

Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date

April 2026

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The Arts Offices of Clare, Limerick, and Tipperary, in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland, invite you to the Artist & Curator Café- a one-day networking and professional development event focused on 'Creating Your Own Exhibition Opportunities', at Nenagh Arts Centre, Co Tipperary, E45 CD52, on Tuesday, 21st April from 11am to 4pm.

Artists who attend the event are also invited to submit an expression of interest for [An Open Call](#) to present their work at the showcase.

Selected artists will present slides of their practice and receive a €50 presentation fee.

The selection of artists practices will be curated by Dr Marianne O' Kane Boal.

Register to attend at the below link:

[Artist and Curator Café: Clare | Limerick | Tipperary](#)

To submit your expression of interest for the Open Call:

- Register at [Artist and Curator Café: Clare | Limerick | Tipperary](#)
- Email Emer Ferran services@visualartists with the following:
 - a short artist's statement (150 words)
 - Three high resolution images of work

Deadline is Friday 10 April



The Tipperary Youth Arts Hub is delighted to invite you to their workshop, "Sorcan Sessions with Willzee."

Date: Friday, 17 April

Time: 9.30am to 1.30pm

Venue: Clonmel Community Youth Project, Elm Park Community Centre, Elm Park, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary E91 P767.

Willzee is an award-winning writer and spoken word artist from Limerick, who has spent the past decade working with diverse groups across a wide range of backgrounds and abilities. Join for an inspiring morning as you explore the world of the arts together, spark creativity, and discover the possibilities that can emerge through expression and connection. It will be a great opportunity to:

- connect with other youth workers and artists,
- take part in lots of practical activities centred on creative writing and spoken word
- see what you can take back to integrate into your own work with young people to help them find their voice and express themselves!

You can find out all about Willzee and his work here: [Willzee | WTTNW](#)

Visit [Eventbrite Page](#) to learn more about the session.

Lunch is provided.

How to book your free place: <https://tipp-youth-arts-hub-april-17.eventbrite.ie>

Any Questions about the training day: Contact Rhona at rhona@nyci.ie

Join us for the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2026

Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine is presented as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity.

Tipperary Arts Office and the Tipperary Library Service, are delighted to work together once again to present a full and varied programme of events and activities across the county.

2026 is the final year celebrating the theme *Lust for Life*, based on Iggy Pop's iconic punk-era song celebrating life's dreams, ambitions, intoxications and excesses. We hope you will join in and attend some events, embracing your own Lust for Life this year!

Most events are free but pre-booking is advised.

The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival Programme can be viewed [Here](#) or pick up a copy from local libraries, district offices and arts venues around the county.

For further information contact

artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie Or libraries@tipperarycoco.ie



Bealtaine Festival
An Age & Opportunity **arts** initiative



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(Gerry Carew)

OPPORTUNITIES



**NENAGH
ARTS
CENTRE**

WE'RE HIRING

Artistic Director

Role includes:

- Artistic programming
- Strategic development
- Operation of venue
- Organisational management
- Reporting to Board

**CLOSING DATE:
Friday 17 April 2026 1pm**

For more information:
www.nenagharts.com/vacancies

Nenagh Arts Centre are seeking an Artistic Director to lead the next chapter of Nenagh Arts Centre—shaping artistic vision, developing programming, and guiding the strategic future of the venue.

This is an exciting opportunity for a dynamic leader passionate about the arts, community engagement and cultural development.

Closing Date: Friday, 17 April, 2026 at 1pm

For further details and how to apply:

www.nenagharts.com/vacancies



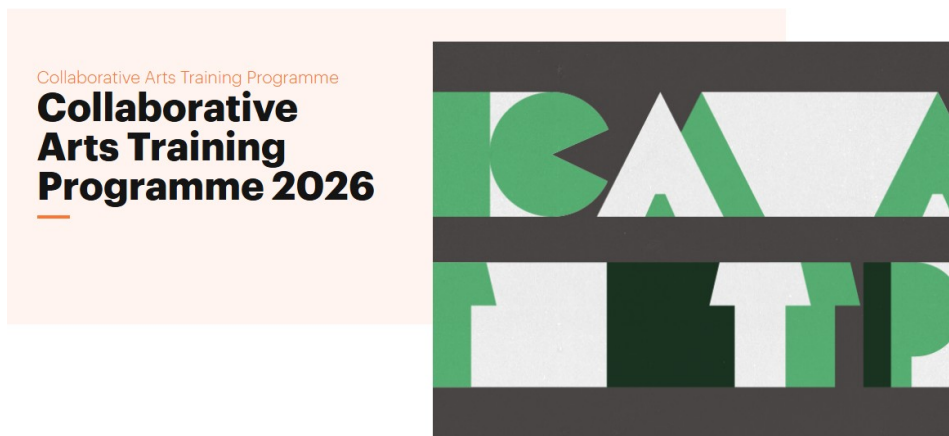
Open Call: STAC Residencies 2026

South Tipperary Arts Centre are delighted to announce a series of five, one-week residencies (Monday to Friday) for artists of all disciplines from June to September, 2026.

The aim of these one-week residencies is to facilitate collaboration between artists who wish to work together, but who have otherwise not had the time and/or space to do so. Each residency will receive a stipend of €1200, based on two individuals, regardless of the number of artists per application, so please consider this carefully if applying with more than two artists. Artists must deliver a public engagement element as part of this residency opportunity.

Deadline: 5.00pm Friday 24 April

For further details and how to apply click [Here](#)



Collaborative Arts Training Programme 2026

Create is delighted to announce the Collaborative Arts Training Programme (CATP) 2026.

This is a practical suite of essential training and professional knowledge for emerging artists, recent graduates and third-level students as well as artists and cultural practitioners who are interested in learning more about the basics of collaborative art practice.

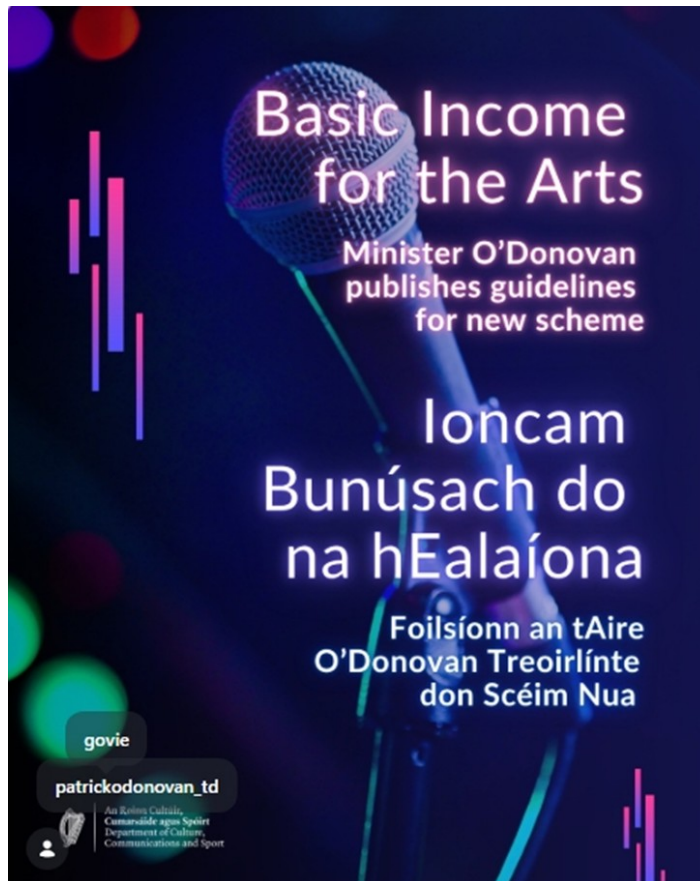
Delivered by staff members of Create with guest artists, the Collaborative Arts Training Programme is a learning arc with practical tips and essential information about collaborative arts, and can be booked as drop-in webinar sessions as well as continuous training programme.

Informed by a four-session pilot phase last year, we are launching the full suite of six sessions in 2026. The Training Programme will be delivered online via Zoom. Each session will take place between 10:30am and 2:30pm, including comfort breaks and a lunch break. The sessions will include presentations, discussions, workshop exercises, sharing and reflections.

Apply before 4pm, Monday 13 April

For more information and how to apply visit

<https://www.create-ireland.ie/projectsubpage/collaborative-arts-training-programme-2026/>



Basic Income for the Arts Scheme (2026–2027)

Basic Income for the Arts Scheme will open for applications on **Wednesday 15 April, 2026 at 1pm.**

Currently, funding for the scheme will allow for 2,000 eligible applicants to participate in the scheme at a rate of €325 per week with payment beginning in Quarter 4 2026.

Deadline for Applications: Tuesday, 12 May, 2026 at 5pm

For more information and details of how to apply:

[Basic Income for the Arts Scheme 2026-2029 Guidelines for Application](#)

Email: basicincomeforthearts@cc.gov.ie

CREATIVE PRACTITIONER CALL OUT

CREATIVE PRACTITIONERS WITH A BROAD RANGE OF CREATIVE PRACTICES, ALL ARE WELCOME!
DRAMA, MUSIC, GLASS MAKER, VISUAL ARTS, WEAVERS, ENVIRONMENTAL, ARCHAEOLOGISTS, BAKER...

WE WANT YOU!!



Applications



**NOW
OPEN**

Scan QR or click below for more information.



Image credit: Cahir NS Tralee ESC Julieann Foley, Ballinakill NS Laois ESC Kate Knowles, TAP+ Summer Course 2024 Blackrock ESC, San Carlo JNS Kildare ESC Debora Adachi

Closing Date: 5th June



An Roinn Oideachais
agus Oige
Department of Education
and Youth

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



Call out for Creative Practitioners 2026

An opportunity for creative practitioners of all disciplines to broaden their practice through the Teacher Artist Partnership+ Summer Course and a subsequent TAP+ Residencies in the 2026/2027 school year. All creative practitioners who complete the TAP+ Summer Course will be on the Local and National Register of TAP+ Trained Creative Practitioners and will be eligible to be offered a BLAST in school Residency

TAP+ is a creativity rich national initiative where creative practitioners train and collaborate alongside primary and special school teachers, developing shared approaches to creativity, wellbeing, and partnership with schools

Successful applicants will receive funded training and residencies that bring creativity and the arts into schools across Ireland.

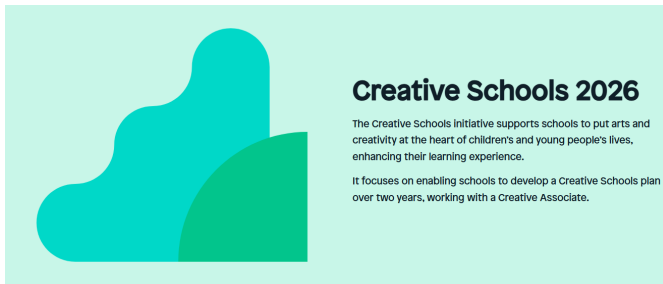
Application Deadline: Friday, 5 June, 2026 at 5pm

For more information click [Here](#)

See below links for Online Application Form and Guidelines

[Application Form](#)

[Guidelines](#)



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

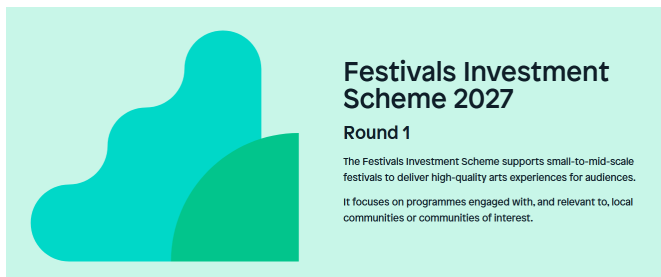
Creative Schools Supports primary and post-primary schools and Youthreach centres across Ireland to put arts and creativity at the hearts of children's and young people's lives. Schools and Youthreach centres that join the programme take part in a two-year guided journey to develop a Creative Schools 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



Festivals Investment Scheme 2027 Round 1

The Festivals Investment Scheme supports small-to-mid-scale festivals to deliver high-quality arts experience for audiences.

It focuses on programmes engaged with, and relevant to, local communities or communities of interest.

Opening Date: 28 April, 2026

Closing Date: 28 May, 2026, 5.30pm

For more information and how to apply: [Festivals Investment Scheme 2027](#)



New Grants Announced for Community Centre upgrades.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Dara Calleary TD, has announced the fourth round of funding under the Community Centre Investment Fund (CCIF) aimed at enhancing existing community centres.

Following previous funding rounds totalling over €111m, the new 2026 scheme will accept online applications starting 29th May, with a **closing date of 13th July**.

Grants range from €10,000 to €100,000, covering various refurbishment projects.

Applicant groups must register online and are encouraged to prepare their applications in advance. Information sessions will be held to assist with the application process.

Minister Calleary urged groups to take advantage of this funding opportunity to improve their community facilities.

For more information go to [Gov.ie](https://www.gov.ie)

Music Generation Kilkenny Chill Chainnigh PRESENTS **The Session 2026** A monthly traditional music session for young musicians

Music Generation Tipperary Thiobraid Árann

Session dates

- Sat 21 March 3.30-5.30pm
- Sat 18 April 4-6pm
- Sun 17 May 4-6pm
- Sat 20 June 4-6pm

All levels welcome

A fun and relaxed session where young players can learn, listen and play together

REGISTER HERE

[mbourke_1@tipperaryetb.ie](#)

Logos: keeth, Tipperary ETB, Camille Chorale Chill Chainnigh Kilkenny County Council, Music Generation

Calling all young traditional musicians
 Music Generation Tipperary in partnership with Music Generation Kilkenny would like you to join "The Session 2026"

A monthly traditional music session with venues in Tipperary and Kilkenny where you can learn new skills from both teams and music educators.

For more information email mbourke_1@tipperaryetb.ie

The Moving Thread - Creative Workshop Facilitation Programme

The Moving Thread is a mobile creative workshop facilitation service specialising in textile-based art programmes. They deliver engaging, inclusive workshops that inspire creativity, self-expression, and connection. Working with schools, youth organisations, and community groups, they provide tailored experiences that come directly to you, creating accessible opportunities for collaborative learning and a strong sense of belonging through hands-on textile practices.

For more information:
 Email: info@themovingthread.ie

Website: www.themovingthread.ie

The Moving Thread
 Creative Workshop Facilitation
 Creativity, self-expression, and belonging

For schools
 For youth organisations
 For community groups
 and more

Scan the QR code or go online to see Tailored Packages available now!

info@themovingthread.ie
 www.themovingthread.ie
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Clonmel Junction Arts Festival is offering exciting opportunities to volunteer for this year's festival.

For over 25 years the Clonmel Junction Arts Festival has been bringing audiences and artists together to collaborate, create and connect with the Arts. Would you like to join and be part of the festival team this summer?

Have you time to spare and would you like to gain experience of arts and event management and work as part of a team of vibrant like-minded arts enthusiasts? If the answer is a resounding yes, then Clonmel Junction Arts Festival invites you to volunteer for the run up to the festival from June as well as for the festival itself from 3rd to 12th July 2026.

Roles for 2026 festival include: stewarding, Box Office assistants, Front of House and production assistants with all volunteers attending an induction meeting and training in their roles.

For the first time this year they are also including a Green Volunteer role, highlighting how

important their Environmental Policy is to the festival. The Green Volunteers will be central to ensuring their festival meets the targets and learn more about their audience."

To find out more email info@junctionfestival.com or visit www.junctionfestival.com



Upcoming VAI Events



Sustaining & Developing My Mature Art Practice with Noelle McAlinden

Online

Tuesday, 14 April

11.00am to 12.30pm

Visual Artist Help Desk With Brian Kelt

Online or on phone

Wednesday 15 April

2.00pm to 4.30pm



Artist Talk: Kathy Tynan Developing my Practice

Online

Wednesday 17 April

11.00am to 12.30pm



Your Artwork Copy: How Accurate is it? With Murray Imaging Studios

Online

Thursday 23 April

11.00.am to 12.30 pm



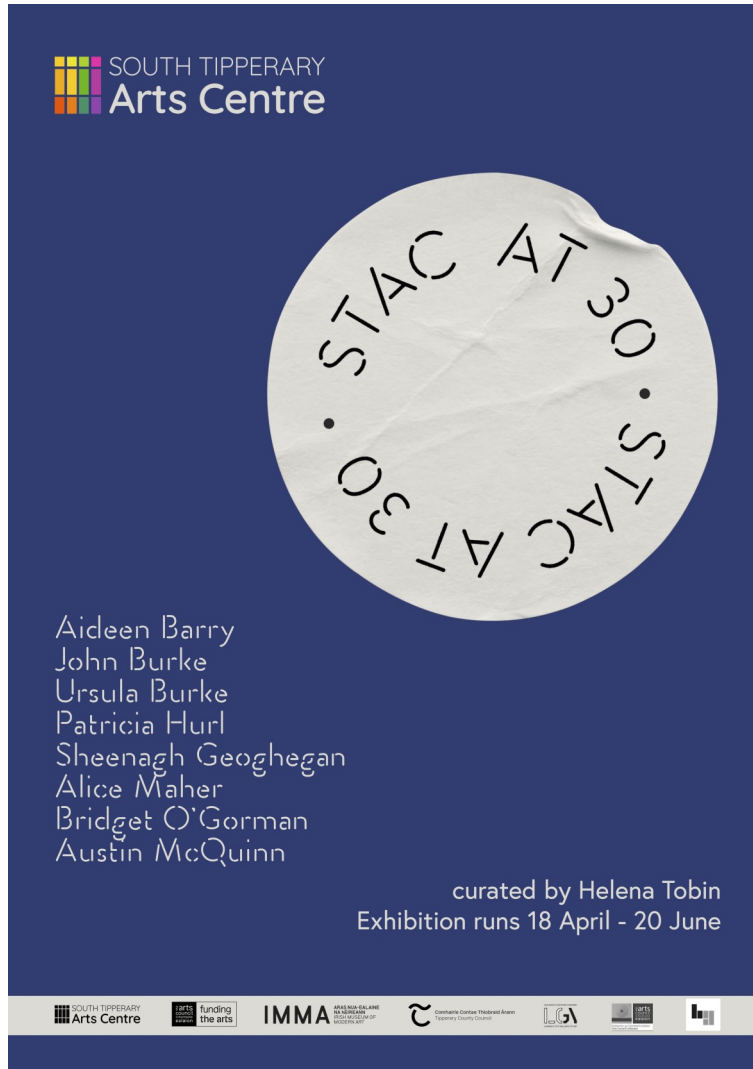
To register: [Upcoming VAI events | Visual Arts Ireland](#)

ARTS COUNCIL 2026 FUNDING SCHEDULE

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

FUNDING PROGRAMME	OPENING	CLOSING
Agility Award	Open	23 April, 2026
Artist in the Community Scheme—Mentoring Award	Open	27 April, 2026
Creative Schools 2026	Open	30 April, 2026
Touring of Work Scheme 2027—Round 1	Open	7 May, 2026
Arts and Disability Connect Scheme—Round 1	Open	12 May, 2026
Festival Investment Scheme—Round 1	28 April, 2026	28 May, 2026
Reel Art	5 May, 2026	4 June, 2026
Bursary Award—Round 2	19 May, 2026	18 June, 2026

EVENTS



STAC at 30 18 April to 20 June 2026

April 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of the opening of STAC. This group exhibition *STAC at 30* will showcase contemporary work from our national collections by some of the best-known artists connected to Tipperary, including Alice Maher, Aideen Barry, John Burke, Patricia Hurl, Austin McQuinn, Ursula Burke, Sheenagh Geoghegan and Bridget O'Gorman. To narrow the selection process, the curatorial criteria focused on works from the 30-year period (1996 to the present) and on artists who worked with or were supported by STAC during this timeframe.

'STAC at 30' will be the first exhibition of a yearlong programme (April 2026 – April 2027) that focuses on the wonderful artists and work that continues to come out of the region.

Opening reception - Friday 17th April, 6 – 8pm.
This exhibition will be opened by artist Alice Maher, and accompanied by a newly commissioned essay by Catherine Marshal, curator and art historian.



Art Amongst Friends

An exhibition by Riverlane Art Group

1 April to 1 May



Nenagh Street Collective

First Tuesday of every month

6.30pm to 8.30pm

All welcome

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A photography exhibition by Alan Tobin

9 April to 25 April



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



Youth Forum Art Showcase Meet Ups (Online & In-Person)

A short creative programme: May online art workshops leading to a June in-person session, building up to Helium's All-Island Youth Forum 2026

Online & In-Person

Ages: 13-16, 16+

Artist: Ana Colomer

Workshop Dates: 2, 16, 23 May, 27 June

Workshop Times: 11AM - 1PM



Youth Forum Art Showcase Meet-Ups

Helium Arts are inviting young people aged 13–16+ to take part in the Youth Forum Art Showcase Meet Ups—a short creative programme leading up to Helium's All-Island Youth Forum in September, 2026.

The programme includes three online workshops in May and one in-person workshop in June, during which participants will work with a professional artist to explore ideas and create artwork for the Youth Forum Art Showcase.

Workshop Dates:

Online workshops (Zoom): 2 May, 16 May & 23 May

In-person workshop: 27 June at Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin

More information click [Here](#)



Poetry Plus

Friday 10th April

8pm

Join Margaret O'Brien with an open mic. Bring a poem, bring a friend

Fee: €5.00 to cover refreshments etc

Brewery Lane Theatre
Carrick-on-Suir, E32 HD74

For more information Click [Here](#)

A poster for 'The Bag of Stars' event. The title 'THE BAG OF STARS' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, 'With writer Margaret O'Brien' is written. The event details are 'Online Event on ZOOM @7AM GMT+1 Mon 13th - Fri 17th April 2026'. A central illustration shows a hand pouring glowing stars into a sack. Text boxes provide details about the format, a fee of €15 for 5 sessions, and contact information for Margaret O'Brien. A quote from Ursula K Le Guin is also included.

THE BAG OF STARS
With writer Margaret O'Brien
Online Event on ZOOM @7AM GMT+1
Mon 13th - Fri 17th April 2026

The format is simple... we write together on Zoom, in companionable silence, over five mornings. I begin with a short reading, or visual, as a warm up. Then we enter the bliss of creative silence, together.

Come as you are - simply bring your own creative work, your own 'bag of stars', and tend to it for the hour.

"Still there are seeds to be gathered, and room in the bag of stars"
Ursula K Le Guin's -
"The Carrier Bag Theory of Fiction"

Fee €15 for 5 sessions
To participate, email
margaretwriting@gmail.com

MARGARET O'BRIEN
www.margaretaobrien.com

What they've said:
"I learned a lot, your chosen readings opened my perspective, they touched me..." S.M.
"I still don't fully understand the alchemy of it all, but it is a space where I get stuff done!" M.N.

The Bag of Stars

With writer Margaret O'Brien

Monday 13 to Friday 17 April, 2026

Online Event on Zoom @7am GMT+1

To participate email

margaretwriting@gmail.com

Children’s Art Classes at South Tipperary Arts Centre, Clonmel

30 June to 2 July, 2026

€60 for 6 week block

To sign up for classes click [Here](#)



ART CLASS

Adult 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

Limelight Theatricals presents *Heroes & Villians*, a cabaret celebrating the most iconic characters ever to grace the stage. From courageous champions to deliciously devious antagonists, the talented young performers will bring to life unforgettable songs from some of musical theatre’s greatest shows.

Sunday 26 April at 2.00pm and 7.00pm

The Premier Hall, O’Donovan Rossa Street, Thurles

Tickets: €15

Contact information: hello@limelighttheatricals.com





Rural Theatre Conference

Tuesday 21, April, 2026

As part of the 20th anniversary, this conference convened by The Source and Aine Ryan/Studio Perform seeks to identify and find means to overcome the barriers in creating contemporary theatre in rural or regional areas in Ireland.

11.30 am: Session 1 - Barriers to Making Contemporary Theatre

This opening session examines the realities and obstacles facing artists, producers, and communities striving to create contemporary theatre outside Ireland's major urban centres.

(1 hrs + 30 min Q&A)

1-2 pm: Lunch

2.00 pm: Session 2 - Pathways for Sustainable Rural Theatremaking

Building on the insights of the first discussion, the second session shifts focus toward practical, attainable ways to strengthen theatre creation in regional and rural Ireland.

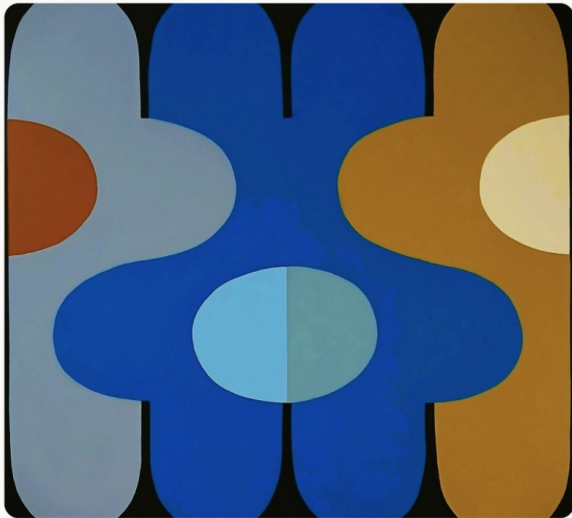
(1 hrs + 30 min Q&A)

This conference is **free** with limited tickets available to the public.

If you wish to attend, please contact admin@sourcearts.ie

CAHIR ARTS PRESENTS

RIBAND



A vibrant exhibition of geometric abstraction

BY PAULINE FLYNN

26 Castle St, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, E21 E004 **April 1, 2026 to May 2, 2026** Visit our website: www.cahirarts.com
 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM Tuesday to Saturday Instagram @cahirarts

Riband

A vibrant exhibition of geometric abstraction by Pauline Flynn.

Cahir Arts
 26 Castle Street
 Cahir, Co Tipperary, E21 E004

1 April to 2 May, 2026

Tuesday to Saturday
 10.30am to 5.30pm

Changing Natures

The Exhibition celebrates the artist as an alchemist. It explores the art of transformation, where natural elements are given new narratives. It examines the power of art to breathe new life into that which might otherwise fade or be forgotten.

Three incredible artists:
 Kate Byrne
 Annie Hogg
 Louise Wilde

Linn Gallery
 1st Floor, The Narrow Space,
 14 Mitchell Street, Clonmel, E91 RW24

Opening reception Friday 10 April at 5pm

The exhibition will run until 16 May, 2026.

Changing Natures

10.04.26 - 16.05.26



Opening reception
 Friday April 10th - 5pm

Katie Byrne
Annie Hogg
Louise Wilde



 linn gallery

1st Floor, The Narrow Space,
 14 Mitchell St., Clonmel, E91 RW24.
www.linngallery.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 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.

