

## Meath County Council

### Reminder: Arts Grants, Awards & Bursaries Schemes 2020 Closing Dates

Welcome to the August edition of the Meath Arts Office Newsletter. As many of you are aware we had to postpone the closing date for all our Arts Grants, Awards & Bursaries Schemes due to Covid19.

Just a reminder to all that the new closing date of **Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 1pm** for the following schemes is approaching;

- Annual Arts Grants Scheme
- Community Arts Award
- Festival Grant Scheme
- Professional Artists Development Fund
- Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Award

And **Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 1pm** for the School Musical Instrument Purchase Scheme.

Unfortunately there will be no Drama League of Ireland Bursary awards this year as the DLI Summer School has been cancelled due to Covid19.

Full details and application forms are available from [artsoffice@meathcoco.ie](mailto:artsoffice@meathcoco.ie) or <https://www.meath.ie/council/council-services/arts/meath-county-council-arts-funding>

As many circumstances have changed, individuals or organisations who have already submitted an application are now required to email the Arts Office confirming the event, festival or project for which funding was sought is still going ahead in 2020. If we do not hear from you we will assume you no longer wish to pursue your application.

If however you have had to postpone your project or event in 2020 and now wish to apply for a revised project taking place in 2020 you should email the Arts Office at [artsoffice@meathcoco.ie](mailto:artsoffice@meathcoco.ie) to advise us of same.

Please note you must make a new application for any revised project.

**Gerardette Bailey, County Arts Officer**



## MY CREATIVE LIFE – MEATH

A celebration of creativity in young people - from music to writing, to visual art and acrobatics. Made by Grey Heron Media for RTÉjr Radio to celebrate Cruinniú na nOg, Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people. Congratulations to Louise Tormey a member of Act Out Youth Theatre, who was the Meath participant in the podcast series *My Creative Life*. Louise 16, loves bringing stories to life through devising with Act Out Youth Theatre, and described her experiences with the youth theatre passionately and most eloquently. Supported by Meath County Council the *My Creative Life* Meath RTÉ Podcast aired Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup> & will be broadcast on RTÉjr Radio Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>.



# WORDS IRELAND

## Local Writer selected for Words Ireland's National Mentoring Programme

The Arts Office are pleased to announce local writer Angela Lyons as the Meath recipient of the 2020 Words Ireland National Mentoring Award. Supported by the Arts Office, Angela has been selected by Words Ireland to receive professional literary mentoring over the next eight months from an acclaimed Irish writer of her choice.

This award, funded by the Arts Office in a new exciting partnership with Words Ireland, will ensure that the chosen mentee receives this potentially life-changing support for free. It is also an investment in the long-term literary reputation of the region.

The mentoring process involves four two-hour meetings between the selected 'mentee' and their chosen professional writer. The mentor reads up to 10,000 words of the awarded mentee's writing in advance of each, then shares their hard-earned critical feedback and advice. It's a form of peer to peer teaching that is increasingly popular across all sectors of Irish life – in industry as well as the arts.

The mentoring programme is managed by Words Ireland, and, following a national call out, a total of 24 writers were selected from 250 applicants.

A native of West Cork, Angela Lyons has been living in Co. Meath for the past 25 years. She is a primary school teacher and currently finishing her M.A. in Creative Writing in DCU.

Angela has been shortlisted for many awards including the Frances McManus Award on RTE Radio on several occasions and has won the Bryan MacMahon Short Story Award at Listowel Writers Week, 2020. She has also written several plays which have been performed locally. Currently she is working on a book of short stories.

More details about this award are available at: <http://wordsireland.ie/national-mentoring-programme-2020/>

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT .....

### Ceol Comfort – Songs for Our Children



And now for something really special... 'Songs for Our Children' is a lovely research, composition and performance project featuring ten singers writing new songs in the traditional style, devised and coordinated by Aileen Lambert and Michael Fortune

and supported by, amongst others the Arts Council, Meath County Council Art Office, & the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance. This year's project was to have seen 12 new songs launched at a concert in June in Galway as part of the Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture programme. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled, so we will be sharing a new song video every week over the coming months. First up is 'The Granny Song' and what a song to start on!. It was written by Mary Mac Nelis in February with her grandson Caolan and due to travel restrictions it gained extra poignancy for grandparents or grandchildren around Ireland, in fact the world. So here it is, Mary Mac Nelis singing 'The Granny Song' for you to enjoy. PS - watch the end credits for an extra little treat.

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The Granny Song, Mary Mac Nelis

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### Kells Type Trail - A Canvas of Type

This time of year usually sees the streets, shops and many premises of Kells bursting with art installations and works by artists and groups from all over the country and across the water. Adapting to the current Covid19 circumstances the 2020 Type Trail Festival will take place from late August to October with a new online Trail and website being developed alongside street installations. Last year we celebrated 10 years of the festival with many events, including a retrospective exhibition of works 2010 – 2019. Enjoy a look through these works in anticipation of what is yet to come in 2020. #meathartsofficesupportingthearts #kellstypetrail#creativeirl#theartscouncil



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