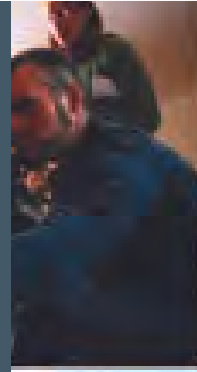


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# OFFALY ARTS ALERT

Official Newsletter of Offaly County Council  
Arts Office



## *This issue:*

### *Arts in Action - May & June*

Welcome to your dedicated space for Offaly Arts events, updates and news from the Arts community. 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](mailto:arts@offalycoco.ie) or calling +353 57 935 7400 during office hours; Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. Visit our website [www.offaly.ie](http://www.offaly.ie) and social media @Offaly\_Arts for further information. The purpose of Offaly Arts Alert is to provide a listing of arts events and opportunities in the county.

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# Offaly Arts Alert

# What's On?

## May & June Arts Events



### EXHIBITION: BREAKING GROUND UNTIL MAY 28TH ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE

The exhibition is presented in the venue's two gallery spaces, featuring works from the Arts Council Collection, and comprises a diverse range of works by over 40 artists.

Admission: Free



### WORKSHOP: VISUAL ART TUES MAY 2ND - JUNE 20TH 11 - 12.30 PM PARISH CENTRE EDENDERRY

Creative Places Edenderry workshops. 8 week Visual Arts project with Eleanor Farrelly. For people who identify as disabled, Neurodivergent or with mental health conditions.

Register:  
[info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie](mailto:info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie)



### VISUAL ART: EXHIBITION THROUGHOUT MAY TULLAMORE LIBRARY

Under an Irish Sky exhibition by artist Pauline McNelis highlights many of our beautiful landscapes, historical places, and wildlife along our Grand Canal Greenways. Exhibiting across the month of May following launch on May 2nd.

Admission: Free

# What's On?



**MUSIC: COMMUNITY SING  
MONDAY'S 10 AM FROM  
MAY 8TH  
BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE**

Offaly Local Development Company presenting as part of the One Town One Voice initiative. No experience necessary! For further information contact:  
Claire at 087 7799 853



**FILM: AFTERSUN  
TUES MAY 9TH 8PM  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

An achingly tender portrait of a father-daughter relationship. Magnificent performances from young Frankie Corio and Ireland's Paul Mescal.

Tickets: €7  
Booking: [Esker Arts.ie](https://www.eskerarts.ie)



**BEALTAINÉ: FILMS  
THURS MAY 11TH & THURS MAY 25TH  
1PM  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

Bealtaine Festival will soon be announcing these titles, which Esker Arts will share across website and social media channels as soon as possible.



**THEATRE: GOMBEAN  
FRI MAY 12TH 8PM  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

Grace O'Malley - the Warrior Queen is reincarnated as a coffee horsebox entrepreneur, high on debt and low on self-esteem. Written and performed by Niamh McGrath  
Tickets €16  
Booking: [EskerArts.ie](http://EskerArts.ie)

 **SOUNDS OF EDENDERRY!**

Music workshop with Seonaid as part of The Sound and Wellness Festival 2023.

The themes for this festival are, 'Exploring the use of sound for wellbeing' and 'connecting people and spaces through sound.'

Come along to explore the Sounds, History and Culture of Edenderry!  
Experience and connect in with the sounds of your place.

Tuesday the 16th of May  
The Parish Centre, Edenderry  
2pm to 4pm  
To register email: [info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie](mailto:info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie)

**CREATIVE PLACES EDENDERRY:  
SOUNDS OF EDENDERRY  
TUES MAY 16TH, 2PM  
EDENDERRY PARISH CENTRE**

An all-inclusive Music workshop with Seonaid Murray. This is part of the 'Sounds and Wellness Festival' and we will be exploring the sounds of [Edenderry!](http://Edenderry!) Register at: [info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie](mailto:info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie)



**SHAWN CUDDY 60TH BASH  
WED MAY 17TH 8PM  
TULLAMORE COURT HOTEL**

Shawn Cuddy with Special Guests Philemona Begley, Declan Nerney & Owen Mac

Doors Open 7pm Show starts at 8pm  
Sharp  
Booking:

+353 (57) 934 66 66

 **BEALTAINÉ**  
MAY 2023 [www.bealtaine.ie](http://www.bealtaine.ie)



Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age 

**BEALTAINÉ: DANCE WORKSHOP  
WITH AMY DONLON  
THURS MAY 18TH 12 PM  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

Designed to maintain flexibility, strength and coordination, this workshop will include introductory dance sequences and freestyle movement to music of all kinds.

No experience necessary!

Admission: Free.

Booking: [info@eskerarts.ie](mailto:info@eskerarts.ie)



**MUSIC: LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY SHOW**  
**FRI 19TH MAY 8PM**  
**BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE**

Highly acclaimed tributes to icons like Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline and Kenny Rogers among others!

Tickets: €26  
 Booking: 057 9122911  
[www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

...Wan and eight pence an hour Murray was givin' at the Council Houses in '54...  
 ...Rose was her name, a schoolteacher. Fair goin' for a man in my profession, eh...

**BARREN ROCK PRODUCTIONS**  
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**BEALTAINÉ**  
 MAY 2023 [www.bealtaine.ie](http://www.bealtaine.ie)

Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age  
 Age & Opportunity

**"From The Shoulders Down"**

**THEATRE: BEALTAINÉ EVENT FROM THE SHOULDERS DOWN**  
**SAT MAY 20TH 8PM**  
**BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE**

Written and performed by Richard Lynch, the play has gathered plaudits and has been embraced by audience across Ireland. A comedy with pathos. Good earthy language.

Tickets: €15  
 Booking: 057 9122911  
[www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)

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**WORKSHOP: GLASS FUSING & ENAMELLING**

**MAY 20TH & JUNE 24TH**  
**GLASSHAMMER STUDIOS,**  
**RHODE, CO. OFFALY**

Full day €200 including all material and lunch.

Half Day including all materials and scones and coffee on arrival €100

Booking: [info@glasshammer.ie](mailto:info@glasshammer.ie) or 0872747504



**MUSIC: MÁIRTÍN O'CONNOR BAND**  
**SUN MAY 21ST 8PM**  
**ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

Máirtín O'Connor, Cathal Hayden and Seamie O'Dowd have been building a formidable musical relationship under the guise of The Máirtín O'Connor Band since 2001.

Tickets: €18 / €16. Booking: [eskerarts.ie/box\\_office](http://eskerarts.ie/box_office)



**FILM: THE PECULIAR SENSATION  
OF BEING PAT INGOLDSBY  
TUES MAY 23RD  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

A film that captures Pat Ingoldsby's poems and candid anecdotes, bearing witness to a visceral relationship with his beloved Dublin, fellow Dubliners and anything that catches his interest!

Tickets: €7

Booking: [eskerarts.ie/boxoffice](https://eskerarts.ie/boxoffice)



**MUSIC: ANDY IRVINE  
FRI MAY 26TH  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

With his impressive repertoire of Irish traditional songs and dexterous Balkan dance tunes, Andy creates an exciting new fusion of Irish and World Music not to be missed.

Tickets: €18 / €16

Booking: [www.eskerarts.ie/box office](https://www.eskerarts.ie/boxoffice).

**Workshops & Performances!**  
**From Sat May 27th 6pm to Sun May 28th 6pm**

**FESTIVAL: SHAKEFEST  
SAT MAY 27TH - SUN MAY 28TH  
CHARLEVILLE CASTLE**

Shakefest is back once again and better than ever before, hosting a colourful array of fantastic arts and culture workshops and performances! Guest Cultural Dance Performer is Dr. Subhashini Goda and Featured Artists include Renowned Animation Projectionist Caroline Conway and RDS Taylor Art Award 2021 Winner Finn Nichol.

**Booking:**

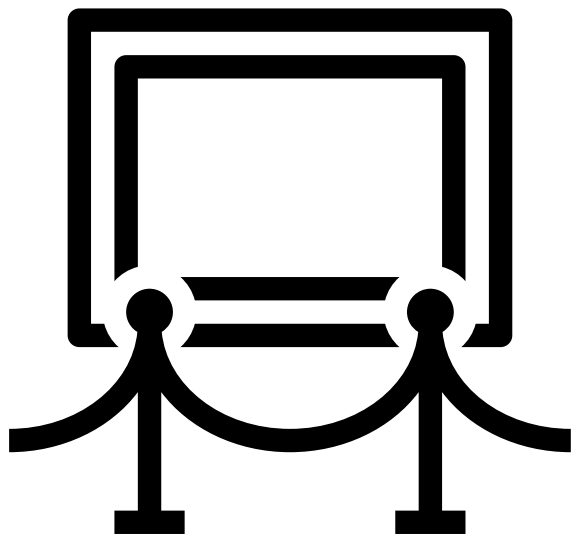
<https://m.bpt.me/event/5739984>



**BEALTAINÉ: TIMELESS TUNES  
SUN MAY 28TH 4PM  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

Offaly County Council, HSE Tullamore Staff & Le Chéile Choir's with Musical Director Andrius Kozlovskis present a lively and eclectic mix of music from across the ages. Free event.

Booking: [eskerarts.ie](https://eskerarts.ie)



**VISUAL ART: EXHIBITION  
THURS JUNE 1ST 6PM  
TULLAMORE LIBRARY**

Launch of Claire Guinan's exhibition, which will run through the month of May.

Free Event



**THEATRE: KING - PAT KINNEVANE  
SAT JUNE 3RD 8PM  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

Fishamble: The New Play Company presents: King, the story of Luther, a man from Cork who only leaves his apartment for essential journeys, and to perform as an Elvis impersonator. Written and performed by Pat Kinevane.

Tickets: €18 / €16

Booking: [www.eskerarts.ie/box office.](http://www.eskerarts.ie/boxoffice)

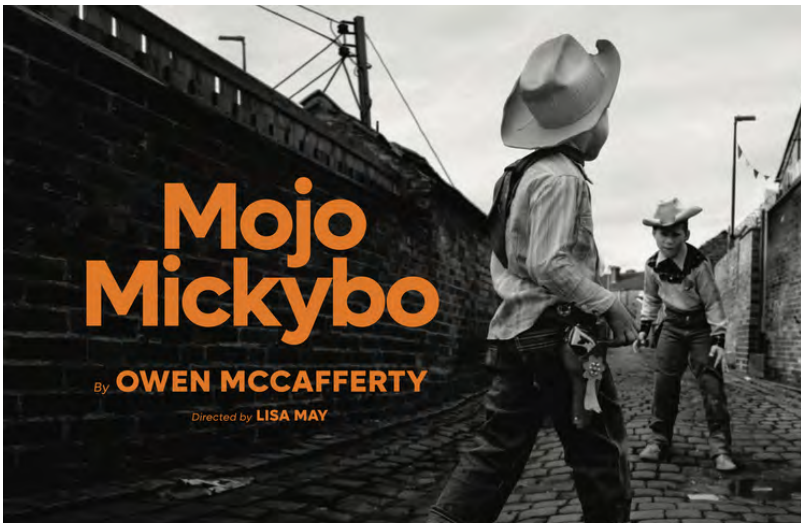


**FILM: TRIANGLE OF SADNESS  
TUES JUNE 6TH 8PM  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

Celebrity couple Carl and Yaya are successful models and influencers invited to take a trip on a luxury superyacht. While at sea, they meet the eccentric guests and crew- from a boisterous Russian oligarch to the perpetually-drunk Marxist captain.

Tickets: €7

Booking: [eskerarts.ie/box office](http://eskerarts.ie/boxoffice)



**THEATRE: MOJO MICKYBO  
SAT JUNE 10TH 8PM  
BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE**

Winner of 'Best Ensemble' and Nominated for 'Best Director' at the Irish Times Irish Theatre Awards, 2022. Set in 1970's Belfast across landscape of sectarian divide.

Tickets €18/16 (+booking fee)  
[www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)



**STAGE STARS ACADEMY:  
THE WIZARD OF WAS  
SAT 10 - SUN 11 JUNE 2PM & 6PM  
ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

The children of Stage Stars Academy present The Wizard of Was, by Karl Harpur. .

A show full of Song, Dance and Many Laughs starring all the children from Stage Stars Academy in Tullamore!  
Tickets: €13 (adults) / €10 (children)  
Booking: [eskerarts.ie/boxoffice](https://eskerarts.ie/boxoffice)



**MUSIC: DREAMING:  
CAMILLE O' SULLIVAN  
FRI 16 JUNE 8PM  
ESKER ARTS TULLAMORE**

Camille O'Sullivan returns with her brand new, heartfelt show Dreaming... encompassing her experiences over the pandemic. A first for Camille, returning with long-time collaborator and dear friend Feargal Murray.

Tickets: €22/ €20  
Booking: [eskerarts.ie/box office](https://eskerarts.ie/boxoffice)



**COMEDY: MARIO ROSENSTOCK LIVE  
FRI JUNE 16 8PM  
TULLAMORE COURT HOTEL**

Gift Grub is a series of comic sketches, impersonations and parodies that have featured Rosenstock assuming the personae of many well known faces!

Booking: <https://www.tullamorecourthotel.ie/>



**BIRR THEATRE RESIDENCY 2023**



**THEATRE: SCRIPTS 2022 WINNER -  
THE STARS IN PERU & TALKBACK  
SAT JUNE 17TH 8PM  
BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE**

Tom's marriage has just ended and his son Karl returns from Dubai for a visit. They meet every Friday in Tom's local pub for a pint as Tom's world is changing. Rehearsed reading & talkback on writing process with Mentor Eugene O'Brien and Director Aonghus Óg McAnally.

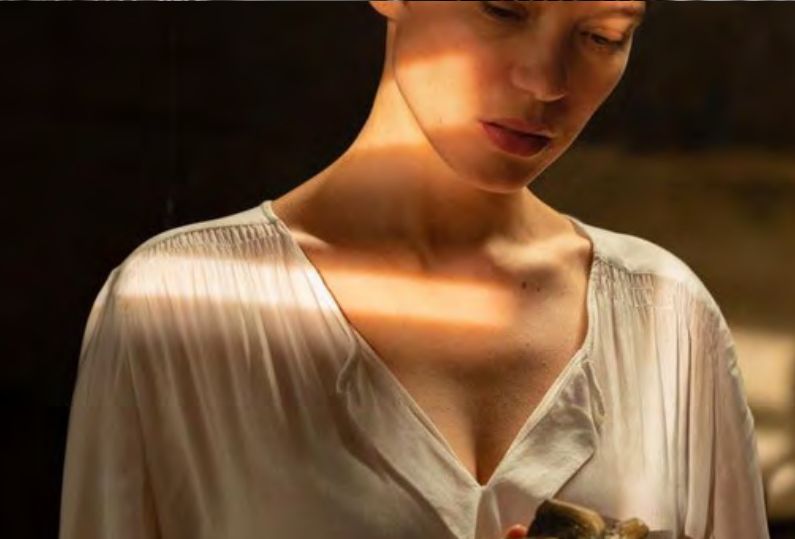
Tickets: €12/10  
Booking: [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com)





**WORKSHOP: PLAYWRITING BOOTCAMP**  
**SAT 17 JUNE 11AM - 6PM**  
**BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE**

A one-day intensive deep dive into your idea for a play with award-winning Playwright Eugene O'Brien. Three Playwrights will get the opportunity to partake in a collaborative day-long script development workshop, exploring tips and techniques to incorporate into your writing. Please see [www.scriptsireland.com](http://www.scriptsireland.com) for application.



**FILM: CRIMES OF THE FUTURE**  
**TUES JUNE 20TH**  
**ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

With his partner Caprice, Saul Tenser, celebrity performance artist, publicly showcases the metamorphosis of his organs in avant-garde performances. Director David Cronenberg returns with a body horror classic.  
Tickets: €7  
Booking: [eskerarts.ie/box\\_office](http://eskerarts.ie/box_office)



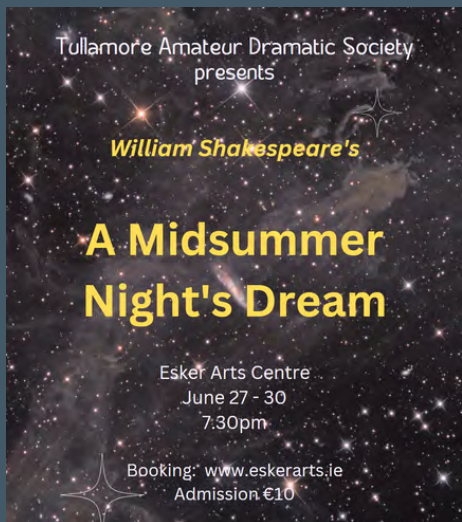
**THEATRE: THE MURDER OF WOLFE TONE**

**THURS JUNE 22ND 8PM**  
**ESKER ARTS, TULLAMORE**

Historical entertainer Paddy Cullivan brings you the incredible story of the mysterious death of Theobald Wolfe Tone, the founding father of Irish Republicanism.  
Tickets: €18/ €16  
Booking: [eskerarts.ie/box\\_office](http://eskerarts.ie/box_office)

**LOCAL THEATRE: TADS: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**  
**TUES JUNE 27 - FRI JUNE 30**  
**7.30PM**

A fun and frolicsome version of this much loved Shakespearean classic will be staged by TADS in the wonderful new outdoor space at Esker Arts. The madness of love, are we in a dream or reality!? "But are you sure that we are now awake? It seems to me, that yet we sleep, we dream"  
Booking: [www.eskerarts.ie](http://www.eskerarts.ie)





### *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 - May & June*

Please note that the purpose of the listings page is to share information of Arts events happening County wide and information is 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: July & August*

If you have an Arts event taking place in Offaly in July - August period, please email [arts@offalycoco.ie](mailto:arts@offalycoco.ie) for a template. All details must be received by June 16th.



# The Venue View



## News from Offaly's Arts Centres'

In this slot, hear from Offaly's Venues, about what is coming up for audiences to enjoy!

## Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

"We've just come out of Birr Festival of Music which hosted the 10th annual Trench Awards over the festival weekend. A special programme, curated by Niall Kinsella, saw many of the past Trench Award recipients performing - a number of whom have gone on to win prestigious national and international awards since receiving their Trench Award. We're very proud of our alumni! As we move into May, our Bealtaine Festival programme will present a number of afternoon and evening events in film, theatre and music and also a chair yoga class early in May. My big highlight for June is the culmination of our pilot Theatre Residency. Tony Doyle, winner of Scripts 2022, has been working on his short script, with award-winning playwright Eugene O'Brien, to develop it into a full length play. We will host a rehearsed reading in June and Tony has great ambitious for a national tour by the end of the year - which I have no doubt will happen!"

Emma Nee Haslam -  
Birr Theatre & Arts Centre Manager



# The Venue View

News from Offaly's Arts Centres

**Esker Arts -Tullamore**



"Hello from the newly-opened Esker Arts Centre! We have only just opened but already we are in full swing and we have some lovely events taking place in May-June.

Theatre fans can look forward to GomBean, Niamh McGrath's one-woman show which combines wrestling, barista coffee and small town shenanigans, as well as Pat Kinevane's new show King, which promises to be yet another cracker from the multitalented Corkman. As if that wasn't enough, Paddy Cullivan brings his own perspective on history with The Murder of Wolfe Tone.

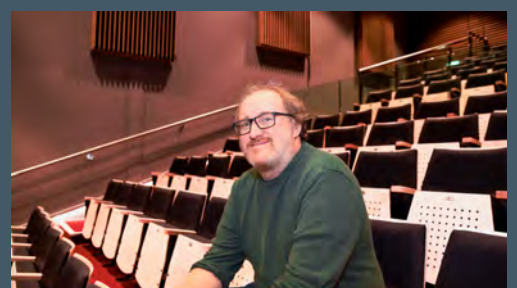
Fans of music will be well served with concerts by folk legend Andy Irvine and trad kings The Mairtín O'Connor Band. To top it off, we have the inimitable Camille O'Sullivan with her new show Dreams.

In May, Esker Film Club's spring programme will commence with Aftersun (featuring our own Paul Mescal in his Oscar-nominated role), followed by fortnightly screenings. Also in May, our Bealtaine programme will include films, talk, workshop and a concert by the Offaly County Council Choir and the Le Cheile Choir.

We have some cracking Local Arts too with the Tullamore Music Society's production of Michael Collins: A Musical Drama, and Tullamore Amateur Drama Society's outdoor production of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream.

Truly something for everyone! We hope to see you!"

Séan Walsh - Esker Arts Artistic Director



# **LOCAL & NATIONAL NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**



## ***Artist Facilitators sought for Hullabaloo! Offaly's Children's Arts Festival***

Offaly County Council Arts Office is seeking proposals from artists, musicians, filmmakers, drama practitioners, dancers, writers (and more!) for workshops/performances and 'mini camps' during Hullabaloo! Offaly's Children's Arts Festival Wed 1 Nov – Sat 4 Nov. 2023 in Birr, Clara, Tullamore, Edenderry and selected libraries across Offaly.

If interested in applying, please see specifications needed for proposals. Your proposal should be for a short innovative creative experience for children for age ranges up to 12 years (such as 3- 5yrs, 6-8yrs or 9-12yrs). We are also open to a smaller number of workshops for the 0 – 3 age group. We will consider any art medium. For full guidelines on how to apply, please see <https://submit.link/at>  
SUBMIT PROPOSALS: Via Submit.com. <https://submit.link/at>  
This may require establishing an account. Please allow ample time to upload application.

For further information or support please contact Offaly Arts Office at [arts@offalycoco.ie](mailto:arts@offalycoco.ie)

**Closing Date: Monday June 12th 2023 @ 2pm**

# ***Culture Night Offaly***



The Arts Office of Offaly County Council is delighted to invite applications for Culture Night 2023. 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. One Night for All encompasses the mission and vision of Culture Night.

Offaly Council's Culture Night Event Fund supports the cost of events programmed for Offaly Culture Night which takes place on 22nd September 2023 up to a maximum grant award of €600 for successful applicants.

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. Please click here to read the terms and conditions and click here to apply: <https://submit.link/1HW>

The Arts Office also invites applications from **Professional Artists** operating in any discipline, to submit proposals for commissions. The Arts Office wish to commission Cultural Engagement Projects/Presentations that are ambitious, original and innovative. Applications are open to Professional Artists living or from Offaly with a maximum grant award of €1,000 to successful applicants. For details on how to apply please click here: <https://submit.link/1lc>

For further information or support please contact Offaly Arts Office at [arts@offalycoco.ie](mailto:arts@offalycoco.ie). Culture Night is strategically funded by Offaly County Council and the Arts Council and is supported by participating groups & venues in Offaly.

**Closing date: 2pm, Monday 22nd May 2023.**

## ***BIRR WRITERS RESIDENCY***



Applications are now being sought for the 2023 Birr Writers' Residency.

This residency offers professional writers accommodation and workspaces for six nights, at Brendan House in the centre of Birr, County Offaly. This Georgian Heritage Town in the midlands of Ireland has a remarkable history, and is embedded in a community with a thriving arts culture.

The purpose of the residency is to provide an opportunity for artists to focus on a writing project (current or new) in a tranquil environment which supports and values high professional artistic development. It is open to professional writers of any genre, e.g. literary fiction, poetry, playwrights, journalism or travel writing. Brendan House is a period home and occasional guest house, located in the heart of the heritage town of Birr. The adjoining working arts studio, Tin Jug Studio opened as County Offaly's first art gallery in 2000. Although largely private, it has ever since then been opened for artists gatherings; childrens' art classes; art, educational and environment workshops and talks; poetry and music performances; festival art exhibitions; book and other community launches; and film screenings. Each year since 2014, the Offaly Arts Office -funded award offers up to four writers, one week (7 days and 6 nights) bed and breakfast accommodation in one of the period rooms of the guest area.

Please submit the completed application form together with:

- A copy of your full CV
- A maximum of 3 examples of published works

Application is via Submit.com <https://submit.link/1Md>

For further information contact Offaly Arts Office at [arts@offalycoco.ie](mailto:arts@offalycoco.ie)  
or 05793 57400.

**Closing Date: Monday 29th May 2023 @ 2pm**

## **FACILITATORS SOUGHT AT ESKER ARTS**



**Esker Arts**

 Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí  
Offaly County Council

Seeking expressions of interest for facilitators to run workshops, classes and events at Esker Arts.

Apply by: 1st July 2023      More info: [www.eskerarts.ie](http://www.eskerarts.ie)

Are you an arts facilitator, teacher or interested in running arts workshops at Esker Arts?

Esker Arts are currently seeking expressions of interest to form a Facilitators Panel: a group of professional teachers, arts facilitators and workshop coordinators to facilitate workshops, activities and events coinciding with ongoing programming.

To find out more about eligibility, requirements and how to apply, please visit our website and read the Information Document attached under Opportunities: <https://eskerarts.ie/about/opportunities>

**Deadline: 5pm, July 1st 2023.**

## **WRITERS GUILD OF IRELAND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



The Board of the Writers' Guild of Ireland (WGI) seeks to appoint an ambitious and highly motivated Executive Director from September 2023, to lead and manage the Guild's work over the next 5 years. For Job description and application details please visit [www.script.ie](http://www.script.ie)

**Deadline: 5pm, Friday May 10th 2023.**



## ***JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT RÉALTA***



Réalta, the National Body for Arts + Health in Ireland, are looking for 2 new members of staff, a Communications Manager and a Music Co-ordinator. Further information and application details are available online via [www.realta.ie](http://www.realta.ie), by calling 051 842664 or emailing WHAT@hse.ie.

**Closing date: Thursday 25 May 2023.**



## ***JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARTS***

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

See:

- [www.visualartists.ie](http://www.visualartists.ie)
- <https://theatreforum.ie/jobs/>
- <https://artsmanagement.ie/jobs/>

# ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING DEADLINES

SEE [WWW.ARTSCOUNCIL.IE/FUNDING](http://WWW.ARTSCOUNCIL.IE/FUNDING)  
FOR AWARDS - VARIOUS STRANDS  
CLOSING MAY - JUNE PERIOD

the arts  
council  
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Show only funding within	Or by funding amount	Or by what describes you	
Select some options	All	All	<b>Search funds</b>
Application deadline <b>11 May 2023 17:30</b>	<b>Arts Grant Funding</b> Arts Grant Funding will be awarded to organisations and individuals to carry out a series of activities taking place from either January - December 2024, or January 2024 - December 2025.	Maximum award <b>Unlimited</b>	<b>Accepting applications</b>
Application deadline <b>11 May 2023 17:30</b>	<b>Cork Theatre Development Funding</b> The Arts Council, in partnership with Cork City Council Arts Office, is looking for interested parties to provide theatre development services in Cork City.	Maximum award <b>€200,000</b>	<b>Accepting applications</b>
Application deadline <b>18 May 2023 17:30</b>	<b>Capacity Building Support Scheme</b> The Capacity Building Scheme is available across all art forms and arts practice areas supported by the Arts Council.	Maximum award <b>€30,000</b>	<b>Accepting applications</b>
Application deadline <b>01 June 2023 17:30</b>  Next round opens 02 May 2023	<b>Festivals Investment Scheme</b> The festival investment scheme is open to multi-disciplinary festivals and single artform festivals taking place between January and June 2024.	Maximum award <b>€45,000</b>	<b>Accepting applications</b>
Application deadline <b>07 June 2023 16:00</b>	<b>Arts and Disability Connect</b> Arts and Disability Connect (ADC) is a scheme open to artists with disabilities working in any artform.	Maximum award <b>€3,000</b>	<b>Accepting applications</b>
Application deadline <b>15 June 2023 17:30</b>	<b>Creative Schools Initiative</b> Scolleanna Ildánacha/Creative Schools initiative supports schools/centres to put the arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives.	Maximum award <b>€4,000</b>	<b>Accepting applications</b>

## RTE SHORT STORY COMPETITION



RTE are looking for your short story submissions for one of Ireland's longest established and most significant literary prizes, the RTÉ Short Story Competition in honour of Francis MacManus.

Deadline: **Friday 8th May**, [www.rte.ie/writing](http://www.rte.ie/writing)



Creative Ireland have announced details of The Creative Youth Nurture Fund, a pilot scheme that will support youth-led cultural, artistic and creative engagement by young people aged between 6 and 24 years.

Applications are open until June 9th. Find out everything you need, including links to apply for this fund here:

<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/.../announcement-of.../>

Closing Date: June 9th

## **OPEN CALL BRIGID 1500 - 2024**



2024 marks the 1500th anniversary of the death of St. Brigid.

SULT Artist-led Collective is organising a large-scale National and International Open Call Exhibition to reflect the traditions, customs and symbols associated with the many versions, Irish and International, Celtic, and spiritual, of Brigid, her legacy, her influences, her life. Following the wide range and high standard of events and public interest generated both nationally and internationally at the launch of the Brigid 1500 festival in 2023, this Open Call will be an extraordinary opportunity for artists to display their work in what promises to be a memorable occasion in February 2024.

The exhibition will take the form of an Art Trail in the centre of Kildare town during the month of February 2024. The exhibition will be accompanied by a high-quality, limited edition catalogue of the selected artwork.

Applications, on-line only, open 1st May and close 15th September 2023.

See full details, General Guidelines, Terms and Conditions [here](#)

# **LIVE STUDIO BROADCASTING TRAINING**



Lights, Camera, Action! Introducing Virgin Media Television, RTÉ and Institute of Art, Design + Technology's brand new Creative Futures Academy course

Do you want to work in Live Studio Broadcasting? Do you have experience in live music events, theatre production, festivals or sports events? Have you media industry experience and want to up-skill or re-skill? This is the course for you!

This postgraduate accredited course involves 3 weeks intensive training in a live studio broadcast environment – two weeks at National Film School, IADT, and one-week work placement at Ireland's top broadcasters, Virgin Media Television and/or RTÉ.

Pick one of the following areas to train with industry professionals: Studio Camera, Gallery Lighting, PA, Vision Mixing, Sound and Floor Management.

Course starts 6th June 2023 and runs full-time for 3 weeks.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://creativefuturesacademy.ie/courses/professional-training-for-live-studio-broadcasts/>

# ARTS & HEALTH BURSARIES 2023



The graphic is a promotional poster for Arts and Health Bursaries 2023. It features a white background on the left and a dark, artistic photograph of a gallery or studio on the right. The white section contains the Arts+Health logo (a blue triangle and green squares), the website 'artsandhealth.ie', and the title 'Bursaries 2023'. Below this, two bursary types are listed: 'DOCUMENTATION BURSARY' and 'EMERGING ARTIST REFLECTIVE BURSARY', each with a brief description. At the bottom left, it says 'Funded by the Arts Council and the HSE' and shows logos for the Arts Council, funding the arts, HSE, ht, and Réalta. The dark photograph on the right has a blue banner that says 'APPLICATIONS OPEN' and a green banner that says 'VISIT ARTSANDHEALTH.IE FOR DETAILS'.

**Arts+ Health**

**artsandhealth.ie**  
**Bursaries 2023**

**DOCUMENTATION BURSARY**  
For the production of a short film, audio documentary or publication about an arts and health project.

**EMERGING ARTIST REFLECTIVE BURSARY**  
For a professional artist with an emerging arts and health practice to reflect on their practice.

Funded by the Arts Council and the HSE

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**APPLICATIONS OPEN**

**VISIT ARTSANDHEALTH.IE FOR DETAILS**

The national arts and health website is offering two bursaries in 2023, funded by the Arts Council and the HSE. The documentation bursary of €4000 will support the production of a short film, audio documentary or publication about an arts and health project. The emerging artist reflective bursary of €2000 is available for an early-career artist to reflect on their arts and health practice.

artsandhealth.ie is the national website for arts and health in Ireland, managed by Réalta, the national body for arts and health in Ireland. The artsandhealth.ie bursaries 2023 are funded by the HSE and the Arts Council.

**Closing date: Friday 9 June**



## Artist Wellbeing



Visit [www.mindingcreativeminds.ie](http://www.mindingcreativeminds.ie) to learn about support for artists, which include dedicated counselling services and a 24/7 helpline. The MCM counselling service is delivered in conjunction with Spectrum Life.

Minding Creative Minds are running training events in the coming months, designed to support artists with some practical advice-based webinars.

- 23 May 2pm - [The Arts Council Agility Awards Basics](#)
- 24 May 7.30 pm - Personal Branding & Authenticity



**Louise Barry**  
Artist

Photo: @billycahillpix



**As an artist, you're not just somebody who's on stage in front of thousands. You're also somebody who can feel isolated.**



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