitted to an external judge, who will be an established and well-known poet, and the judge will select a winner, a runner-up, four Highly Commended and four Commended pamphlets.

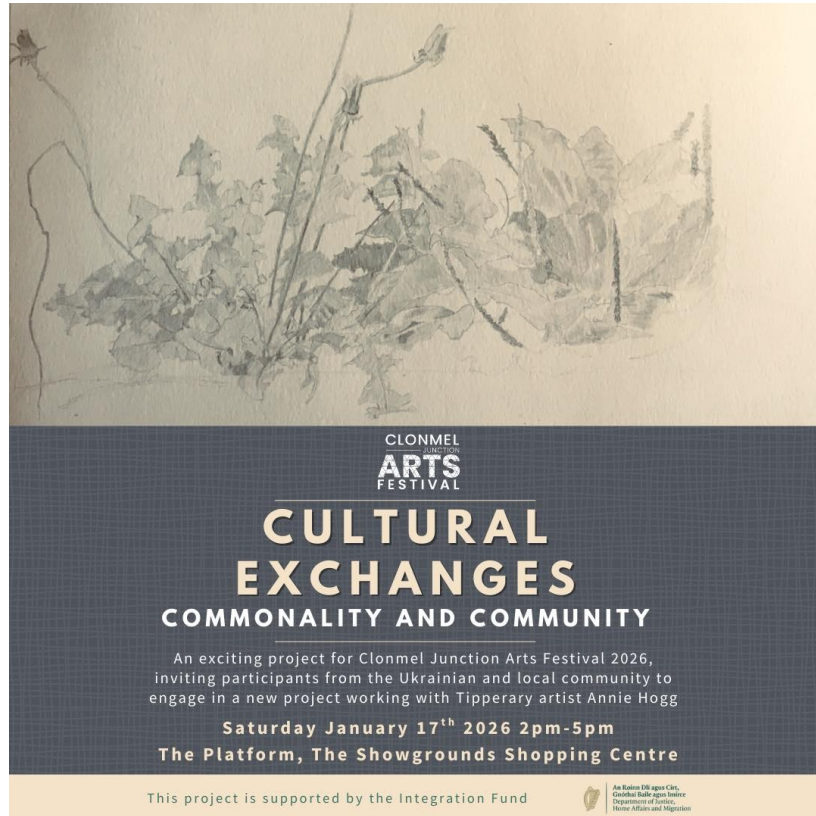
The winner and runner up will be awarded prizes and will be published by the press, and will be invited to read at launches, both live and on-line. Commended poets will also be offered reading opportunities.

They are particularly interested in hearing from underrepresented poets.

For further information, have a look at their website

<https://www.3pillarspress.com/>

Or contact the Editors—Billy Fenton or Ger Duffy 3pillarspress@gmail.com



Centring around a knowledge of plants, their uses and folklore, the project will search for our commonality through our use of plants. Participants will make materials from Tipperary hedge-rows and create textile artefacts linked through embroidery in both Ukrainian and Irish traditions on linen. Stories surrounding the plants and folklore will be recorded during the sessions and assembled into audio to accompany the linen installation to be sited in the centre of Clonmel during the 2026 festival.

The first meeting will take place on Saturday 17th January 2026 from 2pm-5pm in The Platform in The Showgrounds Shopping Centre. If you have an interest in crafting, please register via our google form to take part in the project: <https://forms.gle/tDjsiZV41DB8a6iDA>

Перша зустріч відбудеться в суботу, 17 січня, з 14:00 до 17:00 на Платформі в торговому центрі Showgrounds. Якщо вас цікавить рукоділля, будь ласка, зареєструйтесь через нашу гугл-форму, щоб взяти участь у проєкті: <https://forms.gle/YgUvC8ifdeUB8xXs7>

Первая встреча состоится в субботу, 17 января, с 14:00 до 17:00 в The Platform в торговом центре The Showgrounds. Если вы интересуетесь рукоделием, пожалуйста, зарегистрируйтесь через нашу форму Google, чтобы принять участие в проекте: <https://forms.gle/iG6UidvV13yyGmaF9>

This project is supported by the Integration Fund



ARTS COUNCIL 2025/2026 FUNDING

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

FUNDING PROGRAMME

OPENING

CLOSING

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
Creative Places Award	9 December	12 February 2026
Bursary Award	6 January	12 February, 2026
Dance Artist Residency Scheme	20 January	19 February, 2026
Deis Recording & Publication Award	20 January	19 February, 2026
Commissions Award—Music, Opera, Festivals	20 January	19 February, 2026
Young Ensembles Scheme	27 January	26 February, 2026





EVENTS



Grianstad 2025

21 December, 2025

Mark the closing of the shortest day of the year as light fades

Grianstad is an immersive audio experience timed to the sun setting on the winter solstice. Designed as a collective experience for listeners all around the country and beyond, audiences are encouraged to use headphones to journey outdoors towards the sunset, and to take in the light.

Grianstad – the Irish word for ‘sun stop’ or solstice – invites audiences to take a moment to reflect, to gather with friends or experience solo, and mark the closing of the shortest day of the year as the light fades. This moment of transition signals to us that brighter times are on the way.

Originally presented in 2022, this special adaptation of Grianstad is dedicated to Manchán Magan. Manchán inspired so many people around the world to engage more deeply with land and language, the natural world, and the interconnectedness and ancestry that generates and underpins us all.

Created by Una Mullally, with sound design by Jane Arnison, presented by THISISPOPBABY and supported by 14 arts venues around the country, Grianstad is mixed in Dolby Atmos by Jane Arnison and features ColmMac Con Iomaire, MayKay, Ben Castle, Adam Matthews and Julie Fogarty.

Grianstad is free but ticketed, with a suggested donation of €10 Hometree – a tree planting charity that Manchán was a trustee of. Once registered, audiences will receive an email on 21 December with a link to the piece and instructions.

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



Christmas Tales

Dilly Dally's Magical Adventure
Show at 1.00pm

Followed by Christmas Storytime until
3.00pm

Admission Free but ticketed

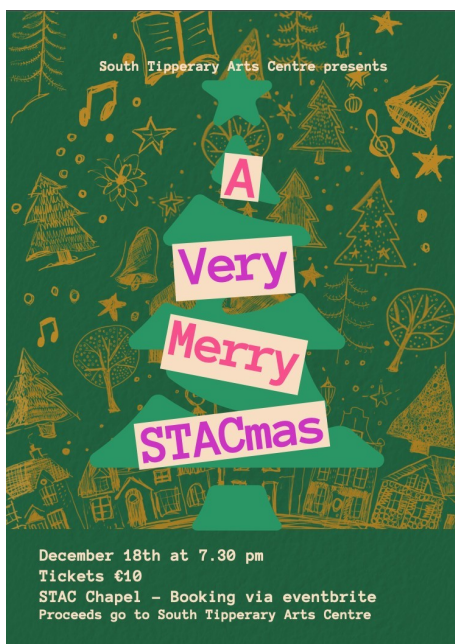
Saturday, 13th December



Santa's Sensory Grotto

Free but booking is essential

Saturday, 13th December



South Tipperary Arts Centre
presents

A Very Merry STACmas

Tickets €10

Thursday 18th December
at 7.30pm

For Booking and to find out more upcoming events click [Here](#)



**NENAGH
ARTS
CENTRE**
067 34400
www.nenagharts.com
Banba Square, Nenagh,
Co. Tipperary E45 NX26



Bush Meets Meadows

Art Exhibition by Melissa Ryan, Mixed Medium, Art & Textiles

1st December to 31 December

Christmas Crafts Children's Workshop

Monday 22nd December

2.30pm to 4.00pm

7 to 12 year old



Nenagh Street Collective

Photography Meet Up

Tuesday 6 January, 2026

6.30pm to 8.30pm

For Booking and to find out more events click [Here](#)

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2026



**Thank you for your contributions to the Arts in Tipperary
and we look forward to working with you all again in 2026**

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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.

