

Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date

February 2026

Tipperary Arts Office Grant Schemes 2026

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

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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**

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**

Click on the link below for Application Forms and Guidelines

[Tipperary Arts Office Grant Schemes](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

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Creative Schools 2026

The Creative Schools initiative supports schools to put arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives, enhancing their learning experience.

It focuses on enabling schools to develop a Creative Schools plan over two years, working with a Creative Associate.

Creative Schools 2026 is open for applications from 24th February until 30th April, 2026.

Creative Schools Supports primary and post-primary schools and Youthreach centres across Ireland to put arts and creativity at the hearts of children's and young people's lives. Schools and Youthreach centres that join the programme take part in a two-year guided journey to develop a Creative Schools Plan unique to their own school, and to put it into action. Children and young people's involvement in planning, decision-making and reflection is central to the journey.

For more information on the award and how to apply, frequently asked questions and dates of online information clinics, please see [Schools Hub | The Arts Council | An Chomhairle Ealaíon](#)

Creative Schools is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme to enable the creative potential of every child. Creative Schools is led by the Arts Council in partnership with the Department of Education and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

This year they are seeking to raise participation in a number of counties, and particularly welcome applications from across county Tipperary.

If you would like some support with developing your application or further information, please contact us at creativeschools@artscouncil.ie



Help Lead, Support, and Inspire Laois Youth Theatre

Laois Youth Theatre are inviting expressions of interest from qualified parties to manage, support and develop Laois Youth Theatre and implement a Youth Theatre Programme for 2026-2029



Laois County Council Arts Service is inviting proposals for the Facilitation and Management of Laois Youth Theatre for the 2026–2029 pilot phase.

The successful applicant will manage, support and develop Laois Youth Theatre in Portlaoise and implement an annual Youth Theatre programme, with regard to the existing services and expertise within the Arts Service and supports provided.

Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 27th February.

Deadline for enquires is Wednesday 18th February.

For more information click [Here](#)

For further information please contact

Muireann Ní Chonail, Arts Officer / arts@laoiscoco.ie Or **T:** 057 866 4000



Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts

196th RHA Annual Exhibition in association with McCann Fitzgerald is now open for submissions.

The 196th RHA Annual Exhibition is Ireland's largest and longest running exhibition of visual art. Open to all artists working in paint, drawing, print, sculpture, photography and architecture, the RHA Annual attracts a large public and critical audience. With sales in excess of €840,000 in 2025, the Annual is a key event of the art calendar for both public and private buyers of all levels. The open submission is vital to the strength and vitality of the RHA Annual. Works selected through the open submission process make up around 70% of the exhibition with the rest of the artworks from RHA Members and Invited Artists. This year over €70,000 of prizes will be awarded to exhibiting artists. This prize fund, one of the largest in Ireland, is awarded to artists recognised for works of achievement.

The exhibition opens to the public from **25 May – 9 August**.

Deadline for submissions: **Monday, 23 February at 11.59pm**

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



Arts in Education Portal Documentation Award 2026

The Arts in Education Portal team invite applications for a documentation award. Through the award, successful applicants will receive services to the value of €5,000 that will support them in the documentation of current or upcoming project and a €500 stipend.

The purpose of the award is to support the development of documented outcomes from arts in education initiatives in Ireland, which can be shared with the arts in education community and give insights into different processes of engagement.

Two awards will be offered through this opportunity.

For more information and to complete your application visit

[Arts in Education Portal](#)

Deadline for submission is 5.00pm, Wednesday, 11 March, 2026



**Meet & Greet
Online Zoom**

18 February, 2026 @ 6.30pm—7.30pm

**Online Career Clinic
Online Zoom**

23 February, 2026 @ 7.00pm—8.00pm

**Meet & Greet
Online Zoom**

4 March, 2026 @ 6.30pm—7.30pm

**Beyond the Brief: Master Your Marketing & Client Relationships
Online Zoom**

23 March, 2026 @ 7.00pm—8.00pm

**Meet & Greet
Online Zoom**

For more information and to register:

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



ART CLASS

Art Classes continue at the **Pastoral Centre,
Church Road, Nenagh**

on Mondays 10:00 am – 12:30pm.

Beginners and improvers welcome

Calm and relaxed setting.

For further details contact:

Eileen 087 2498258

or

Richard: richx@live.ie

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**FREE Easter Art Camp
NENAGH**

- ✓ For young people with long-term physical health conditions
- ✓ Medical support onsite

Ages 8-12
31 Mar - 2 Apr
(Tues - Thurs)
Tyone Community Centre

Book Today
helium.ie

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Inspiring life through art

Get Creative with Life

Join a Workshop Today

Do you know a child aged 8—12 with a lifelong physical health condition who would love to connect with others and get creative?

Helium Arts are running a **Free Easter Art Camp**

Tuesday 31 March to Thursday 2 April

10.30 to 12.00: 14.00 to 16.00

Tyone Community Centre, Nenagh

Any questions email hello@helium.ie or call at 083 0103240

To find out more information and to book click [Here](#)



Applications are now open for the Music Capital Scheme Piano Award

This award supports the purchase/refurbishment of concert standard grand pianos by arts venues and music presenters.

Who can apply?

Organisations with:

- A year-round, high quality music programme
- Commitment to supporting professional musicians
- Strong audience and community engagement.

Total funding—€300,000

Deadline for Applications: 2 April, 2026 at 2.00pm

Online Information Session: 3 March, 2026 at 11.00am

Find out more about the award, register for online information session and how to apply click [Here](#)



ARTS COUNCIL 2026 FUNDING SCHEDULE

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

FUNDING PROGRAMME	OPENING	CLOSING
Dance Artist Residency Scheme	Open	19 February, 2026
Deis Recording & Publication Award	Open	19 February, 2026
Commissions Award—Music, Opera, Festivals	Open	19 February, 2026
Young Ensembles Scheme	Open	26 February, 2026
Culture Night Late	Open	5 March, 2026
Joan Denise Moriarty Award	Open	12 March, 2026
Arts Grant Funding 2027	Open	19 March, 2026
Artist & Youth Work Residency Scheme	Open	20 March, 2026
Opera Projects and Production Award	17 February	26 March, 2026
Artist in the Community Scheme—Round 1	Open	30 March, 2026
International Residency Initiatives Scheme	3 March	2 April, 2026
Children and Young People’s Arts Residency	3 March	2 April, 2026
Arts in Early Learning and Childcare Scheme	3 March	2 April, 2026
Agility Award	3 March	23 April, 2026

EVENTS



Word Sparks Session 1: Liminal Imprints

The first of free-flow writing sessions with poet and writer Jenny Cox

Saturday 7 March, 2026

South Tipperary Arts Centre

11.00am—12.30pm

Free

STAC's series of free-flow writing sessions return for 2026!

Through Word Sparks, poet and writer, Jenny Cox, invites writers to step in and engage with the 5 diverse exhibitions that will be running in STAC throughout our coming 30th anniversary year.

These morning sessions at South Tipperary Arts Centre will offer creatives the opportunity to use varied and thought-provoking works of art as prompts for sparking interesting conversations and fresh writing ideas.

Word Sparks is completely *free*, with no booking requirements, and refreshments provided.

More information [Here](#)



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



Intertwined Fates, an exhibition by Hanna Moskvița

16 February to 13 March

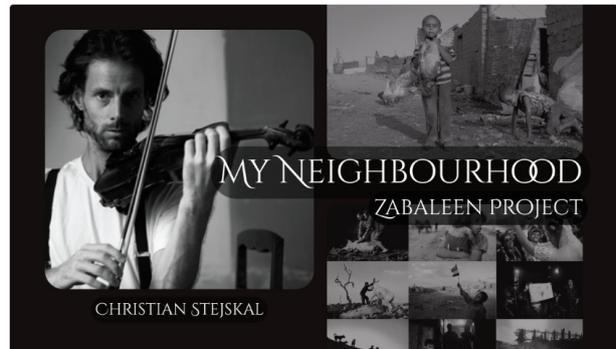
This exhibition presents a series of photorealistic portraits created exclusively with charcoal on paper

My Neighbourhood—Zabaleen Project

Wednesday 25 February

19.30—20.45

€18.00



The Company of Trees: A celebration in Words and Music

Thursday 12 March

19.30—20.30

Adults: €18.00
Under 18s: €15.00



Stop Motion Animation Summer Camp

Ages 8—16

Monday 6 to Friday 10 July, 2026

12.00—16.00

€120 per child

Places are limited, and early booking is essential.



To find out more information on the above and see upcoming events Click [HERE](#)



Longford Lights Artist Network & Panel Event

Artists and festival makers are warmly invited to the Longford Lights 2026 – Artists & Invited Guests Networking Event, an afternoon of conversation, connection, and reflection on the role of arts festivals in regional development.

Longford Branch Library (N39 HK76)

Saturday 21 February

2.30 – 4.30pm

Light refreshments provided

At the centre of the event is a panel discussion asking:
Can arts festivals bring about wider arts development to a region?

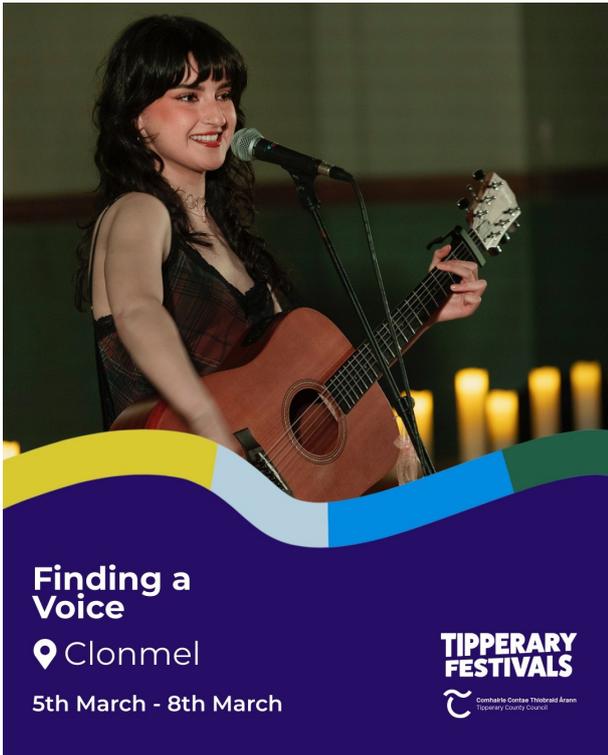
Panel speakers include:

- Sinéad O'Reilly, Combined Arts Director, Arts Council of Ireland
- Samantha Healy, Director of Services, Longford County Council
- T.V. Honan, Director, Spraoi Waterford
- Caroline Conway, Artistic Director, Longford Lights

The discussion will be followed by informal networking with artists, arts professionals and invited guests.

This is a Free event but seating is limited and booking essential

To Reserve your place Click [Here](#)



Finding a Voice

Unforgettable music by remarkable women

5 to 8 March, 2026

For more information click [Here](#)

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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 consideration for 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.

Note: Submission is not a guarantee of inclusion.

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.

