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OFFALY ARTS ALERT

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Arts Office

Arts in Action - July & August

This issue:

Welcome to your Summer Edition of Offaly Arts Alert, where we will concentrate on upcoming opportunities. 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 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. For this period, event listings will be featured across social media platforms, including our new Instagram account @OffalyArtsOffice.

With Summer in full swing, arts events and festivals are plentiful across the County - we hope you enjoy the arts experiences.

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What's On?



July & August Arts Events



Visit Offaly

Please see the website www.visitoffaly.ie for a comprehensive list of events taking place in Offaly across the Summer months.



Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

Please see www.birrtheatre.com to see the full listings of events taking place in Birr Theatre & Arts Centre. Highlights include music from The Frank & Walters and Scullion and theatre lovers will be enchanted with Fred & Alice - a quirky love story from Callback Theatre - "Splendid Production and Powerful Performances" – Joe Duffy Presenter RTE

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What's On?



On Stage
The Pension Plan, by John McDwyer and Beeznee Theatre Company

20 Jul 2023

Performance



The Studios
Introduction to Printmaking Workshop with Hilary Kinahan

22 Jul 2023

Talks & Workshop



The Galleries
Echos: An exhibition celebrating 25 years of the Leinster Printmaking Studio

8 Jul 2023 - 26 Aug 2023

Esker Arts

Please see www.eskerarts.ie for the full listings of events taking place in Tullamore's newest dedicated arts venue. Theatre lovers are in for a treat with Beeznee Theatre Company's 'The Pension Plan' whilst 'Echos' - an exhibition celebrating 25 years of the Leinster Printmaking Studio is opens on 8th July.



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Creative Places: Edenderry

An Ambitious Three-Year Project For Edenderry

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Welcome To Creative Places
Edenderry

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](#). Burlesque dancing, creative writing and paper craft workshops as well as storytelling and baby sensory classes for babies are just of the events coming up soon. See the social media links and the website www.creativeplacesedenderry.ie for further information.

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Festival Fever....

Beat On The Peat

Sunday 9th July

Taking place in Belmont, Co. Offaly, this music festival has something for everyone. Please visit the Facebook Page: [Beat On The Peat](#) for further information



That Beats Banagher

14th – 16th & 22nd – 23rd July

That Beats Banagher, the annual summer festival of Banagher, Co. Offaly makes a welcome return on this July, and is full of activities for the whole family to enjoy, including the return of FLOW – from a celebration of Charlotte Brontë, a blacksmithing celebration, a Genetic Genealogy Conference and a spectacular Fireworks Display to mention some of the programme offerings.

See www.thatbeatsbanagher.com for full programme and further information.



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Festival Fever....

French Festival - Solas

15th - 16th July

In the late 17th and early 18th centuries, Portarlinton was the Paris of the Midlands, a place where French, rather than Irish or English, was spoken on the streets.

A weekend of celebrating everything that is French. For further information, please see <https://ecogardenshop.ie/>



Birr Vintage & Arts Festival

4th - 12th August 2023

Birr Vintage & Arts Festival, now in its 55th year, is one of Ireland's longest running festivals. The annual community arts festival in Birr, Co. Offaly features professional, national and international artists bringing visual arts, theatre, music, street theatre, pop up performers,

Workshops, exhibitions and lots more, together with a variety of community events. For full programme and further information, please visit the website www.birrvintageweek.com





Additional Needs - Access Version

An easy-read version of this newsletter is available to support access for all with varied reading needs. Visit [our website](#) to download.

Arts in Action - July & August

Please note that the purpose of the listings area is to share information of Arts events happening County wide and information on links are accurate at the time of receipt. The Arts Office is not the booking agent or host of the events listed and bears no responsibility for same. Please contact all venues listed for any queries relating to the events.

Many thanks for reading this edition and trust you have a joyful Arts experience this coming season!

Next Issue: Culture Night 2023

In September, we will focus on sharing our Culture Night programme. 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.



CULTURE NIGHT



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LOCAL & NATIONAL NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



The Arts Office of Offaly County Council, have started work on the development of a new Arts Strategy. In the course of the next six months we will be engaging with a wide range of people across the county to gather information, ideas, and insights; to understand the impact of what we have achieved through our previous plans, to build on our successes and to address the gaps in policy, practice and provision. We have engaged the services of John O'Brien, an independent arts consultant, to work alongside us to support and facilitate this work. The engagement will take several forms including workshops and questionnaires. We will be contacting people and organisations over the coming months and we're looking forward to renewing the conversation on the arts in County Offaly.

For further information or to register interest in the process please contact the Arts Office at arts@offalycoco.ie using Offaly Arts Strategy in the subject line.

VAI Webinars and Clinics

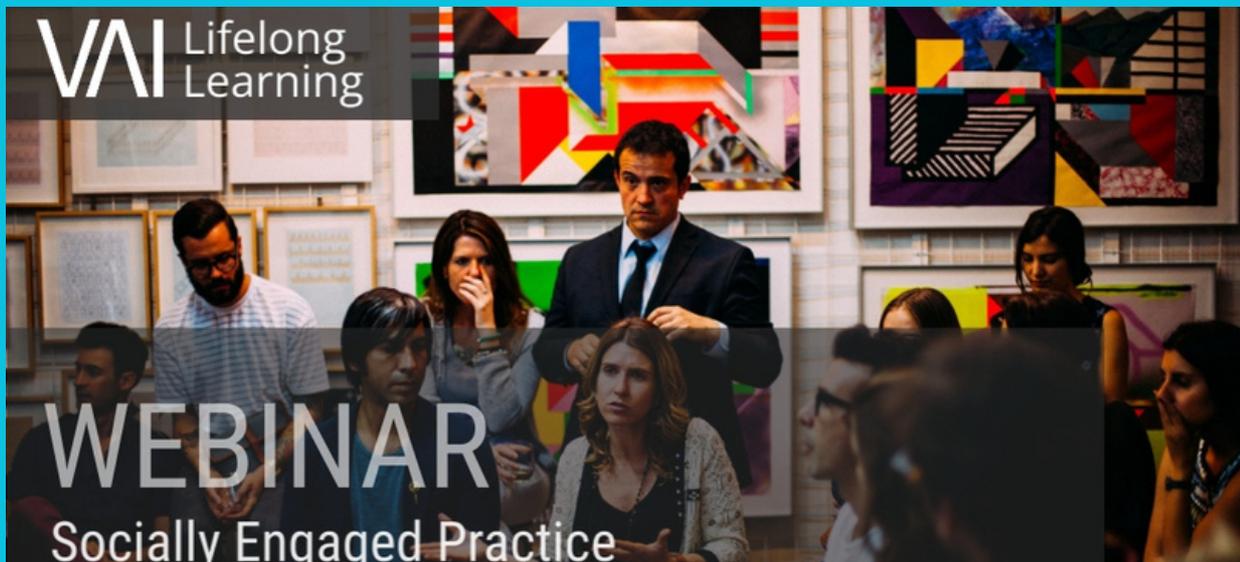


This webinar will take a closer look into the role of the curator; research interests, how to connect, collaborate and programme through your work and your practice. This webinar and clinics will be led by curator, Kate Strain.

Date: Thursday 13th July

Time: 11am (1.30 hr webinar)

Register: <https://visualartists.ie/>



What is Socially Engaged Practice? This session explores the terminology and practice of socially engaged art and would suit those who are interested in delivering local and community led work for and with a range of communities. The presentation is delivered by Aine Phillips and we will also hear from about the Socially Engaged Practice of Peter Prendergast.

Date: Thursday 20th July

Time: 11am (1.30 hr webinar)

Register: <https://visualartists.ie/>

Minding Creative Minds Webinars and Clinics



WORKSHOP 3 PART SERIES DEVELOPING A POSITIVE MIND SET: PART 1 WITH SUE CULLEN



Sue will teach you:

- How your mind works
- Recognise the cycle of preconditioned programming and old patterns that affect thinking and decisions
- Recognise negative self-talk and emotions and learn ways to reframe
- Help build confidence
- Experiment with visualisations, affirmations and journaling
- Learn to maintain motivation and goal set, through periods of mundanity or stress



Wednesday, August 2nd
13:00pm - 14:30pm



Via Zoom



Free Admission
Register to attend

This workshop (first of three parts) looks at developing positive mindset.

Sue will teach you: How your mind works, how to recognise the cycle of preconditioned programming and old patterns that affect thinking and decisions.

Also, how to recognise negative self-talk and emotions and learn ways to reframe and help build confidence.

**Date: 2 August @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
(On Zoom)**

Register:

www.mindingcreativeminds.ie

WORKSHOP FUNDING Q&A WITH JOANNE RYAN



As the deadline for funding and bursary applications approaches we are offering a one hour funding clinic.

Joanne Ryan will be there to answer your last minute queries and offer guidance before submitting your applications.



Wednesday, August 16th
19:00pm - 20:00pm



Via Zoom



Free Admission
Register to attend

As the deadline for funding and bursary applications approaches we are offering a one hour funding clinic. Joanne Ryan will be there to answer your last minute queries and offer guidance before submitting your applications.

Date: 16 August @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Register:

www.mindingcreativeminds.ie

Culture Night Clinic: Webinars for Organisers



These webinars are open to event organisers, who are running events as part of Culture Night. Attendance is not compulsory, but may be helpful to anyone who is working with the Arts Office to create an event for Culture Night 2023. Hosted centrally, they provide insights and expertise on the topics listed below.

July 11th – Audience development

July 25th – Marketing and Communications

To register to attend some or all of these webinars please register using the registration form below.

If you are unable to attend any of the webinars the recordings and any presentations will be available in the organiser toolkit section of the website after each session – <https://culturenight.ie/organiser-toolkit/>

To register for the webinars please [CLICK HERE](#) or see www.culturenight.ie for further details.



**CULTURE
NIGHT**



***Open Call: A Future of Europe: Code Green,
BITE of Art, EU***

BITE
OF
ART

BITE of Art 2.0 initiative, run by the consortium of cultural operators from Spain, Slovenia, Belgium, and Serbia, is announcing an open call for young emerging artists to engage into shaping a future of European continent and address environmental and climate change issues.

They are looking to support preparation, production, exhibition, and promotion of 4 socially engaging contemporary visual art performances produced by young emerging artists coming from various European countries. These performances should address challenges and issues related to environment and climate change and will be performed on the streets of Ljubljana, Slovenia, within the festival "A Future of Europe: Code GREEN", from 9th to 13th of October 2023.

Closing Date: 10 July

Web: <https://biteofart.org>

Email: info@biteofart.org

Open Call: The Sean and Rosemarie Mulcahy Visual Arts Residency Award



Fire Station Artists' Studios (FSAS) has a strong commitment to community engagement and is proud of its Dublin 1 heritage and neighbourhood. This commitment is emphasised by this first Sean & Rosemarie Mulcahy Award focussing on Socially Engaged practice.

Applicants must be full time practising artists with a socially engaged practice, with projects and exhibition profiles. Click [here for more information.](#)

Closing Date: 14 July, 5pm

Web: www.firestation.ie

Open Call: Show and Tell – Pitching at the 2023 Dublin Fringe Festival



Culture Ireland, Irish Theatre Institute and Dublin Fringe Festival invite submissions from Irish artists/companies for Show and Tell. Show and Tell is a pitching session for national and international programmers during Information Toolbox at Dublin Fringe Festival (15th September 2023).

Applications are welcome from artists/companies to pitch:

- New Projects (not previously presented in any format)
- Projects in Development (with the intention of generating international presentation or co-producing opportunities for the artists and their work)
- 'Ready to Tour' Show.

Successful applicants will pitch their projects to national and international delegates using their preferred platform (for example, an extract from the performance, spoken presentation, high-quality images, etc.) Professional artists/companies from theatre and dance disciplines are eligible to apply. Successful artists will be required to work with Culture Ireland and Irish Theatre Institute to prepare their pitch in advance.

Application via link: [CLICK HERE](#) or see www.cultureireland.ie

Closing Date: 19 July, 5pm

Web: www.cultureireland.com

Open Call: International Development Programmes for Underrepresented Performing Artists



Baboró's have announced a new partnership with The Spark Arts for Children (Leicester, England). Applications are invited via the Vital Spark Relationship Programme and Ideas Fund.

For the Relationship Programme, 4 artists based in Ireland and 4 based in England will take part in:

- A 'Go and See' trip to Baboró International Arts Festival for Children, Galway, Ireland this October
- An Artist residential of masterclasses & coaching in Leicester, England this November
- Online coaching sessions
- Attending a 2-day Vital Spark Symposium in March 2024

For the Ideas Fund, one Irish-based and one English-based artist will be offered a small commission each to explore an idea for a performance for young audiences.

You can find information about [how to apply on the Barboro website here.](#)

Closing Date: Deadline 31st July 10 am

Web: www.barboro.ie

Open Call: Southward Editor's Poetry Award



**Southward
Editor's
Poetry
Award**



Enter: 3 poems
Open for entries: 1st July -
30th September (midnight)
Entry fee: €20

Each entrant for their €20 entry fee will receive a complementary postage-free, one-year subscription to Southward. Poems will be read and judged anonymously. The winning poet will have their three poems published in Southward. If you are already a subscriber, your subscription will be extended. Once a subscriber, there is the opportunity to enter, for free, other competitions which are for subscribers only. Enter **three** poems for consideration.

Prize: €1000 FOR THE BEST ENTRY OF THREE POEMS

Closing date: 30th September (midnight)

Entry fee: €20

Further details: www.munsterlit.ie



**Seán Ó Faoláin
International
Short Story
Competition**



**Closing date:
July 31st
3000 words
€19 entry fee**

The competition is open to original, unpublished and unbroadcast short stories in the English language of 3,000 words or fewer. The story can be on any subject, in any style, by a writer of any nationality, living anywhere in the world. Translated work is not in the scope of this competition. Entrants may submit more than one entry.

1ST PRIZE

- €2,000
- Residency (one week) at Anam Cara Retreat
- Featured reading at the Cork International Short Story Festival (with four-night hotel stay and full board)
- Publication in Southward

Closing Date: 31st July (Midnight)

Enter: munsterlit.ie/ofaolain-competition

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARTS



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

See:

- www.visualartists.ie
- <https://theatreforum.ie/jobs/>
- <https://artsmanagement.ie/jobs/>

Other roles recently advertised include the following:

- Director Roscommon Arts Centre.
See link here or at www.localgovernmentjobs.ie
- Head of Exhibitions, Learning and Programming at National Library of Ireland
See link here or at www.nli.ie

ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING DEADLINES

SEE WWW.ARTSCOUNCIL.IE/FUNDING
FOR AWARDS - VARIOUS STRANDS
CLOSING JULY - AUGUST PERIOD

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Application deadline 27 July 2023 17:30	New Dance Company – Call for Proposals The objectives of this initiative are to establish a new independent flagship dance company, which is committed to commissioning dance production across all scales, the employment of dancers, as well as national, North/South and international touring.	Maximum award €2,500,000 Accepting applications
Application deadline 27 July 2023 17:30	Theatre Project Award This award supports projects in the field of Theatre.	Maximum award €175,000 Accepting applications
Application deadline 07 September 2023 17:30	Strategic Funding To provide funding on a competitive basis to support arts organisations with ambitious and imaginative proposals to assist artists in developing their practice and their ideas, and/or deliver excellent arts experiences to the public.	Maximum award Unlimited 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
- SEE ALSO WWW.CULTUREIRELAND.IE



Artist Wellbeing

Brought to you by Laois Offaly CYPSC, this is a great way to mind your wellbeing this Summer. FREE Yoga in the Park, Tuesday's at lunchtime (1.10 pm - 1.50 pm) in Tullamore Town Park.

No experience required to partake. Bring along a mat and some water. Led by Tanya Ross of Lion's Breath Yoga Studio.



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