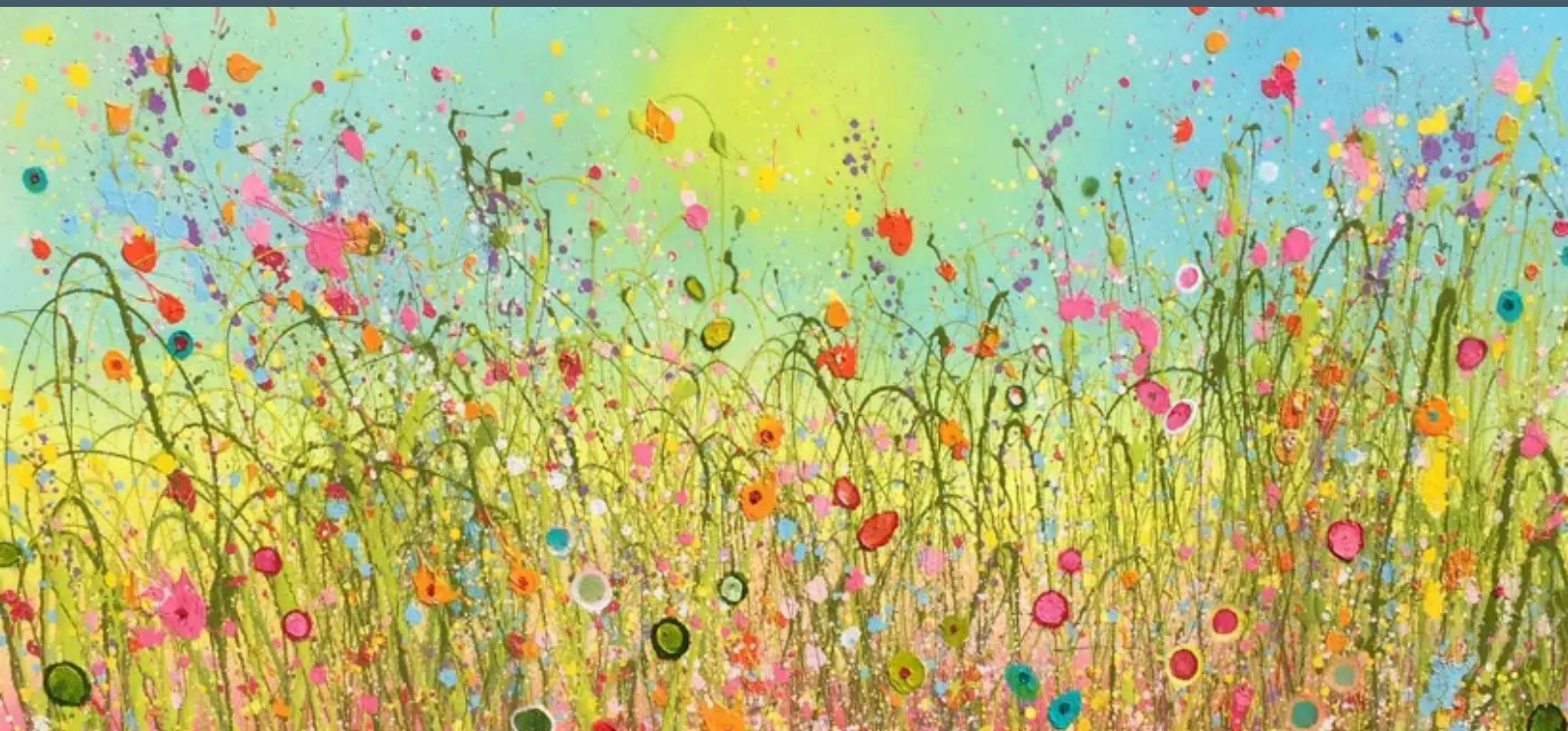


OFFALY ARTS ALERT

Official Newsletter of Offaly County Council Arts Office



Arts in Action - May-June News & Events

Welcome to Issue Seven 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?

May - June 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 activities and events for the summer season.

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

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

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 Festival of Music, Neil Delamere, Deirdre O'Kane and much much more!



Offaly Arts Alert

What's On?

Esker Arts

There's something for everyone at Esker Arts, with highlights including; Calendar Girls by Funhouse Theatre, Tullamore Gig for Gaza, Bealtaine: Old Flames - Brian Leyden & Seamie O' Dowd, The Stories of Peig Sayers with Nuala Hayes and lots more. For a full listing of events, please see www.eskerarts.ie



Creative Places Edenderry

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.



Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity **arts** initiative

Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which celebrates the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is run by Age & Opportunity, the leading national development organisation working to enable the best possible quality of life for us all as we age. Age & Opportunity Arts provides opportunities for older people to be more creative more often, to create meaningful participation and representation for all older people in cultural and creative life and to demonstrate and celebrate how our creative potential can improve with age.

Established in 1995, Bealtaine is one of Ireland's largest co-operative festival and the world's first national celebration of creativity in older age. The Festival has inspired a number of international festivals including Luminare in Scotland, Gwanwyn in Wales, the Age of Creativity in England, and others across the world.

The following events are a taste of what is taking place in venues across County Offaly:

Esker Arts Centre - [BOOK HERE](#) or call 057-9383801

- Cardboard Loom Weaving Workshop
- Old Flames: Brian Leyden & Seamie O' Dowd
- Memoir Writing Workshop
- The Great Escaper

Birr Theatre and Arts Centre - [BOOK HERE](#) or call 057-9122911

- Chair Yoga with Ana Alves Smyth
- FILM: Hidden Figures

Edenderry (Creative Places Edenderry) - BOOK by emailing info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie

- Acoustic Hearts - Songs and Stories at The Cabin

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Offaly Libraries - see the full range of activities at:

https://www.offaly.ie/occ_events/bealtaine-events-at-offaly-libraries-may-2024/

- **Glass Painting Workshops with Pauline McNelis in Birr, Clara Edenderry and Tullamore Libraries More details below.**
- **Resin Workshop in Edenderry Library on Friday, 10th May at 10am. Booking Essential**
- **The Gramophone Society will be in Tullamore Library for some beautiful music to celebrate our older patrons for their continued support and contribution to our libraries.**
- **An Afternoon Session of Music & Song with musicians and singers will take place in Clara Library. Refreshments provided.**
- **We will be hosting coffee mornings in various branches around the county in, Birr, Clara Edenderry, and Tullamore with more details below.**
- **Tom Minnock will be joining us at our Coffee Morning in Clara Library on Friday 17th May at 11:00 to talk about his book "Down the Decades ". All are welcome.**
- **The Older Persons Council in collaboration between LOETB, OLDC, Offaly Libraries and Age Friendly Offaly will launch a historical themed project, depicting images of Charleville Castle, based on participants memories of Charleville Castle. The artist involved is Pauline McNeilus. The artwork will be displayed in Kilcormac Library on completion.**

Birr Festival
of Music



2-6
May
2024

The eighth annual Birr Festival of Music takes place from Thursday 2 - Monday 6 May with one of its most exciting programmes yet.

The Celebrity Gala Concert will see internationally-acclaimed Irish mezzo-soprano Paula Murrihy and world-renowned pianist Malcolm Martineau make a rare recital appearance in Ireland.

Award-winning choir, Laetare Vocal Ensemble, will perform a selection of beautiful choral music from the Renaissance to the present day, including music by Birr's Laura Sheils.

This year's festival finale is Birr Young Voices' Creatures Great & Small. In collaboration with Birr School of Music, the performance takes inspiration from the wonderful bogland photography of Tina Claffey and features songs of strange and familiar fauna and creatures created by the children in collaboration with Tina and artist/puppeteer Caoimhe Dunn.

There will also be pop-up performances around the town this Friday and Saturday.

Tickets: www.birrfestivalofmusic.com



2nd - 6th MAY

MDS Studio,
Church St, Tullamore



EXCITING UPCOMING SHOWS

MDS Ballet Presents
"Le Spectacle"



Sun 28th
April 2pm

Snow
White Jr



5th
May

'Tilly'



2nd-4th
May

Rapunzel



5th-6th
May

TICKETS available from MDS Studio
call 087 292 4719 www.dramaschool.ie

TADS are proud to present 'The Incarnation of the Prodigal Son', written by award-winning playwright Patrick Fogarty, from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May in Esker Arts. This play intertwines both humour and heartfelt emotion into a story that will have you laughing and empathising with many characters, in a style that Patrick Fogarty is making his own.

Booking: www.eskerarts.ie

Midland Drama School

Busy programme of exciting "family fun shows" ahead from 28th April-6th May .

★ Ballet Show "Le Spectacle" ,"

★ Snow White Jr", "

★ Tilly", "

★ Rapunzel".

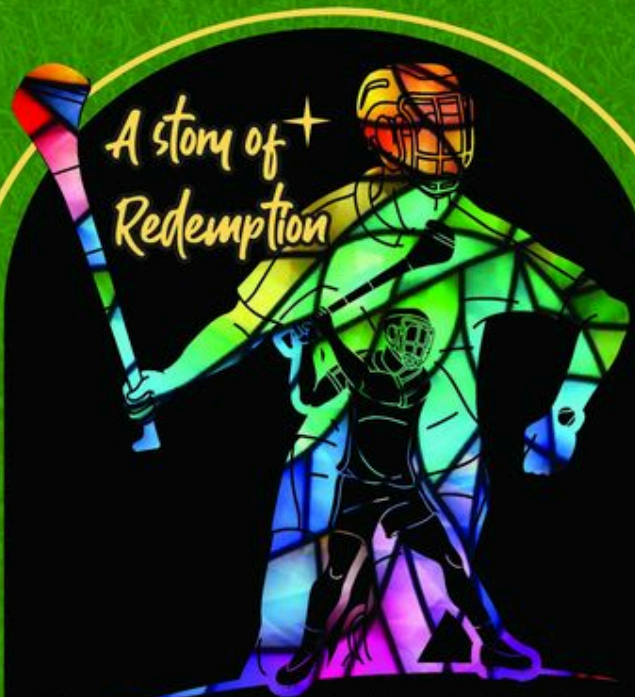
Booking advised. Pop into Midland Drama School studio to book or call / Whatsapp 087 292 4719

Tullamore Amateur Dramatic Society

presents

Patrick Fogarty's

The Incarnation of The Prodigal Son



Mon 13th May - Thur 16th May

8.00pm Esker Arts Centre, Tullamore

Doors open 7.30pm | Tickets €15.00



Esker Arts High Street,
Tullamore

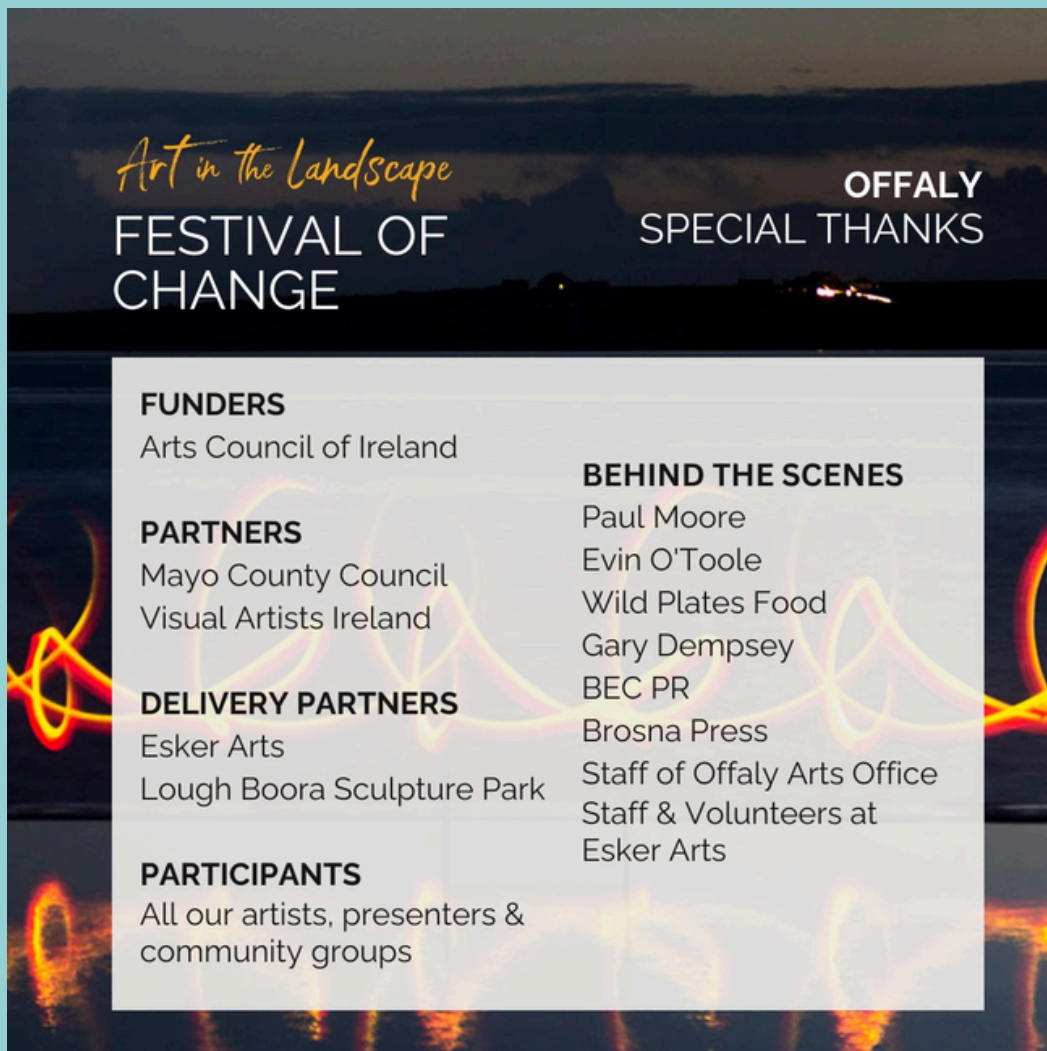
Tickets available @ www.eskerarts.ie

Art in the Landscape

FESTIVAL OF CHANGE

Thank you to all who collaborated, created, curated and celebrated with us last month. As lead partner, we had the benefit of working closely with a broad range of people to deliver this event.

Special thanks to all who made this happen!



Art in the Landscape
FESTIVAL OF CHANGE

OFFALY
SPECIAL THANKS

FUNDERS Arts Council of Ireland	BEHIND THE SCENES Paul Moore Evin O'Toole Wild Plates Food Gary Dempsey BEC PR Brosna Press Staff of Offaly Arts Office Staff & Volunteers at Esker Arts
PARTNERS Mayo County Council Visual Artists Ireland	
DELIVERY PARTNERS Esker Arts Lough Boora Sculpture Park	
PARTICIPANTS All our artists, presenters & community groups	

Sadly, Storm Kathleen prevented some events from taking place. Please see details below of rescheduled events.

Art in the Landscape

FESTIVAL OF CHANGE

Rescheduled Events:

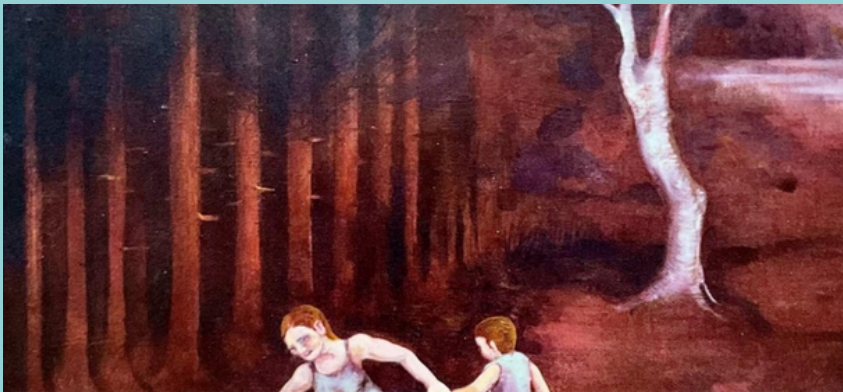
Those with tickets to the original dates can attend the rescheduled events once you RSVP with Esker Arts. If you wish to be added to the waiting list please email info@eskerarts.ie



Poetry Workshop with Eileen Casey - Reading and Writing the Landscape

**Saturday 18th May
TIME: 10 am**

**Venue: Esker Arts,
Tullamore, Co. Offaly**



Lá na Móna

**Saturday 22nd June
1:30pm & 4pm**

**Venue: Lough Boora
Sculpture Park, Co. Offaly**



Soil Portraits of Lough Boora

**Saturday 22nd June
12pm & 3pm**

**Venue: Lough Boora
Sculpture Park, Co. Offaly**

LOCAL & NATIONAL NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



Culture Night Commissions

Offaly County Council Arts Office wish to commission a selection of cultural engagement projects/presentations which will form part of the 2024 Culture Night Offaly programme.. Professional Artists from or based in Offaly are invited to submit proposals for these commissions.

We are open to innovative ideas that are cognisant of the theme One Night for All. Proposals can be an individual expression or work made through a process within the community. Culture Night is a national moment, celebrating culture, creativity and the arts and seeks to actively promote the belief that this rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives, today and every day. The deadline is Tuesday June 4th @ 2pm. For full details on how to apply for an award for up to a maximum of €1,000 per commission please apply at <https://submit.link/2CA>

Culture Night Event Fund

Offaly County Council's Culture Night Event Fund supports the cost of events programmed for Culture Night which takes place on 20th September 2024. The fund is open to not-for-profit organisations, local community groups, arts, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies. Applications by individuals must be in partnership with a community, cultural or heritage group. Assistance shall not be given in respect of commercial activities. The maximum amount of available funding is €600. Funding is at the discretion of Offaly County Council. The deadline to apply is 2pm on Tuesday 4th June 2024. Please apply via <https://submit.link/2CV>



Culture Night Coordinator

Offaly County Council's Arts Office invites applications for the Culture Night Coordinator Award, to coordinate Offaly's programme in 2024, as part of the national cultural celebration on Friday 20th September 2024.

There is one award of €4,500 for the successful candidate, who will work with the Arts Office over the coming months on a contract basis to plan and deliver the Offaly programme of events. Applicants should apply online via submit.com and upload a copy of their CV and a detailed proposal with proposed breakdown of €4,500 budget to include proposed approach, implementation and evaluation approach and costs, and /or other expenditure identified by the applicant.

Deadline for submission of the online application form: 12pm Wed 15th May 2024. Please apply via <https://submit.link/2Br>



HULLABALOO!

OFFALY'S CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL



Hullabaloo! 2024

Wed 30 October - Sat 2 November 2024

Hullabaloo! Offaly's Children's Arts Festival will take place from Wed 30th October to Saturday 2nd November 2024. The Arts Office will soon be sharing details of how facilitators of children's arts workshops in multiple mediums can apply to be part of the festival. Stay tuned to the Hullabaloo! social channels as well as Offaly Arts social media and mailshoots to hear how you can apply to host a workshop.



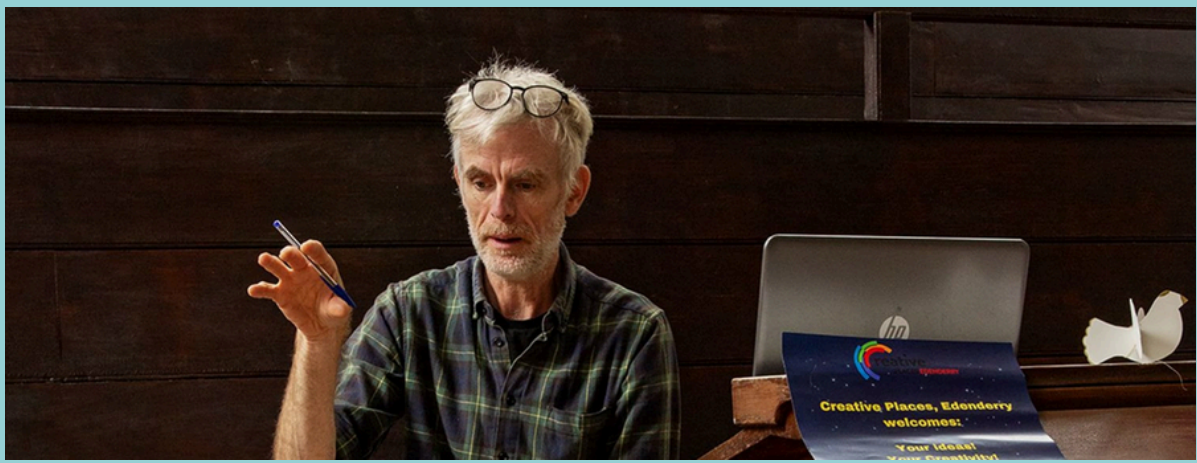
Creative Schools 2024

The deadline for application is 17.30, Thursday 2 May 2024.

Creative Schools Supports primary and post-primary schools and Youthreach centres across Ireland to put arts and creativity at the heart 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 all details see:

<https://www.artscouncil.ie/Arts-in-Ireland/Creative-Schools/Schools-Hub/>



Creative Places, Edenderry - Artist Commissions

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 15 May 2024, 5pm.

Creative Places, Edenderry is seeking proposals from local, national, or international professional artists/creatives, or arts organizations/collectives, that wish to collaborate artistically with individuals or groups in Edenderry on creative projects that will create an artistic impact for the people and place.

The project is being led by Creative Lives, a registered charity that was established in 1991 who champion community and volunteer-led creative activity, and work to improve opportunities for everyone to be creative. To find out more, please visit [www.creative-lives.org]www.creative-lives.org

Creative Places, Edenderry is supported by the Arts Council/Arts Council Ireland/An Chomhairle Ealaíon, Offaly County Council and the Municipal District Edenderry. You can read more about the Creative Places project across Ireland at [www.artscouncil.ie/creative-places]www.artscouncil.ie/creative-places

The Commissions:

The award will support the planning, production and presentation of the proposed idea. The proposal should:

- Support and reflect the ethos of arts participation - participatory, collaborative, community and socially engaged arts practices.
- Have a vision to incubate and deliver artistically ambitious and durational projects. Proposals should consider the legacy of the project, particularly that of embedding arts and culture in Edenderry.
- Artists must participate in the evaluation process which forms part of the overall Creative Places, Edenderry project.

This award is open to any artform, and the proposal must be artist/creative led.

The awards that can be applied for are:

- 2 x up to €3,000 Artist Commissions
- 1 x up to €6,000 Artist Commission
- 1 x up to €12,000 Artist Commission

For full brief and details of the application process please see:

<https://www.creative-lives.org/creative-places-edenderry-artist-commissions-2024>



Photo by Tina Claffey Photography

Open Call to artists.

Ireland's first Community Energy Charter, led by Offaly Public Participation Network membership, facilitated by Green Offaly and funded by Leader, will be launched at Esker Arts Centre, Tullamore, on the 27th of May 2024.

We invite creative practitioners to submit work on the theme of 'Energy' to be exhibited as a looped projection reel in the gallery for the launch, and to be screened at Offaly's PPN's Autumn 2024 plenary. We would love to see interpretations of this theme in images/words/numbers, up to a maximum of 3 works per submission (1 MB .jpegs each or single-page PDFs, as appropriate).

Email should include title(s) of work and 'Energy' in the subject line. Deadline for submissions is Sunday, 19th of May at 6.00 pm. We look forward to hearing from you via theoraclespace@gmail.com or greenoffaly@gmail.com.



Open Call: Yeats Thoor Ballylee Society Artist in Residence 2024

The Yeats Thoor Ballylee Society, supported by the Galway Culture Company, is hosting an Artist-in-Residence programme this summer in The Studio at Thoor Ballylee. There will be two residencies this year, each one running for two weeks, one in July and one in September.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 17th May 2024.
Full details here: <https://galwayculturecompany.ie/.../open-call-thoor.../>

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NEW COURSE - MA in Media Narratives and Storytelling

A new Master of Arts programme starts in IADT this September called 'Media Narratives and Storytelling'.

This MA programme explores the theory and practice of established and emerging media narratives in written, visual and audio form.

The principal area of enquiry is narrative studies and practice, giving students a critical and creative understanding of evolving storytelling patterns through history.

The focus is on short form narratives in contemporary and emerging media platforms, which will form the practical stream of the MA. The theoretical framework for this programme is the field of Narrative Studies.

The practice includes but is not limited to podcasts, short videos, short film, creative non-fiction (written and recorded), documentary, spoken word, photo-journalism, screencasts and blogs.

The student will explore narrative traditions, concepts and genres as part of the theoretical thread of the programme, and production techniques, non-fiction narratives and the creative use of archives as part of the practical stream.

By the end of this programme, students will have a portfolio of work ready for publication, streaming and exhibition. Facilitating people working full-time and / or people living outside Dublin,

This programme combines remote and in-person study with two online evenings each week and one on-campus intensive day every four weeks.

Further information and details are available [HERE](#)

Deadline for applications is 6th June 2024.

ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING DEADLINES



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

Application deadline 6 June 2024 17:30	Authored Works The purpose of Authored Works is to provide film artists with the creative and editorial freedom to make a feature-length authored cultural film work from a strong artistic point of view. Films must be artist-led.	Maximum award €230,000 Opens 7 May 2024
Application deadline 6 June 2024 17:30	Reel Art The purpose of Reel Art is to provide film artists with the opportunity to make highly creative, imaginative and experimental documentaries on an artistic theme for cinema exhibition.	Maximum award €120,000 Opens 7 May 2024
Application deadline 20 June 2024 17:30	Dance Bursary Award The purpose of the award is to support professional artists in the field of dance to develop their art practice. It provides artists at any stage of their career with the time and resources to think, research, reflect and critically engage with their art.	Maximum award €20,000 Opens 21 May 2024
Application deadline 20 June 2024 17:30	Dámhachtain Sparánachta Litríochta don Ghaeilge Dámhachtain sparánachta litríochta don ghaeilge	Maximum award €20,000 Opens 21 May 2024
Application deadline 20 June 2024 17:30	Literature Bursary Award - English Language The award supports professional individual writers (writing in the English language) in the development of their arts practice.	Maximum award €20,000 Opens 21 May 2024
Application deadline 20 June 2024 17:30	Music bursary award The award supports professional individual artists at any stage of their career in the field of music to develop their arts practice.	Maximum award €20,000 Opens 21 May 2024
Application deadline 20 June 2024 17:30	Theatre Bursary Award The award supports professional theatre artists in the development of their arts practice.	Maximum award €20,000 Opens 21 May 2024

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

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 are very proud of their growing list of services, a list of services which have been developed from consistent interactions with their creative sector peers.

The addition of **Creative Arts Therapies (CAT)** to their well-being service offering was a natural step for the organization which supports those working in the Irish creative sector in all its forms.

Any member of the Irish Creative Sector can **APPLY HERE** for 12 free weekly sessions with one of their Creative Arts Therapists.

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





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