

# OFFALY ARTS ALERT

Official Newsletter of Offaly County Council Arts Office



## Arts in Action - November - December News & Events

Welcome to Issue Ten 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.

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# What's On?

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## Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

### Vanbrugh & Friends

Saturday 16 November, 8pm

The Brilliant classical ensemble come to Birr to present a spellbinding programme featuring the Monumental, intimate, dreamy, earthy, triumphant, despairing "String Quintet in C major D.956" from Schubert and the extremely Lyrical and moving "String Sextet in A major" from Rimsky-Korsakov.



### I Can't Believe It's Not Ireland

Friday 22 November, 8pm

Paddy Cullivan is known for his historical accuracy, his wit and his funny delivery. In his new show, looking at the future of Ireland, he takes us on a hilariously insightful journey through the history of partition and the Ireland of the future. Imagine it's 2032, can you see a brand new 32-county country? Come and explore the possibilities.

### Vladimir & Anton Jablokov

Saturday, 23 November, 8pm

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the Jablokov brothers up close. You will be thrilled with exquisite classical melodies, along with beloved themes from movies and musicals, all performed in their unique, high-energy style. And, as a bonus, you can meet them after the show.

### A Christmas Carol by Livin' Dred Theatre Company

Saturday 21 December, 3pm



Get ready for a festive whirlwind of fun, laughter, and a sprinkle of spookiness!

This dazzling, high-energy adaptation of A Christmas Carol brings Charles Dickens' classic to life like never before. With nothing but two snazzy-suited actors, an Ikea coat-rack, and a wild assortment of hats and scarves, you'll be whisked away on a riotous journey through time with the notorious Ebenezer Scrooge.

### Weekly Film night Film@BirrTheatre

La Chimera - Thursday, 7 November - 8pm

Mrs Robinson - Thursday, 14 November - 8pm

That They May Face The Rising Sun - Thursday, 28 November - 8pm

Visit [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com) for a full listings of events taking place in November and December.



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## Esker Arts

Esker Sessions Volume II:  
Rita Ann Higgins and Simon Costello  
Thursday 14th November, 8pm

Rita Ann Higgins was born and lives in Galway. She has published 12 books of poetry including *Throw in the Vowels*, *Ireland is Changing* *Mother and Tongulish*. She has also written essays and screenplays in Irish and English. In 2021 she received The Living Poets Society Award. In 1999, Rita Ann was Writer in Residence in Tullamore and edited a book *Out the Clara Road* featuring work by Offaly writers.

Simon Costello is from Tullamore, Co. Offaly. His poetry has recently been published in *The Poetry Review*, *The Stinging Fly*, *The London Magazine*, *New England Review* and *The Moth* among others. He was selected for 2021 Poetry Ireland Introductions and won the UK's The Rialto Prize for Poetry. He is a Government of Ireland IRC Scholar and lecturer at University College Dublin.



Saibhreas:  
Works from Offaly County Council  
Municipal Collection

Official opening:  
Friday 15th November, 8pm

Saibhreas is an exhibition of works from Offaly County Council's municipal collection of visual art. Offaly County Council has been collecting art since the early 2000s and the collection now comprises over 500 works by local, national and international artists. The Collection includes painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, print and mixed-media works.

This will be the first time the Collection has been displayed in a purpose-built visual arts gallery and Esker Arts' Croghan Gallery will be the perfect setting for showing works, many of which have strong connections to County Offaly.

Presented in association with Offaly County Council.  
Saibhreas: Works from Offaly County Council Municipal Collection runs until 20th December.  
Runs until Friday 20th December



Tolü Makay  
Fri 29th- Sat 30th Nov, 8pm

Back to perform for first time in a few years at Esker Arts. 'This intimate, acoustic set will be a special opportunity to thank my community by sharing new, unreleased music.' Join Tolü for an evening of connection, reflection, and soulful sounds in the beautiful Croghan gallery space and to celebrate her next single release out on the 27th of September called 'My Eyes are Open'







## 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.

Activities are advertised on the Creative Places Edenderry Facebook and Instagram Pages. See [www.creativeplacesedenderry.ie](http://www.creativeplacesedenderry.ie) for further information.

**GEMINI PLAYERS**  
PRESENT A HALLOWEEN PANTOMIME  
**THE WITCH HAD IT COMING**  
By: **JOHN MAGUIRE**  
IN **ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL EDENDERRY**  
ON **Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
AT 7.30 SHARP DOORS OPEN AT 6.45.  
Matinee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3.00 SHARP  
Doors Open at 2.30  
ADMISSION.....€ 12.00 & €8.00  
THERE IS ALSO A THEMED PARK  
WE WOULD LIKE ALL OUR AUDIENCE  
TO COME IN HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS.

**creative PLACES EDENDERRY** **Creative Lives**  
**MONDAY MUSIC GROUP**  
With Angi Ward  
**2pm - 3.30pm**  
The Parish Centre  
Please register by emailing:  
[info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie](mailto:info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie)

## Seed Funding

Applications opening on the 1st of November

Please contact:  
[info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie](mailto:info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie)  
for more info

### Your paragraph text

**creative PLACES EDENDERRY** **Creative Lives**  
Visual Arts Project  
for and by people who  
identify as disabled with  
Eleanor Farrelly  
Tuesdays, 11am - 12.30pm  
The Parish Centre, Edenderry  
Please register by emailing:  
[info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie](mailto:info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie)

**creative PLACES EDENDERRY** **Creat Live**  
**ActiviTEA!**  
Weekly Arts based workshops with  
Jenny!  
Every Tuesday, 11am to 1pm  
The Cabin, Edenderry  
PLEASE REGISTER BY EMAILING:  
[INFO@CREATIVEPLACESEDENDERRY.IE](mailto:INFO@CREATIVEPLACESEDENDERRY.IE)

**creative PLACES EDENDERRY** **Creative Lives**  
**Community Social**  
With Nesrin!  
Weekly drop in Arts Based Workshops  
Every Friday  
12.30pm to 2.30pm  
The Parish Centre, Edenderry  
To register, contact:  
[info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie](mailto:info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie)



# Hullabaloo

## Children Arts Festival 2024



**Eighteen years of Hullabaloo! and still growing!!**

Hullabaloo! Offaly's Children's Arts Festival brings an extravaganza of creativity, art making and fun experiences for all the family. Now, in its 18th year, Hullabaloo! Offaly's dedicated arts festival for children under 12 runs from Wednesday 30 October - Saturday 2 November in Birr, Clara, Edenderry, Tullamore and this year is growing even bigger to include activities in Kilcormac.

Supported by Offaly County Council Arts Office, Hullabaloo! is coordinated by Birr Theatre & Arts Centre and Esker Arts with Creative Places Edenderry, Offaly Library Services, Clara Family Resource Centre and Kilcormac Development Association.

**[CLICK HERE FOR FULL PROGRAMME AND TO BOOK TICKETS](http://www.hullabalooFestival.ie)**

# Offaly Arts Office News

Offaly Arts Office is delighted to introduce new team members:



Alexandra Rosiak  
Assistant Arts Officer



Laura O'Hara  
Clerical Officer



Mary Doyle  
Assistant Staff Officer

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or call us on 0579346800

## Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Applications will be opening in November for the Offaly Arts Grants 2025 including; the Arts Acts Grants, the Festival Arts Grants and the Professional Artists Support Scheme. Please check the Offaly Arts website for further information.

[One stop page for all grants information](#)

Professional Artists Support Scheme - CLOSING DATE Monday 20th January 2025 3pm

Arts Acts Grants - CLOSING DATE Monday 20th January 2025 3pm

Festival Arts Grants - CLOSING DATE Monday 17th February 2025 3pm

Youth Arts Commission - CLOSING DATE Friday 14th February 2025 4pm



Visit Offaly

Please see the website [www.visitoffaly.ie](http://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.



# Film Offaly News

## Offaly Arts Office and FilmOffaly welcome Darren Lee, a newly appointed Film Resource Officer



Darren Lee has recently been appointed as FilmOffaly Development Resource Officer with Offaly County Council, this is a temporary post to deliver a project co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund Programme

The aims of the role are to grow and diversify the film sector in Offaly, as well as adding cultural and economic value to the local community.

"This represents a great opportunity to attract filmmakers to Offaly, as well as supporting local talent and craftspeople who want to work in the screen industry. We hope to create a thriving community of local artists, raising the profile of film in the county. It's an exciting chance to build on FilmOffaly's work so far and create something that the whole community can benefit from," said Darren

Darren's background is in broadcast media, having worked for the likes of Discovery and RTE in scheduling roles. Recently he was a Production Manager at Studio Meala, working on Disney's Kizazi Moto: Generation Fire."



## FILMOFFALY LOCATIONS CALL-OUT

We are looking to expand FilmOffaly's database of potential film locations within the county.

We already have a diverse range of unique locations, but we are always on the lookout for buildings or spots that could be the next screen star, whether it's your home, workplace, or local bar.

If it's distinctive or has character, we'd love to hear from you. For more information please contact [filmoffaly@offalycoco.ie](mailto:filmoffaly@offalycoco.ie)

[www.filmoffaly.ie](http://www.filmoffaly.ie)

# Local News & Opportunities

## BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE OPEN SUBMISSION EXHIBITION Common Ground 2024 Mother Earth

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre are calling for submissions for the 17th Annual Common Ground – an exhibition of work by artists living in the Midlands to be held from December 2024 – January 2025.

This year the theme for Common Ground 2024 (referring to a group of artists coming together to exhibit) will be Mother Earth

More info on [www.birrtheatre.com/open-call](http://www.birrtheatre.com/open-call)



For more info visit [www.eskerarts.ie](http://www.eskerarts.ie)

## Esker Arts Studio Residency 2024-25.

Esker Arts are seeking applications for a professional artist to apply for a four-month studio residency / workspace in Esker Arts for 2024-25.

The residency will be offered to a visual artist (working in any of the disciplines of visual art). This residency is a pilot project as Esker Arts develops towards a centre that not only presents the arts but also acts to encourage and support the production of work and to enable artists to see their arts centre as an important hub for their practice.

This pilot is funded by the Arts Council of Ireland and Offaly County Council Arts Office.

## Esker Arts is Hiring

The Board of Esker Arts, Tullamore, Co Offaly, is seeking applications from exceptional candidates with the requisite knowledge, skills and experience to fill a number of posts:

**Administrator (full-time)**  
**Technical & Facilities Manager (full-time)**

Further information and recruitment details here: [www.eskerarts.ie](http://www.eskerarts.ie)

Deadline for applications 4pm on Thursday 14th November 2024



# National News & Opportunities

## The Raising Voices Fellowship

is inviting aspiring writers and/or illustrators who make work for children and young adults to apply for their fully-funded, career-altering programme in 2025. Encompassing a host of creative and practical supports, the selected Fellows will be connected to a welcoming community of practice and supported in developing their careers. The Fellowship is led by a group of literature organisations including Children's Books Ireland, Illustrators Ireland, Publishing Ireland, the Dublin Book Festival and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig.

# RAISING VOICES

## FELLOWSHIP 2025

Raising Voices aims to break down barriers to publication and progression, and to increase diversity and representation in the Irish literature sector for those whose voices have been underrepresented due to background or identity. Children's Books Ireland is the lead organisation and will be the main point of contact. The Raising Voices Fellowship commences in January 2025 and will run until November 2025. The application deadline is Thursday 14th November at 3pm. [www.childrensbooksireland.ie](http://www.childrensbooksireland.ie)

Bookings Open!  
Deadline 31 Oct



Experience:  
An Introduction to  
Arts, Health &  
the Older Person

Thurs 5 December 2024  
Limerick City Gallery of Art

Presented by Age & Opportunity and  
Realta, Developing Arts + Health in Ireland  
Booking info: [www.ageandopportunity.ie](http://www.ageandopportunity.ie)  
and [www.realta.ie](http://www.realta.ie)



## Experience 2024:

### An Introduction to Arts, Health and the Older Person

This one-day learning programme for artists and arts practitioners of all disciplines takes place on Thursday 5 December at Limerick City Gallery of Art. Places cost €30 and are open to professional artists and arts practitioners of all disciplines with experience/ interest in participatory arts work in a health context. Deadline for applications: 31st October, 5pm. Further information, including how to apply, on our website: [www.bealtaine.ie](http://www.bealtaine.ie)

## Reaching out to be Global - Networking for Creative Practitioners across 5 nations

Reaching Out To Be Global is a free online event for those working in the field of Creative Ageing who are keen to connect with others, share practice and explore international partnerships. Over the course of two hours, you will hear from five creative practitioners who span different artforms, perspectives and countries. With an opportunity for networking and sharing your own ideas, this is the beginning of a conversation about what a new 'International Centre for Creative Ageing' could mean for the development of more international partnerships in the future. Further information and tickets [www.bealtaine.ie](http://www.bealtaine.ie)

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Networking for Creative Practitioners across 5 nations

14 November 2024  
10am - 12pm

A free online event for artists and creative practitioners working in the field of Creative Ageing.

- connect with others
- share practice
- explore international partnerships

Wales, England, Finland, Northern Ireland, Ireland  
hosted by Wales Arts, Health & Wellbeing Network



# National News & Opportunities

## WE ONLY WANT THE EARTH 2024

WOWTE is a yearly programme of awards, exhibitions, and events that seeks to interrogate the goals and strategies of social change: what kind of society do we want and how should we get there?

Our awards are in partnership with Create the national development agency for collaborative arts and Transgender Equality Network Ireland (TENI), Fire Station Artists' Studios and Movement of Asylum Seekers Ireland (MASI). The awards are open to artists who are transgender, nonbinary and gender nonconforming, and artists who are seeking or who have sought international protection in Ireland.

For 2024 we are offering two five-month residencies to individual artists commencing in January 2025. Artists can work on any topic of their choosing as long as their proposal responds to the theme We Only Want the Earth!

The closing date for applications is Friday 15th November 2024 at 5pm.

[Click here for more info and to apply](#)



## Jobs, Funding & Opportunities

THE FOLLOWING LINKS WILL BRING YOU TO AN OVERVIEW ON VARIOUS AVAILABLE FUNDING

[WWW.VISUALARTISTS.IE](http://WWW.VISUALARTISTS.IE)  
[WWW.CULTUREIRELAND.IE](http://WWW.CULTUREIRELAND.IE)  
[WWW.CREATE-IRELAND.IE](http://WWW.CREATE-IRELAND.IE)

THE FOLLOWING SITES CONTAIN A BROAD RANGE OF ROLES & OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY ADVERTISED IN THE ARTS.

[WWW.VISUALARTISTS.IE/ADVERTS](http://WWW.VISUALARTISTS.IE/ADVERTS)  
[WWW.PERFORMINGARTSFORUM.IE/JOBS](http://WWW.PERFORMINGARTSFORUM.IE/JOBS)  
[WWW.ARTSMANAGEMENT.IE/JOBS](http://WWW.ARTSMANAGEMENT.IE/JOBS)  
[WWW.CREATE-IRELAND.IE/CATEGORY/OPPORTUNITIES](http://WWW.CREATE-IRELAND.IE/CATEGORY/OPPORTUNITIES)  
[WWW.ARTCONNECT.COM/OPPORTUNITIES](http://WWW.ARTCONNECT.COM/OPPORTUNITIES)  
[WWW.IRISHWRITERSCENTRE.IE/JOB-OPPORTUNITIES](http://WWW.IRISHWRITERSCENTRE.IE/JOB-OPPORTUNITIES)  
[WWW.POETRYIRELAND.IE/WRITERS/OPPORTUNITIES](http://WWW.POETRYIRELAND.IE/WRITERS/OPPORTUNITIES)



# ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



SEE [WWW.ARTSCOUNCIL.IE/FUNDING](http://WWW.ARTSCOUNCIL.IE/FUNDING) FOR AVAILABLE AWARDS  
WITH VARIOUS STRANDS AND CLOSING DATES

Theatre Project Award 2025, Round 2 (Strands 1 & 2 only)	15 October	14 November
Festivals Investment Scheme 2025, Round 2	22 October	21 November
Co-funding Award 2025	05 November	05 December
Touring of Work 2025, Round 2	10 December	23 January (2025)
Touring of Work - Advanced Planning 2026	10 December	23 January (2025)

## Artists Wellbeing

### Screen-Ireland Professional Development

Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Neurodiversity  
(Screen Industry)

This is a Level 6, fully online, university-accredited, part-time course and a continuing professional development certificate. This course is fully funded by Screen Ireland. This course is the first university of its kind globally. Once registered, you will receive the fully confirmed timetable and all the course details.

Click on the link for details:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/ace-ccpdns>



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](http://www.mindingcreativeminds.ie)



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