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Foreword

RÉAMHRÁ

In Offaly, we are pleased to welcome the Creative Ireland Programme which provides such a positive way forward for exploring the culture of Offaly and we will endeavour to ensure that this Legacy Programme for Ireland 2016 will place creativity at the centre of our policies.

In 2016, we saw the strength that can be gained from an interdepartmental team of staff and councillors working closely with communities to deliver meaningful projects across the county for the centenary of 1916. The collaboration ensured that the Offaly Centenary Programme was sensitively, respectfully and creatively embraced. Creative Ireland takes this strength and gives it a structure to continue to 2022. Offaly County Council welcomes the invitation to lead on delivering Pillar 2 of the Creative Ireland Programme Enabling Creativity in Every Community while also playing our part in delivering the other four pillars. We have a committed team with strong community linkages throughout Offaly to enable us to facilitate the delivery of the programme.

Offaly's landscape is distinctive; the county is bisected by the Grand Canal, with the River Shannon to the west and the upland areas of Croghan Hill in the east and the Slieve Bloom mountains on the border with County Laois, with vast areas of cutaway and raised bogs across the county. The esker ridges weave their sinewy way, a reminder the last Ice Age was only 10,000 years ago.

Tá áthas orainn in Uíbh Fhailí fáilte a chur roimh an gClár Éire Ildánach a sholáthraíonn bealach dearfach chun cinn dúinn le hiniúchadh a dhéanamh ar chultúr Uíbh Fhailí agus déanaimid ár ndícheall a chinntiú go gcuirfidh an Clár Oidhreacht d'Éireann 2016 an chruthaitheacht i gcroílár ár gcuid polasaithe.

In 2016, chonaiceamar an chumhacht ar féidir a fháil ó fhoireann agus ó chomhairleoirí idir-rannacha ag obair go dlúth le pobail chun tionscail níos bríche a sheachadadh ar fud na tíre do chomórath céad bliain 1916. Chinntigh an comhfhiontar sin gur glacadh go stuama, go measúil agus go cruthaitheach le Clár Comórtha Céad Bliain Uíbh Fhailí. Tógann Éire Ildánach ar an gcumhacht sin agus cuirtear bonn faoi ionas gur féidir leis leanúint ar aghaidh go dtí 2022. Fáiltíonn Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí roimh an gcuireadh Colún 2 den Chlár Éire Ildánach Bonn a Chur faoin gCruthaitheacht i nGach Pobal a sheachadadh agus sinn rannpháirteach freisin maidir leis na gceithre cholún eile a sheachadadh. Tá foireann tiomanta againn a bhfuil naisc phobail láidre acu ar fud Uíbh Fhailí rud a chuireann ar ár gcumas seachadadh an chláir a éascú.

Tá tírdhreach Uíbh Fhailí suntasach; tá an contae déroinnte ag an gCanáil Mhór leis an tSionainn ar an taobh thiar agus ardtailte Shliabh Chruachán ar an taobh thoir agus Sliabh Bladhma ar an teorainn le Contae Laoise, le ceantar fairsing laghortaigh agus portaigh ardaithe ar fud an chontae. Fíonn na hiomairí eascracha a mbealach tríd an tírdhreach, ag meabhrú dúinn nach bhfuil sé ach 10,000 bliain ó bhí an Oighearaois dheireanach againn.

The early Christian monastic legacy in Offaly is still strong and *Stories from a Sacred Landscape* by Caimin O'Brien, published by Offaly County Council (2006) explores this unique legacy.

This monastic heritage inspired *Saints and Scholars*, four pilgrims making their way towards Clonmacnoise along the dry esker ridges, created by Maurice Harron, and erected on the Tullamore bypass in 2009.

In Offaly, we have seen a number of projects where the outcome has been more than the sum of its parts. By inviting artists to engage with heritage the audience is developed and widened. The *Secrets of Offaly* project came to fruition in 2015. Communities were invited to submit an aspect of their heritage which was not widely known and artists were asked to respond. This led to three very dynamic and interactive projects:

- In Clonbullogue/Bracknagh, Amanda Rice, artist in residence at Trinity College Dublin, engaged with artefacts and objects bequeathed to the college by the Offaly scientist and geologist John Joly (1857-1933). Joly is famous for his development of colour photography and also for developing techniques to accurately estimate the age of a geological period. Amanda created a visual artwork entitled 'Notes on the (Microscopical) Character of Krakatoa', an interactive installation comprising of a research presentation, sound, video and sculpture.

Tá oidhreacht mhanachúil luathré na Críostaíochta fós an-láidir agus déanann *Stories from a Sacred Landscape* le Caimin O'Brien, agus foilsithe ag Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí (2006) iniúchadh ar an oidhreacht uathúil sin. Ba í an oidhreacht mhanachúil sin a bhí mar spreagadh do *Saints and Scholars*, ceathrar oilithreach ag déanamh a mbealach i dtreo Chluain Mhic Nóis feadh na n-íomairí eascracha tírime, a chruthaigh Maurice Harron, agus a cuireadh in airde ar sheachbhóthar Thulach Mhór in 2009.

In Uíbh Fhailí, chonaicamar roinnt tionscadal a raibh toradh iontach leo ach bhí i bhfad níos mó i gceist leo ná sin. Trí chuireadh a thabhairt d'ealaíontóirí dul i ngleic leis an oidhreacht déantar an lucht féachana agus éisteachta a fhorbairt agus a leathnú. Tháinig an tionscadal Rúin Uíbh Fhailí chun críche in 2015. Tugadh cuireadh do phobail gné dá n-oidhreacht nach raibh eolas go forleathan uirthi a chur isteach agus iarradh ar ealaíontóirí iad sin a fhreagairt. Tharla trí thionscadal an-dinimiciúil agus idirghníomhach mar thoradh air sin:

- I gCluain Bolg/Breacánach, chuaigh ealaíontóir cónaithe Choláiste na Tríonóide, Amanda Rice, i ngleic le déantáin agus nithe a thiomnaigh an t-eolaí agus geolaí as Uíbh Fhailí John Joly (1857-1933) ar an gcoláiste. Bhain Joly clú amach toisc gur fhorbair sé grianghrafadóireacht daite agus chomh maith leis sin d'fhorbairt sé teicnící chun aois tréimhse geolaíochta a thomhas go cruinn. Chruthaigh Amanda saothar ealaine dar teideal 'Notes on the (Microscopical) Character of Krakatoa', taispeántán idirghníomhach ina bhfuil cur i láthair taighde, fuaim, físeán agus dealbhóireacht.

- In Kinnitty, Ciaran Taylor worked with the community recreating scenes on location from the life and films of Rex Ingram, the Hollywood silent movie director from the town. A partnership project with Kinnitty Tidy Towns, the re-enactment was photographed as tableaux and filmed, producing a short documentary 'Silent Journeys'.
- Composer Tom Lane, director Maeve Stone and composer/artist Rory Grubb worked closely with the Clara Musical Society to reveal the Offaly secret of the industrial Goodbody Family. They concentrated on the history of the Goodbody Jute manufacturing industry in Clara, using jute as the raw material to create a sound installation with an accompanying live performance by Clara Musical Society. Jute was strung through the building Friends Meeting House, tuned and used as a sound generating material. By focusing on a material deeply connected to the history of the building and the local area, and integrating this into the structure and shape of the Meeting House, they turned the house into a musical instrument.

- I gCionn Eitigh, d'oibrigh Ciaran Taylor leis an bpobal chun radhairo ar an láthair ó shaol agus scannáin Rex Ingram, an stiúrthóir balbhscannán Hollywood ón mbaile, a athchruthú. Tionscadal comhpháirtíochta le Bailte Slachtmhara Chionn Eitigh, glacadh grianghraif tableaux den athchruthú, as ar tháinig clár faisnéise gairid dar teideal 'Silent Journeys'.
- D'oibrigh an Cumadóir Tom Lane, an stiúrthóir Maeve Cloch agus an cumadóir / ealaíontóir Rory Grubb go dlúth le Cumann Chlóirtheach chun rún Uíbh Fhailí an Teaghlaigh Thionsclaíoch Goodbody a nochtaidh. Dhírigh siad ar stair thionscal déantúsaíochta Siúite Goodbody i gClóirtheach, ag baint úsáide as siúit mar an amhábhair chun súiteán fuaim a chruthú a raibh léiriú beo le Cumann Ceoil Chlóirtheach mar thionlacain aici. Clara Cumann Ceoil. Cuireadh sreang siúite trí Theach tionóil Chumann na gCarad, tiúnadh í agus baineadh úsáid aisti mar ábhar ginte fuaim. Trí dhíriú ar ábhar atá ceangailte go domhain le stair an fhoirgnimh agus leis an gceantar áitiúil, agus é sin a chomhtháthú i struchtúr agus cruth Thigh an Tionóil, d'iompaigh siad an teach isteach ina uirlis cheoil.

Since 2008, Film Offaly has played to the county's strengths to entice film makers to the county assisting with an in-depth knowledge of locations. The Film Offaly Commission Award, in partnership with Filmbase, Dublin, nurtures selected film makers through the early critical stages of devising scripts to post-production. As a component of pillars 3 and 5, Creative Ireland will help foster and cultivate Film Offaly.

Lough Boora Discovery Park is home to some of the most innovative land and environmental sculptures in Ireland which commenced with a sculpture symposium in 2002. The artists were invited to seek inspiration from the cut-away peatlands and the industrial infrastructure used to harvest them. In 2017, there are twenty-four sculptures to explore, which we were delighted to feature for Cruinniú na Cásca this April. These large sculpture installations are perhaps the most visited project where 'art and nature meet' in Offaly.

We look forward to developing this process over the next five years and to devising Offaly's Culture Plan 2018-22 this autumn, which is timely as we prepare for the European Year of Cultural Heritage in 2018.

Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick **Anna Marie Delaney**
Cathaoirleach Chief Executive
Cathaoirleach *Príomhfheidhmeannach*

Ó 2008, tá Film Offaly ag baint tairbh as láidreachtaí an chontae chun scannánóirí a mhealladh go dtí an contae agus iad ag cabhrú le heolas domhain ar shuíomhanna. Cothaíonn Dámhachtain Choimisiúin Scannán Uíbh Fhailí, i gcomhpháirtíocht le Filmbase, Baile Átha Cliath, scannánóirí roghnaithe trí na céimeanna luatha criticiúla a bhaineann le script a cheapadh go dtí an iar-léiriú. Mar chuid de cholúin 3 agus 5, cabhróidh Éire Ildánach le Film Offaly a chothú agus a shaothrú.

Tá roinnt de na dealbha is nuálaí in Éirinn ó thaobh talún agus comhshaoil de le fáil i bPáirc Fionnachtana Loch na Buará ar cuireadh tús léi le siompóisiam dealbh in 2002. Iarradh ar na healaíontóirí inspioráid a fháil ó na lagphortaigh agus an bonneagar tionsclaíoch a úsáidtear chun iad a bhaint. In 2017, tá fiche ceathair dealbh chun iniúchadh a dhéanamh orthu agus táimid thar a bheith sásta go mbeidh siad mar ghné de Chruinniú na Cásca i mí Aibreáin. Seans gurbh iad na suiteálacha móra seo an tionscadal is mó a dtugtar cuairt air, áit a nascann ealaín agus nádúr Uíbh Fhailí.

Táimid ag tnúth leis an bpróiseas seo a fhorbairt thar na cúig bliana amach romhainn agus do Phlean Cultúir Uíbh Fhailí 2018-22 an fómhar seo atá tráthúil agus sinn ag ullmhú do Bhliain na hEorpa don Oidhreacht Chultúrtha in 2018.

The Creative Ireland Programme

AN CLÁR ÉIRE ILDÁNACH

The Creative Ireland Programme is the Government's Legacy Programme for Ireland 2016 – a five-year initiative, from 2017 to 2022, which places creativity at the centre of public policy. It is a high-level, high-ambition, all-of-government initiative to mainstream creativity in the life of the nation so that individually and collectively, in our personal lives and in our institutions, we can realise our full creative potential.

The Creative Ireland Programme is a culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. The core proposition is that participation in cultural activity drives personal and collective creativity, with significant implications for individual and societal wellbeing and achievement.

The Creative Ireland Programme is also the main implementation vehicle for the priorities identified in the Government's policy document, Culture 2025 – Éire Ildánach, which states that arts and culture are intrinsic to the Irish State, acknowledges the need to increase access to and participation in the arts, boost our creative industries, and preserve our heritage with a particular focus on language, landscape and the environment.

Is é an Clár Éire Ildánach Clár Oidhreacht an Rialtais d'Éirinn 2016 - tionscnamh cúig bliana, ó 2017 go dtí 2022, a chuireann cruthaitheacht i gcroílár bheartas poiblí. Is tionscnamh ard-leibhéal, ard-uailmhian, uile-rialtais atá ann chun cruthaitheacht a chur i mbéal an phobail agus an náisiúin ionas gur féidir linn, go pearsanta agus i dteannta a chéile, inár saol pearsanta agus in ár n-institiúidí, ár n-acmhainn chruthaitheach a bhaint amach ina hiomláine.

Is clár cultúr-bhunaithe é an Clár Éire Ildánach atá deartha chun leas an duine aonair, an phobail agus náisiúnta a chur chun cinn. Is é is croí leis ná go stiúirann rannpháirtíocht i ngníomhaíocht chultúrtha cruthaitheacht phearsanta agus chomhchoiteann, agus bíonn impleachtaí suntasacha i gceist do leas agus do ghnóthachtáil an duine aonair agus na sochaí.

Is é an Clár Éire Ildánach an phríomhfheidhíoch feidhmithe maidir leis na tosaíochtaí a aithnítear i gcáipéis beartais an Rialtais, Cultúr 2025 - Éire Ildánach, a deir go bhfuil na healaíona agus an cultúr mar chuid bhunúsach do Stát na hÉireann, a aithníonn an gá atá le rochtain ar na healaíona agus rannpháirtíocht sna healaíona a mhéadú, cur lenár dtionscail chruthaitheacha, agus ár n-oidhreacht a chaomhnú ag díriú go háirithe ar an teanga, an tírdhreach agus an comhshaoil.

The Creative Ireland Team in Offaly

FOIREANN ÉIRE ILDÁNACH SAN UÍBH FHAILÍ

The programme is built around the themes of identity, culture and citizenship. The core operating principles are Collaboration and Communication, Community Empowerment, and Internationalisation.

Local authorities have a crucial role in the overall local delivery of the entire Creative Ireland programme and are exclusively mandated, through their culture teams, to deliver Pillar 2 of the programme – Enabling Creativity in Every Community. This devolution of responsibility for Creative Ireland to local authorities is inspired by the extraordinary impact of collaborative local authority co-ordinated projects for the centenary of 1916.

This Plan sets out the beginning of Offaly's part in this five-year journey, a truly important national policy initiative centred on culture and wellbeing.

Within County Offaly, we seek to combine the strengths and expertise of the community and the working group, building on existing forms of projects which have yielded successful outcomes to date.

Tá an clár bunaithe ar théama na féiniúlachta, an chultúir agus na saoránachta. Is iad na croíphrionsabail oibriúcháin ná Comhoibriú agus Cumarsáid, Cumhachtú Pobail, agus Idirnáisiúnu.

Tá ról ríthábhachtach ag údaráis áitiúla i seachadadh áitiúil foriomlán an chláir uile Éire Ildánach agus tá siad sainordaithe go heisiach, trína bhfoirne cultúir, Colún 2 den chlár a sheachadadh - Bonn a chur faoin gCruthaitheacht i ngach Pobal. Tá an dlárú freagrachta d' Éire Ildánach chuig údaráis áitiúla á spreagadh ag an tionchar neamhghnách a bhí ag tionscadail chomhordaithe na n-údarás áitiúil maidir le comóradh céad bliain 1916.

Leagann an Plean amach an chéad chuid de pháirt Uíbh Fhailí sa turas cúig bliana seo, tionscnamh polasaí náisiúnta fíor-thábhachtach atá dírithe ar chultúr agus ar fholláine.

Laistigh de Chontae Uíbh Fhailí, féachaimid le láidreachtaí agus saineolas an phobail agus an meitheal oibre a thabhairt le chéile, ag cur leis na cineálacha tionscadal atá ann cheana féin a bhfuil torthaí rathúla bainte amach acu go dtí seo.

The team engaged to lead the Creative Ireland Programme in County Offaly (the Culture Team) will be coordinated by Amanda Pedlow, Heritage Officer, one of 31 national coordinators who work as a national team to deliver the Creative Ireland Programme. The full members of the Culture Team are:

Beidh an meitheal a bheidh i gceannas ar an gClár Éire Ildánach i gContae Uíbh Fhailí (an Meitheal Cultúir) á chomhordú ag Amanda Pedlow, Oifigeach Oidhreacht, duine de 31 comhordaitheoir náisiúnta a oibríonn mar mheitheal náisiúnta chun an clár Éire Ildánach a sholáthar. Seo a leanas comhaltaí uile na Meithele Cultúir:

Frank Heslin

Director of Services

Frank is a Director of Services since 2003. His responsibilities include an oversight role for Culture, Arts and Library Services in County Offaly. Email: fheslin@offalycoco.ie

Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí

Tá Frank ina Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí ó 2003. I measc na bhfreagrachtaí atá air tá ról maoirseachta do Sheirbhísí Cultúir, Ealaíon agus Leabharlainne i gContae Uíbh Fhailí. Rphost: fheslin@offalycoco.ie

Mary Brady

Arts Officer

Mary joined Offaly County Council in early 2017, having worked extensively in the arts in the private sector, in Ireland and the UK. Mary has worked on a range of EU-funded culture programmes and has contributed to two national arts plans, as a member of the Arts Council/an Chomhairle Ealaíon (1998-2003). Email: arts@offalycoco.ie

Oifigeach Ealaíon

Chuaigh Mary i gComhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí go luath in 2017 tar éis di oibriú go forleathan sna healaíona san earnáil phríobháideach in Éirinn agus sa Ríocht Aontaithe. D'oibrigh Mary ar raon clár cultúir arna maoiniú ag an AE agus chuidigh sí le dhá phlean ealaíon náisiúnta, mar bhall de Chomhairle Ealaíon (1998-2003). Rphost: arts@offalycoco.ie

Monica Cleary

Corporate Services

Monica has worked in a number of departments in Offaly County Council. She is currently Senior Executive Officer with responsibility for Corporate Services and Arts. Monica was the Offaly 1916 Coordinator. Email: mcleary@offalycoco.ie

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha

D'oibrigh Monica le roinnt rannóg i gComhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí. Tá sí ina Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach faoi láthair agus tá sí freagrach as Seirbhísí Corparáideacha agus na hEalaíona. Ba í Monica Comhordaitheoir an chláir Uíbh Fhailí 1916. Rphost: mcleary@offalycoco.ie

Implementation

FOR FHEIDHMIÚ

Rachel McKenna

Senior Executive Architect

Rachel has worked as an architect in both the private and public sector and with Offaly County Council since 2007, working across all Departments with particular reference to Planning, Conservation, Urban and Village Renewal and new build projects.
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Ailtire Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach

D'oibrigh Rachel mar ailtire san earnáil phríobháideach agus phoiblí araon agus le Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí ó 2007, ag obair ar fud gach Rannóg le tagairt ar leith do Phleanáil, Caomhnú, Athnuachan Uirbeach agus Sráidbhailte agus thionscadail tógála nua.
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Amanda Pedlow

Heritage Officer

Amanda has served as heritage officer for Offaly County Council since 2000. Her main role is delivering the Offaly Heritage Plan and the fourth plan, for the period 2017-22, has recently been adopted. The Heritage Forum and community sector are a key strength in delivering heritage plan projects throughout the county.
Email: heritage@offalycoco.ie

Oifigeach Oidhreachta

Tá Amanda ag fónamh mar oifigeach oidhreachta do Chomhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí ón mbliain 2000. Is é an príomhról atá aici ná Plean Oidhreachta Uíbh Fhailí a sheachadadh don tréimhse 2017-22 agus glacadh an ceathrú plean le déanaí. Tá an Fóram Oidhreachta agus an earnáil phobail láidir ó thaobh tionscadail phleanála oidhreachta a sheachadadh ar fud an chontae.
Rphost: heritage@offalycoco.ie

Mary Stuart

County Librarian

Mary is County Librarian in Offaly County Council since 2009 with responsibility for the management and development of library services. Mary has overseen the introduction of the 'My Open Library' pilot at Offaly Libraries and the use of innovative technology to strengthen the position of public libraries in local Communities. Email: mstuart@offalycoco.ie

Leabharlannaí an Chontae

Is í Mary an Leabharlannaí Contae i gComhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí ó 2009 agus tá sí freagrach as bainistíocht agus forbairt na seirbhísí leabharlainne. Rinne Mary maoirsiú ar thabhairt isteach an chlár phíolótaigh 'My Library Open' i Leabharlanna Uíbh Fhailí agus ar úsáid na teicneolaíochta nuálaí chun seasamh na leabharlanna poiblí i bPobail áitiúla a neartú. Rphost: mstuart@offalycoco.ie

The Team

The team will meet regularly to plan the programme for the year and to oversee its delivery. Frank Heslin, as Director of Services, along with the County Coordinator, will keep the Management Team, Strategic Policy Committees and the Council briefed. The County Coordinator will feedback updates from the national team. The annual programme will be monitored and funding will be reallocated if needed to maximises opportunities.

An Meitheal

Tiocfaidh an meitheal le chéile go rialta leis an gclár don bhliain a phleanáil agus chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar sheachadadh an cláir. Coinneoidh Frank Heslin, mar Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí, mar aon leis an gComhordaitheoir Contae an Meitheal Bainistíochta, na Coistí Beartais Straitéiseacha agus an Chomhairle ar an eolas. Tabharfaidh Comhordaitheoir an Chontae nuashonruithe ón meitheal náisiúnta. Déanfar monatóireacht ar an gclár bliantúil agus déanfar maoiniú a athlonnú más gá chun deiseanna a uasmhéadú.

The Offaly Public Participation Network (PPN) is the County Council's main community contact point. Currently there are 265 groups registered with the PPN. Each member group can sign up to a specific pillar: Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion or Environmental. There are two plenary meetings per year in each of the Municipal Districts followed by two county meetings. The key goals of the PPN are to facilitate participation and representation; capacity building; and to provide information. Accordingly, the PPN will be a key resource for the Offaly Culture Team and Bridie Costello Hynes, the recently appointed PPN Resource Worker for Offaly, will help to ensure that community engagement in the development and delivery of the programme is maximised.

An open invitation was sent out from Creative Ireland and Offaly County Council for a public meeting on 4 April 2017 to introduce the concept of Creative Ireland and to ask for ideas that can be implemented in the 2018-22 period. Further interaction with the wider community is planned to provide opportunities for engagement and collaboration.

Is é Lónra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí (PPN) Uíbh Fhailí príomhphointe teagmhála an phobail. Faoi láthair tá 265 grúpa cláraithe leis an PPN. Féadfaidh gach ball cláir le haghaidh colúin ar leith: Pobail agus Deonach, Cuimsiú Sóisialta nó Timpeallachta. Bíonn dhá chruinniú iomlánach in aghaidh na bliana i ngach gCeantar Bardasach agus dhá chruinniú contae ina dhiaidh sin. Is iad na príomhchuspóirí an PPN rannpháirtíocht agus ionadaíocht a éascú; forbairt acmhainne; agus eolas a chur ar fáil. Dá réir sin, beidh an PPN ina phríomhacmhainn d'Fhoireann Cultúir Uíbh Fhailí agus cuideoidh Bridie Costello Hynes, an tOibrí Acmhainní PPN a ceapadh le déanaí le haghaidh Uíbh Fhailí, lena chinntiú go ndéanfar rannpháirtíocht an phobail i bhforbairt agus i seachadadh an chlár a uasmhéadú.

Sheol Éire Ildánach agus Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí cuireadh oscailte amach maidir le cruinniú poiblí ar an 4 Aibreán chun coincheap Éire Ildánach a chur i láthair agus chun smaointe a lorg gur féidir a chur i bhfeidhm sa tréimhse 2018-22. Tá tuilleadh idirghníomhú leis an bpobal i gcoitinne beartaithe chun deiseanna rannpháirtíochta agus comhoibríthe a chur ar fáil.

Projects 2017

TIONSCADAIL 2017

Offaly County Council, the Arts Office, Heritage Office and Library Service all have social media accounts. These will all be used to advertise updates and project developments for the Creative Offaly project. The local media will be notified of projects and press releases issued as appropriate.

The Arts Office and Heritage Office have email lists for news and events. To register for updates please email artsoffice@offalycoco.ie and/or heritage@offalycoco.ie

A webpage will be hosted on www.offaly.ie with details of published plans and ongoing projects.

The Offaly Heritage Office hosts a one day seminar each November and this will be an opportunity to profile Creative Offaly projects.

The County Coordinator will submit updates to the Chief Executive's Report for County Council meetings on a regular basis. Each member of the team will provide updates to their appropriate Strategic Policy Committee as appropriate and through their contact with groups in the course of their work.

Tá cuntais meáin shóisialta ag Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí, ag an Oifig Ealaíon, ag an Oifig Oidhreachta agus ag an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne. Bainfear úsáid astu sin go léir chun nuashonruithe agus forbairtí tionscadail a fhógairt do thionscadal Uíbh Fhailí Ildánach. Cuirfear na meáin áitiúla ar an eolas maidir le tionscadail agus preasráitis arna eisiúint de réir mar is cuí.

Tá liostaí ríomhphoist ag an Oifig Ealaíon agus ag an Oifig Oidhreachta le haghaidh nuachta agus imeachtaí. Chun clárú le haghaidh nuashonruithe seol rphost le do thoil chuig artsoffice@offalycoco.ie agus/nó heritage@offalycoco.ie

Beidh leathanach gréasáin á óstáil ar www.offaly.ie le sonraí maidir le pleananna foilsithe agus tionscadail leanúnacha.

Cuirfidh Oifig Oidhreachta Uíbh Fhailí seimineár aon lae i láthair gach Samhain agus tabharfaidh sé sin deis próifiliú a dhéanamh ar thionscadail Uíbh Fhailí Ildánach.

Cuirfidh Comhordaitheoir an Chontae nuashonruithe ar fáil do Thuairisc an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh le haghaidh cruinnithe Comhairle Contae ar bhonn rialta. Soláthróidh gach ball den fhoireann nuashonruithe chuig an gCoiste um Beartais Straitéiseacha iomchuí de réir mar is cuí agus trína dteagmháil le grúpaí i mbun a gcuid oibre.

CREATIVE IRELAND PROGRAMME FUNDED PROJECTS FOR 2017

The focus for 2017 is to deepen existing work projects which encapsulate the concept of collaboration. Creative Ireland has allocated €64,000 to Offaly County Council for 2017 offering exciting opportunities. The team has assigned funding towards the projects detailed below.

Lough Boora Discovery Park

Lough Boora Discovery Park has many elements. However, the core visitor area gravitates towards the large-scale sculptures which were inspired by nature and the harvesting of the peatlands. A partnership between Bord na Móna and Offaly County Council has facilitated the development of this unique attraction and it is hoped that investment can be made to enhance this unique attraction in Offaly.

Pollinator Multidisciplinary Art Commission

Working in partnership with Laois County Council, we are inviting artists of any discipline, to respond with a project proposal to explore and bring pollination to the wider public through art as part of the Council's response to the All Ireland Pollinator Programme 2015-20. This is based on the success of the Secrets in Offaly project which was developed by the Arts and Heritage offices under the Percent for Arts Scheme in 2015.

TIONSCADAIL CHISTITHE FAOI CHLÁR ÉIRE ILDÁNACH DON BHLIAIN 2017

Is é an fócas do 2017 ná tionscadail oibre atá ann cheana a chuimsíonn coincheap an chomhoibríthe a dhoimhniú. Tá €64,000 leithdháilte ag Éire Ildánach do Chomhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí le haghaidh 2017, rud a chuireann deiseanna spreagúla ar fáil. Tá maoiniú sannta ag an bhfoireann i dtreo na dtionscadal a shonraítear thíos.

Páirc Fionnachtana Loch na Buaráí

Ag obair i gcomhpháirtíocht le Comhairle Contae Laoise, tá muid ag tabhairt cuireadh d'ealaíontóirí as aon disciplín, freagairt le togra do thionscadal chun pailniú a iniúchadh agus a chur i láthair an phobail i gcoitinne tríd an ealaín mar chuid d'fhreagra na Comhairle ar Chlár Pailneoirí Uile-Éireann 2015-20. Tá sé seo bunaithe ar an rath a bhí ar an tionscadal Secrets in Offaly a d'fhorbair na hoifigí Ealaíona agus Oidhreachta faoi Scéim an Chéatadáin le haghaidh na nEalaíon in 2015.

Coimisiún Ealaín Ildisciplíneach Pailneoirí

Féachtar sa tionscnamh sin - le tacaíocht ó Éire Ildánach chun comhshaothrú a chur chun cinn idir baill an phobail ealaíon, Amharclann Dean Crowe agus soláthraithe seirbhíse míchumais laistigh den phobal. Tairgfear é ó mhí Mheán Fómhair mar chlár struchtúrtha laistigh d'Amharclann Dean Crowe, ag dul i ngleic le háisitheoirí le seantaithí ag seachadadh ceardlann sa damhsa agus san amharclannaíocht óna dtiocfaidh taibhiú.

Library Branch Events

Membership to Offaly's libraries has increased significantly in the recent years and the introduction of the Open Library initiative has made these libraries even more accessible. The Offaly Library Service incorporates the county archive collection which is held in Tullamore Central Library. In order to celebrate the creative history of Offaly and develop and nurture our cultural and creative heritage, an allocation of funding will allow for additional programming with a focus on Culture, Heritage, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths (STEAM) throughout the eight library branches.

Arts Programming

The Arts Office proposes to develop a comprehensive and fit for purpose innovative Young People's Arts Programme for Offaly. As a component of Pillar 1, we are inviting and involving young people in reimagining how they might recreate and produce their arts programmes and events and asking them what opportunities they want to be part of over the coming five years. We partner the annual Hullabaloo! Children's Festival to provide access to the arts from an early age. Hullabaloo offers an excellent introduction, for families and young people, to interact with arts and culture through events and workshops. A film-maker facilitated Mini Movies project, in national and post-primary schools, is being extended to other county locations. This provides the opportunity of the film being screened at the OFFline Film Festival in Birr. Mini Movies offers invaluable learning and transferable skills, in a fun and productive way.

Imeachtaí Brainse Leabharlainne

Tá méadú suntasach tagtha ar Bhallraíocht i leabharlanna Uíbh Fhailí le blianta beaga anuas agus ciallaíonn tabhairt isteach an tionscnaimh Open Library go bhfuil na leabharlanna sin níos inrochtana ná riamh. Corpraíonn Seirbhís Leabharlainne Uíbh Fhailí bailiúchán cartlainne an chontae atá á choinneáil i Leabharlann Lárnach Thulach Mhór. D'fhonn stair chruthaitheach Uíbh Fhailí a cheiliúradh agus ár n-oidhreacht chultúrtha agus chruthaitheach a fhorbairt agus a chothú, ceadóidh leithdháileadh maoinithe clár breise le fócas ar Chultúr, Oidhreacht, Eolaíocht, Teicneolaíocht, Innealtóireacht, Ealaín agus Matamaitic (STEAM) ar fud ocht brainse leabharlainne.

Cláir Ealaíon

Tá sé beartaithe ag an Oifig Ealaíon Clár Ealaíon Óige cuimsitheach, nuálach agus oiriúnach don fheidhm a fhorbairt d'Uíbh Fhailí. Mar chomhpháirt de Cholún 1, táimid ag tabhairt cuireadh agus deis do dhaoine óga an dóigh a athchruthaíonn agus a tháirgeann siad a gcuid cláir agus imeachtaí ealaíon a athshamlú agus táimid ag fiafraigh dóibh cad iad na deiseanna ar mhaith leo a bheith páirteach iontu thar na cúig bliana amach romhainn. Táimid mar chomhpháirtithe sa bhFéile bhliantúil Hullabaloo do leanaí chun rochtain ar na healaíona a chur ar fáil ó aois an-óg. Is bealach iontach é Hullabaloo chun teaghlach agus daoine óga a mhealladh le hidirghníomhú leis na healaíona agus leis an gcultúr trí imeachtaí agus ceardlanna. Tá an tionscadal Mini Movies i scoileanna náisiúnta agus iarbhunscoileanna á leathnú go dtí áiteanna eile sa chontae. Tugann sé seo deis an scannán a chraoladh ag an bhFéile Scannán OFFline i mBiorra. Soláthraíonn Mini Movies scileanna luachmhara foghlama agus inaistrithe, ar bhealach spráúil agus táirgiúil.

Publications

Producing and assisting the production of quality books about County Offaly has been an objective for Offaly County Council over the past decade and a good track record has been established. In 2017 Offaly County Council will publish Flights of Fancy, by Rachel McKenna, architect with Offaly County Council. This will be a full colour, hard back book exploring demesnes in Offaly that feature follies.

Creative Offaly Community Grants 2017

During the current year, an allocation has been made to support projects that encapsulate the spirit of Creative Ireland in Offaly.

Foilseacháin

Tá táirgeadh agus cuidiú le leabhair ard-cháilíochta a bhaineann le Contae Uíbh Fhailí a tháirgeadh mar chuspóir ag Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí le deich mbliana anuas agus tá cuntas teiste maith curtha ar bun. In 2017 foilseoidh Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí Flights of Fancy, le Rachel McKenna, ailtire le Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí. Beidh sé seo ina lánadaite, crua ar ais leabhar iniúchadh diméin in Uíbh Fhailí gur gné baoiseanna. Leabhar lánadaite, faoi chúlúdach crua é seo a dhéanann iniúchadh ar dhiméin in Uíbh Fhailí a bhfuil baoiseanna iontu.

Deontais Phobail Uíbh Fhailí Ildánach 2017

Le linn na bliana reatha, rinneadh leithdháileadh chun tacú le tionscadail a chuimsíonn spiorad Éire Ildánach in Uíbh Fhailí.

Promotional Events 2017

IMEACHTAÍ POIBLÍOCHTA 2017

PROJECTS PROMOTING CREATIVITY IN OFFALY IN 2017

Offaly Library Service

Offaly Library Service has an extensive programme of events throughout the year in all eight library branches. The library participates in both local and national event programmes such as Hullabaloo, Offline Film Festival, Birr Vintage Week and Arts Festival and national events including but not limited to the following: Seachtain na Gaeilge, Technology Week, Heritage Week, Culture Night, Positive Ageing Week, Children's Book Festival, Science Week, Engineers Week. There are also local seasonal events such as The Polar Express Christmas Special which is an inter-generational event. The library also has a creative literacy programme which includes storytelling, creative writing and support services for both children and adults. These programmes include Read Anytime, Spring into Storytime, Summer Stars and Once upon a Storytime.

TIONSCADAIL A CHUIREANN CRUTHAITHEACHT IN UÍBH FHÁILÍ CHUN CINN IN 2017

Seirbhís Leabharlainne Uíbh Fhailí

Tá clár cuimsitheach imeachtaí ag Seirbhís Leabharlainne Uíbh Fhailí i rith na bliana i ngach ceann de na hocht brainsí leabharlainne. Bíonn an leabharlann rannpháirteach i gclár imeachtaí áitiúla agus náisiúnta araon ar nós Hullabaloo, An Fhéile Scannán As Líne, Seachtain Seandachtaí agus Féile Ealaíon Bhiarra agus imeachtaí náisiúnta lena n-áirítear ach gan a bheith teoranta dóibh seo a leanas: Seachtain na Gaeilge, Seachtain na Teicneolaíochta, Seachtain na hOidhreachta, Oíche Chultúir, Seachtain an Aosaíthe Dhearfaigh, Féile Leabhar na Leanaí, Seachtain na hEolaíochta, Seachtain na nInnealtóirí. Tá imeachtaí séasúracha áitiúla ar siúl chomh maith cosúil The Polar Express Christmas Special ar imeacht idirghlúine é. Tá clár litearthachta cruthaitheach ag an leabharlann lena n-áirítear scéalaíocht, scríbhneoireacht chruthaitheach agus seirbhísí tacaíochta do leanaí agus daoine fásta araon. Áirítear ar na cláir sin Read Anytime, Spring into Storytime, Summer Stars agus Once upon a Storytime.

County Archive Programme

Offaly Historical and Archaeological Society (Offaly History), Birr Castle Archives and Offaly County Council Archive are working together to deliver a county archive service. There is a substantial archive held by Offaly County Council in the archive room at Tullamore Central Library. The purchase by Offaly History of a large building in Axis Business Park, which they aim to fit out as an archival storage facility in 2017, is a considerable investment in infrastructure for the county and will add storage capacity to the archive store at Tullamore Central Library. Offaly History will move their collection from their premises in Bury Quay to the Axis Business Park. Pillar 3 of the Creative Ireland Programme is Investing in our Creative and Cultural Infrastructure, and having repositories for the county archives is a key focus in Offaly.

Clár Cartlainne an Chontae

Tá Cumann Staire agus Seandálaíochta Uíbh Fhailí (Stair Uíbh Fhailí), Cartlanna Chaisleán Bhiarra agus Cartlann Chomhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí ag obair le chéile chun seirbhís cartlainne contae a sholáthar. Tá cartlann shuntasach i seilbh Chomhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí sa seomra cartlainne ag Lárleabharlann Thulach Mhór. An gceannach ag Uíbh Fhailí Stair d'fhoirgneamh mór i bPáirc Ghnó Axis, bhfuil sé mar aidhm acu a d'oirfeadh amach mar áis stórála cartlainne i 2017, tá infheistíocht shuntasach i mbonnagar don chontae agus cuirfidh toilleadh stórála go dtí an siopa chartlann ag Tulach Mhór Lárleabharlann. Cheannaigh Stair Uíbh Fhailí foirgneamh mór i bPáirc Ghnó Axis, a bhfuil sé gceist acu a chóiriú mar áis stórála cartlainne in 2017, agus is infheistíocht shuntasach í sin i mbonnagar an chontae agus cuirfidh sí toilleadh stórála leis an stór cartlainne i Lárleabharlann Thulach Mhór. Bogfaidh Stair Uíbh Fhailí a cnuasach as a n-áitreabh i gCé an Bhrúigh chuig an bPáirc Ghnó Axis. Is é Colún 3 den Chlár Éire Ildánach ná Infheistíocht in Infreastruchtúr na Cruthaitheachta agus an Chultúir agus tá sé mar phríomhfhócas in Uíbh Fhailí go mbeadh stórtha ann do chartlanna an chontae.

The Diaspora is a key element of Pillar 5, Unifying our Global Reputation. In tandem with the physical storage of archives, a digitising project is ongoing which has particular impact for those researching aspects of Offaly worldwide. This started with the hosting of the Digby archives, 3000+ images, on <http://www.offalyhistoryarchives.com> in 2016. Within six months of the launch there have been over 30,000 page views across the world from people searching the Digby archive. This shows the importance of getting source material available on line and making connections with those abroad.

A number of catalogues and finding aids are also available and selected images from Birr Castle Archives and Offaly County Council Archives will be added in 2017. Information and regular updates are available from www.offalyhistoryblog.wordpress.com.

Community Facilities Funding

This funding stream is being managed by the Community and Local Development Section of Offaly County Council. The total funding is €64,000 for 2017 and the maximum grant is €1,000. The criteria is broad and specifically includes Creative Ireland projects. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2017.

Tá an Diaspóra mar phríomhghné de Cholún 5, Clú na hÉireann ar fud an Domhain a thabhairt le chéile. Mar aon le stóráil fisiceach cartlanna, tá tionscadal digitiú ar siúl ar bhonn leanúnach a bhfuil tionchar ar leith ann dóibh siúd a bhíonn ag déanamh taighde ar ghnéithe d'Uíbh Fhailí ar fud an domhain. Thosaigh sé sin le hóstáil na gcartlann Digby, 3000 + íomhá, ar <http://www.offalyhistoryarchives.com> in 2016. Laistigh de shé mhí ón seoladh tá níos mó ná 30,000 amharc ar fud an domhain ó dhaoine a rinne cuardach ar chartlann Digby. Léiríonn sé sin an tábhacht a bhaineann le hábhar foinse a bheith ar fáil ar líne agus naisc a dhéanamh leo siúd thar lear.

Tá roinnt catalóg agus áiseanna aimsithe ar fáil chomh maith agus cuirfear íomhánna roghnaithe ó Chartlann Chaisleán Bhorra agus ó Chartlanna Chomhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí leis in 2017. Tá eolas agus nuashonruithe rialta ar fáil ó www.offalyhistoryblog.wordpress.com

Maoiniú do Shaoráidí Pobail

Tá an sruth maoinithe á bhainistiú ag an Roinn Pobail agus Forbairt Áitiúil de Chomhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí. Is ionann an maoiniú iomlán agus €64,000 do 2017 agus is ionann an t-uasdeontas agus €1,000. Tána critéir leathan agus cuimsíonn siad tionscadail Éire Ildánach go háirithe. Is é an spriocdháta le haghaidh iarratas ná 30 Meitheamh 2017.

Music Generation Offaly / Westmeath (MGOW)

Music Generation Offaly / Westmeath is a collaboration between neighbouring local authorities and the Education Training Boards, and is unique among national Music Generation partnerships, that are under the auspices of the Education Training Partnerships. In this regard MGOW fulfils pillars 1, 2 & 3 for the Creative Ireland Programme.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Medieval Churches

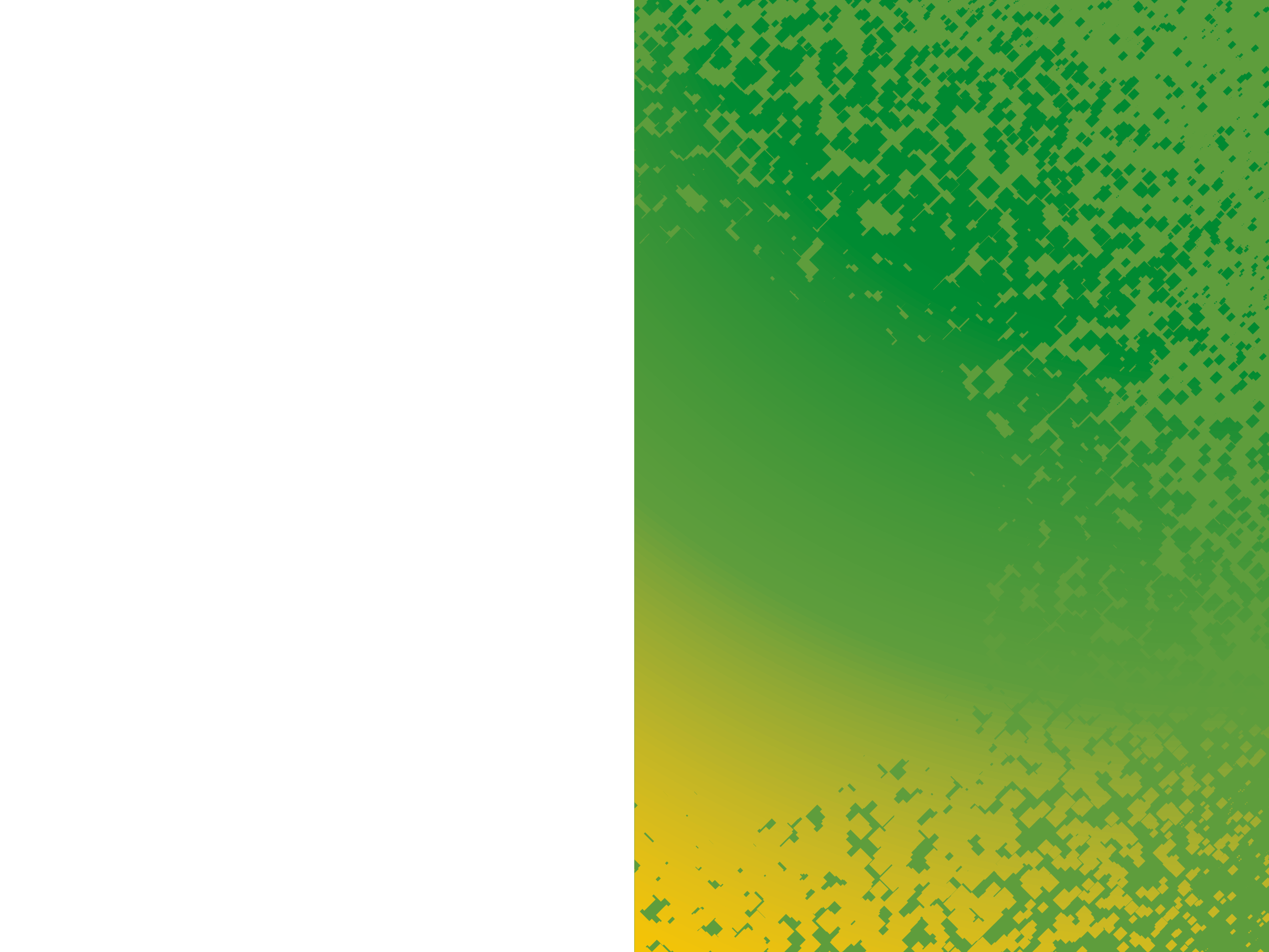
The Creative Ireland programme includes investment in heritage sites. In Offaly, we have over 1420 protected structures and we seek to support their owners in their care and maintenance. Work towards their maintenance can be supported through the Built Heritage Investment Scheme which we aim to maximise each year. In addition, we have a programme of works to monitor, manage vegetation and conserve medieval churches in Offaly which are in the County Council's care. This is one of the eight actions in the Offaly Heritage Plan 2017-21.

Music Generation Uíbh Fhailí / na hIarmhí (MGOW)

Is éard é Music Generation Uíbh Fhailí / na hIarmhí ná comhoibriú idir údarás áitiúla chomharsanachta agus na Boird Oideachais agus Oiliúna, agus tá sé uathúil i measc comhpháirtíochtaí náisiúnta Music Generation, atá faoi choimirce na Comhpháirtíochtaí Oiliúna Oideachais. I dtaca leis sin comhlíonann MGOW colúin 1, 2 agus 3 don Chlár Éire Ildánach.

Scéim Infheistíochta um an Oidhreacht Thógtha agus Eaglaisí Meánaoiseacha

Cuimsíonn an clár Éire Ildánach infheistíocht i láithreáin oidhreacht. In Uíbh Fhailí, tá breis agus 1,420 struchtúr cosanta againn agus is mian linn tacú lena n-úinéirí maidir lena geúram agus a gothabháil. Is féidir tacú leis an obair i dtreo a gothabháil tríd an Scéim Infheistíochta um an Oidhreacht Thógtha a bhfuil sé mar aidhm againn a uasmhéadú gach bliain. Ina theannta sin, tá clár oibreacha againn le monatóireacht a dhéanamh, fásra a bhainistiú agus eaglaisí meánaoiseacha a chaomhnú in Uíbh Fhailí atá faoi chúram na Comhairle Contae. Tá sé seo ar cheann de na hocht gníomhartha i bPlean Oidhreacht Uíbh Fhailí 2017-21.



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