

OFFALY ARTS ALERT

Official Newsletter of Offaly County Council Arts Office



**Arts in Action - March - April
News & Events**

This issue:

Welcome to your Spring edition of Offaly Arts Alert.

The purpose of Offaly Arts Alert is to provide a listing of arts events and opportunities in the County.

Offaly Arts Office is a service of Offaly County Council and aims to broaden and deepen access to the Arts in Offaly.

Based in Áras an Chontae, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, you can contact the Arts Office team by emailing arts@offalycoco.ie or calling +353 57 935 7400 during office hours; Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Visit our website www.offaly.ie and social media @[OffalyArts](https://www.instagram.com/OffalyArts) for further information.

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What's On?

March - April Arts Events



Visit Offaly

Please see the website www.visitoffaly.ie for a comprehensive list of events taking place in Offaly soon. Here you will find all the up to date information on seasonal activities like St.Patrick's Day Parades and Easter themed activities in the area.

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

Check out what's on at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre this spring season.

Please see www.birrtheatre.com to see the full listings of events taking place in Birr Theatre & Arts Centre across the coming year.

Highlights include Birr Stage Guild's "The Addams Family – A New Musical Comedy", Bruised Orange, John Prine Tribute band, Sarah McQuaid, Kieran Corrigan Live and much much more!



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What's On?

Esker Arts

There's something for everyone at Esker Arts Centre this spring including Matches and Old Flames a brand new Irish comedy play by Tommy Marren, a Watercolour Workshop facilitated by artist Geraldine O' Reilly, David McSavage, Niall "Bressie" Breslin and lots more. For a full listing of events, please see www.eskerarts.ie



Creative Places Edenderry is a community based project to connect, create and develop artistic and cultural activities to enhance the community engagement and spirit within Edenderry.

There are a broad range of activities happening weekly which are advertised on the [Creative Places Edenderry Facebook](#) and Instagram Pages. See the social media links and the website www.creativeplacesedenderry.ie for further [information](#).

 **ST. PATRICK'S THEMED ACTIVITY DAY!** 

Creative Crafts with Jenny
Arts and Crafts with Ailish
St. Patrick's Themed Poetry with Dr. Philip Brady + The Importance, Context and History of St. Patrick
All Welcome!
Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

Saturday 16th of March, 12pm - 3pm
The Parish Centre, Edenderry

Please Register by emailing:
info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie

 

Art in the Landscape
FESTIVAL OF
CHANGE



OFFALY April 5th & 6th 2024

MAYO April 12th & 13th 2024



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Mayo County Council





The Art in the Landscape: Festival of Change is a 2-day event planned to take place in April 2024, in venues and on location in both Offaly and Mayo and is for local communities and people working or interested in the arts, heritage, environment, culture, tourism, local business and community development. The full programme will be available to download from our website in early March.

The programme includes an exciting range of events, talks and workshops from international, national and local artists. The festival will provide a space for learning, exchange and discussion across sectors and communities.

All events are FREE but require booking. Offaly events can be booked via www.eskerarts.ie

[MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)

Events will take place in:

Offaly - Esker Arts Centre, Tullamore on Friday 5th April 2024 and Lough Boora Sculpture Park on Saturday 6th April 2024.

Tullamore TRADFEST

22nd - 24th March 2024

❖ Concerts featuring

Four Men & A Dog

Pipers Cross Céilí Band

SUPER
IRISH // DANCE // MUSIC CEILÍ

❖ & céilí with

Rise The Dust

TICKETS VIA WWW.TULLAMORETRADFEST.COM

❖ Follow
-US- @tullamoretradfest

Tullamore TradFest 2024

A weekend of the very best in local, national and international trad music. A whole town experience with gigs in pubs, outside and masterclass workshops.

For further information and to book go to www.tullamoretradfest.com

BIRR FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 2024



Birr Festival of Music is an annual classical music festival in Birr, Co. Offaly.

In 2024, it will return for another five-day festival across the May Bank Holiday weekend, Thursday 2 May - Monday 6 May 2024.

The programme includes a vibrant range of events; concerts (indoors and outdoors), workshops, street performances, pop-up and online events featuring singers and musicians of national and international acclaim.

[Click here to find out more](#)

LOCAL & NATIONAL NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



www.filmoffaly.ie

FilmOffaly
Short Film
Award
2024

Deadline
Monday
11 March

 **FILM OFFALY**
OFFALY FILM COMMISSION

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Offaly County Council

FilmOffaly, Offaly's Film Commission is pleased to announce the FilmOffaly Short Film Award 2024. This funding initiative aims to foster creative, resourceful filmmaking in the county. FilmOffaly are looking for unique, original stories by talented new filmmakers, professional and novice alike. The only stipulation is that the filming must take place in Offaly! The Offaly Film Commission also encourage the utilisation of local crew and a mentoring element of the production for local film makers. This is reflected in the criteria as set out below.

There will be one award to one successful applicant.

The winning applicant will receive:

- €12,000 towards the cost of their production.
- A local premiere.
- Mentoring Workshop for Short Listed Applicants

Application Forms and Guidelines available from:
<https://www.filmoffaly.ie/shortfilmaward>

Closing date 12 noon Monday 11th March 2024

Theatre Forum Gathering 2024 - Bursary Offaly Artists



Building a stronger
performing arts
community in Ireland.



Theatre Forum is delighted to be working with Offaly County Council Arts Service to offer two bursaries for arts practitioners from or based in the Offaly area to attend the Theatre Forum Gathering in Sligo on 28 and 29 May 2024.

Applicants must be professional artists either from or living in the Offaly area who have not been in receipt of a bursary to attend the Theatre Forum Waterford Gathering last year.

Each Artist Bursary costs €400, with the artist being paid for their time. The breakdown of the cost is as follows:

€100 – Ticket price includes all day sessions, two lunches, dinner, coffee breaks and the artistic programme

€150 – Artist Honorarium paid directly to artist

€150 – Accommodation and travel contribution paid directly to artist.

Please note application will open at 10am on Monday 11th March and application is via:<https://forms.gle/811GiqrvpjYC3WMKA>

CLOSING DATE:Friday 19th April

Bord na Móna's Cloncreen Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

The Cloncreen Wind Farm
Community Benefit Fund
is NOW OPEN for applications!

We want to hear your ideas for how you
can improve your community.

Deadline for applications: 5pm Friday 5th of April 2024

Further information about the fund and how to apply is
available at cloncreenwindfarm.submit.com



Bord na Móna



With a generous allocation of €150,000, this fund aims to empower local groups, clubs, and organizations within a 10km radius of the Wind Farm. Whether it's enhancing community services or championing charitable initiatives, we're here to make a difference together!

This initiative underscores our commitment to sustainability and community empowerment. Over the next 15 years, we'll be injecting a total of €2.25 million into the region, amplifying local development efforts alongside Bord na Móna's broader support initiatives.

Groups and organisations can apply for grants between €1,000 and €40,000 to deliver projects completed before February 2025.

Applicants are also encouraged to attend an information session where they can learn more about the Fund and how to apply, taking place on:

- **Wednesday 13th of March in Clonbullogue Hall, 7pm-8.30pm – register your attendance [here](#)**
- **Wednesday 20th of March in Edenderry GAA Centre – 7pm-8.30 pm – register your attendance [here](#)**

All information on the Fund and how to apply, including the full Fund Guidelines, will be available at <https://cloncreenwindfarm.submit.com> from Monday the 26th of February.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 5th April 2024.

Birr Municipal District Community Grants Scheme



Applications for community grants are invited from Community and Voluntary 'Not for Profit' groups, within the Municipal District of Birr.

This fund may be suited to arts organisations in the Birr area, seeking to host events or festivals in 2024.

**Learn more: <https://www.offaly.ie/community-grants-scheme/>
Apply via <https://offalycoco.submit.com/show/177>**

Closing date is Friday 22nd March (4pm)



NYCI:Developing Funding Applications for Youth Arts Projects



**Developing
Funding
Applications
for Youth
Arts Projects**



Date: Wednesday, Mar 13th

Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Online | Free

Join this online training 'Developing Funding Applications for Youth Arts Projects' to gain practical advice on creating strong funding applications for Youth Arts Projects in youth work settings.

Participants will delve into best practice and key methodologies in Youth Arts and explore how those could be represented in project design and funding applications. A range of available funding options for Youth Arts projects will be explored and exchanged with peers. This online training will be interactive and include lots of opportunities for activities, discussion and small group work in breakout rooms as well as key inputs and presentations. Participants will gain practical experience in assessing sample funding applications and these will be forwarded to you in advance of the event.

This training event is delivered by National Youth Arts Programme staff who manage the Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme at NYCI.

For more information and ticket booking, visit: [Developing Funding Applications for Youth Arts Projects- 13th March 2024 - National Youth Council of Ireland](#)

Scripts 2024 - Application deadline



This years theme is "TIME"

Taking place in Birr, Co Offaly, Scripts Ireland's Playwriting Festival creates unique opportunities for playwrights to have their work developed and produced. Scripts are delighted to partner with Birr Theatre & Arts Centre who are supporting the mentoring side of the programme this year under their new Theatre Residency Programme.

Three scripts, most suited for development, will be selected through a rigorous shortlisting process.

These selected playwrights will receive a week of mentoring and script development under the guidance of Playwright and Screenwriter Eugene O'Brien, where the whole process of writing and rewriting is explored in a collaborative and supportive environment. The residency supports three playwrights with a team of artists to mentor, develop, and produce the emerging scripts for a rehearsed reading of the new works by professional actors at the festival finale. Industry professionals then judge the final versions and a winner is selected.

The 2024 panel will include a representative from The Abbey Theatre. (Other previous judges have included Jim Culleton of Fishamble Theatre, Phillip McMahon and playwright, director, and performer, Gina Moxley).

Further info at www.scriptsireland.com

Closing Date: 22nd March 2024

[APPLY TODAY](#)

Artist in the Community Scheme (Round One) 2024.



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL THE 25TH MARCH, AND FURTHER [INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.](#)

Twice yearly, the Arts Council offers Artist in the Community Scheme grants to enable artists and communities of place/or interest to work together on projects. The scheme is managed by Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts.

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

Create is pleased to announce an upcoming online information session on applying to the Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme, with Aine Crowley, Programme Manager Arts and Engagement and previous AIC Scheme recipient Brigid Mulligan, held on the 6th March.

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.

Listowel Writers' Week

29TH MAY UNTIL 2ND JUNE 2024.



Listowel Writers Week is an internationally acclaimed literary festival devoted to bringing together writers and audiences to innovative events in the historic and intimate surroundings of Listowel

Each June bank holiday weekend, some of the most distinguished names in contemporary literature join travelling storytellers, experimental poets, local songwriters, cutting-edge novelists, and readers from all corners of the globe – for five days, to create a literary mecca in the heart of Lovely Listowel.

The following Listowel Writers' Week Competitions are open for entries:

- Nilsson Heritage Award
- Creative Writing Competition for Adults with Learning Difficulties/Disabilities
- The Single Poem Award
- The Children's Competition
- Writing for Prisoners Competition

More details: <https://writersweek.ie/competitions/>

For further information on Listowel Writers Week, things to do and places to stay [CLICK HERE](#)



Dublin City Council Bram Stoker Festival's Open Call



Dublin City Council Bram Stoker Festival's Open Call to present events at this year's festival is now live. They're looking for a broad range of events from artists, producers, creatives and organisations who want to thrill Dubliners this October Bank Holiday Weekend, with budget available to support successful submissions.

FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY HERE:

[INFORMATION & APPLICATION](#)

Age & Opportunity 2024 Artist Awards

Age & Opportunity's Arts programme invites applications for three awards intended to support the development of older artists in Ireland and to increase the knowledge around the arts and ageing in general: the Creative Ageing Writing Bursary, Professional Development Artist Award and Emerging Artist Award.

The deadline for all three awards is 5pm, Friday 22nd March 2024. Applications and queries can be submitted via the online forms linked below.

To get a sense of the work these awards support, [you can read about the 2023 award winners here.](#)



ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING DEADLINES



SEE WWW.ARTSCOUNCIL.IE/FUNDING
FOR AVAILABLE AWARDS WITH VARIOUS
STRANDS AND CLOSING DATES

Application deadline 07 March 2024 17:30	<u>Culture Night Late</u> Culture Night Late is designed to support events that will begin after 9pm and continue late into the night on Culture Night, Friday 20 September 2024. The award is offered in partnership with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the Night Time Economy Taskforce to offer audiences a greater diversity in their Culture Night experience late into the night, and to encourage more-inclusive and innovative late-night arts events suitable for a range of audience types into the future.	Maximum award €12,500 Accepting applications
Application deadline 14 March 2024 17:30	<u>Arts Grant Funding</u> Arts Grant Funding will be awarded to organisations and individuals to carry out a series of activities taking place from either January - December 2025, or January 2025 - December 2026.	Maximum award Unlimited Accepting applications
Application deadline 21 March 2024 17:30	<u>Opera Projects and Production Award</u> The Opera Projects and Production Award is intended to support initiatives by professional practitioners in the development and presentation of opera.	Maximum award €450,000 Accepting applications
Application deadline 29 March 2024 12:00 Next round opens 23 February 2024	<u>Artist and Youth Work Residency Scheme</u> The Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme is designed to promote innovative partnerships between youth groups, artists and (where relevant) arts organisations. A residency may take the form of an artist in residence in a youth work setting and/or a youth group in residence in an arts setting. There are two strands to the artist and youth work residency scheme: Youth Arts Explorer Grant and the Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant.	Maximum award €5,000 Accepting applications
Application deadline Ongoing	<u>Writers in Schools Scheme</u> The Writers in Schools Scheme part-funds visits by writers and storytellers to schools throughout the island of Ireland.	Maximum award €200 Accepting applications

Other Funding Opportunities

THE FOLLOWING LINK WILL BRING YOU TO AN OVERVIEW BY
VISUAL ARTISTS IRELAND ON SUITABLE FUNDING -
INFORMATION IS APPLICABLE TO OTHER MEDIUMS ALSO.

- WWW.VISUALARTISTS.IE
- WWW.CULTUREIRELAND.IE



JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES

Job Opportunities In The Arts



We are hiring

Apply now and send your CV and cover letter to Lisa@gravitydance.ie.

Gravity Dance Academy is located in Birr Co.Offaly and Roscrea Co.Tipperary. The aim is to create a nurturing and vibrant environment for dancers of all ages, helping them reach their full potential.

Must have:

- * A dance qualification**
- * Your own transportation**

How to Apply:

Send your CV, along with a cover letter showcasing your qualifications and teaching experience, to Lisa@gravitydance.ie

Artistic Director



Nenagh Arts Centre CLG is a vibrant arts centre, presenting an ambitious multi-disciplinary programme of events. The Arts Centre also offers opportunities for artists across artforms to present quality work & the chance to directly engage with the community.

The role of the Artistic Director is to imaginatively lead and manage the development and growth of the arts centre and to implement a strong artistic programme for this venue and its audiences.

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

The following sites contain a broad range of roles currently advertised in the Arts.

SEE:

- WWW.VISUALARTISTS.IE
- WWW.THEATREFORUM.IE/JOBS
- WWW.ARTSMANAGEMENT.IE/JOBS
- WWW.CREATE-IRELAND.IE/CATEGORY/OPPORTUNITIES
- WWW.ARTCONNECT.COM/OPPORTUNITIES
- WWW.IRISHWRITERSCENTRE.IE/JOB-OPPORTUNITIES

Artist Wellbeing



Minding Creative Minds is an organisation established to offer a free 24/7 wellbeing & support programme for the Irish Creative Sector.

For further information on workshops and events visit www.mindingcreativeminds.ie

The following are just some of the workshops available in **March** with Minding Creative Minds:

TUE
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12 March @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Managing & Developing a Creative Career with Andrew Macklin (Part 1)

Online (Zoom)

Join us via Zoom for our 3 Part Workshop Series with Andrew Macklin where he will teach you over 3 consecutive weeks how to Managing & Developing a Creative Career . Part 1: Tuesday March 12th Part 2: Tuesday March 19th Part 3: Tuesday March 26th 18:00 - 19:00 PM Please note there may be [...]

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13 March @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Arts Council Agility Award Application Basics

Online (Zoom)

Join us via Zoom for our Workshop with Cli Donnellan where she will teach in deep the introduction, support material and collaborators, as well as the application process & application form. Wednesday March 13th 13:00 - 14:00 hrs. Please note there may be videography and photography during the event which may be used across the [...]

TUE
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19 March @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Managing & Developing a Creative Career with Andrew Macklin (Part 2)

Online (Zoom)



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