MEATH ARTS OFFICE NEWSLETTER



Reminder: Meath County Council Arts Office School Musical Instrument Purchase Scheme 2020 Closing Date



Welcome to the September edition of the Meath Arts Office Newsletter. This edition includes updates on some of our initiatives, opportunities and a chance to catch up on the work of some of our wonderful artists in the In Case You Missed It...... section.

Just a reminder that the Meath County Council School Musical Instrument Purchase Scheme closing date of **Thursday September 24**th **2020 at 1pm** is now approaching.

Full details and application forms are available from artsoffice@meathcoco.ie or https://www.meath.ie/council/council-services/arts/meath-county-council-arts-funding

Gerardette Bailey, County Arts Officer



So you want to write ...? Call for budding novelists, scriptwriters and podcasters to join in free creative writing sessions

Meath Writer-in-Residence for 2020 Nicola Cassidy and Meath County Council Library Service have launched an online creative writing series for September. The free webinar series entitled 'So you want to write...' is open to all local budding writers and features a host of creative writing speakers. The webinars are free to attend and will feature sessions on the short story, novel, screenplay and podcast.

Nicola said Covid-19 restrictions mean the series is now taking place online; something which may

allow for even more people to take part. "The great thing about webinars is you can view the event live from your laptop or phone from the comfort of your own home and I hope this will encourage as many people as possible to log on and hear what our speakers have to say. As a writer, I've always loved to hear how other people achieve their goals and in these sessions we have a line-up of fantastic speakers, who have their own unique take on their chosen field."

The first webinar takes place on Thursday 3 September with multi-award-winning short story writer Michelle Coyne. She will discuss her creative process and give advice on what competitions up and coming writers should look to. On Saturday 12 September award-winning writer and story consultant Mary Kate O'Flanagan will discuss the screenplay and offer advice on what new script writers should keep in mind while developing their stories for screen.

On Thursday 17 September, Irish Times best seller Andrea Mara will look at the novel and discuss her methods for plotting her intricate crime books. Both she and Nicola will offer their tips for getting to the end of a first draft and advice on getting published. The final session takes place on Saturday 26 September with Ronan McQuillan who is an audio technology expert and podcast producer. He will discuss the technical aspects of producing a quality podcast, while Nicola will offer tips on content and researching material for broadcast.

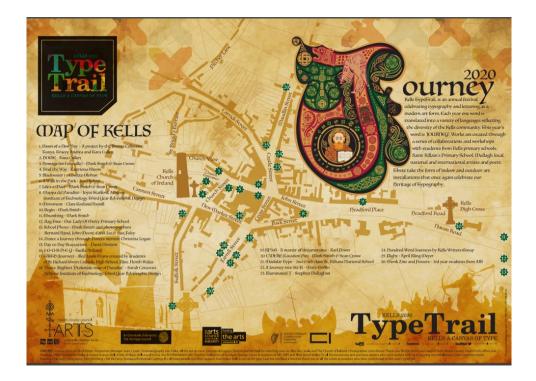
"I am encouraging aspiring writers and avid readers to sign up for this free series of webinars but please remember to register ahead of the events" says Senior Executive Librarian Maedhbh Rogan-McGann.

To register for any of the events visit www.nicolacassidy.com/events or email meathlibraries-social@meathcoco.ie

The writer-in-residence programme is funded by Creative Ireland and is part of Meath County Council's Creative Programme.



Summertime 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 now takes place from late August to October with a new online Trail and website http://kellstypetrail.com/ alongside street installations. Each year the team take a different word and translate into a variety of languages. This year's word is Journey ...shop fronts, shop windows, streetscapes...look up, look down, look all around and take in the fabulous interpretive works created by local, national and international artists and groups all under the direction of Mark Smith and the wonderful Type Trail team.



2020 Kells Type Trail is delighted to have on display, work from artists; Bronte Collective, April Kling Meyer, Matt Griffin, Karl Power, Tara Cullen, Mark Smith, Sean Crowe, Stephen Dullaghan, Caitriona Moore, Cosette Olohan, Ina Olohan, Christina Logan, David Newton, Suella Holland, Clare Garland Hamill and from schools and colleges Athlone Institute of Technology, St. Killians National School, Cavan, Our Lady Of Mercy Primary School, Sligo, St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, Flint, North Wales and photographers; Bernard Hand, John Moore, Carol Lee, Jass Foley and the Kells Writers Group.

Further information available from http://kellstypetrail.com/services

Kells Type Trail is supported by Meath County Council Arts Office with assistance from the Arts Council and Creative Ireland.







OPPORTUNITIES



Funding for Artist in the Community Scheme reinstated

The Arts Council and Create are delighted to announce a second round to the Artist in the Community Scheme 2020.

With additional funding from Government, we will now proceed with a second round of the Artist in the Community Scheme 2020.

This scheme offers funding to enable artists and communities of place/or interest to work collaboratively. The scheme is open to artists from any of the following artform disciplines: architecture, circus, street art and spectacle, dance, film, literature (Irish and English language), music, opera, theatre, visual arts and traditional arts. The projects can take place in a diverse range of social and community contexts such as arts and disability, arts and health, arts and older people, arts and cultural diversity and arts and communities.

Application forms and guidelines for round two of Artist in the Community Scheme are now available to download from https://www.create-ireland.ie/projectsubpage/aic-awards/

Deadline for receipt of application is Monday 28 September 2020

The Artist in the Community Scheme is managed by Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts, on behalf of the Arts Council.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN — MUSIC NETWORK MUSIC CAPITAL SCHEME 2020



The Music Network Music Capital Scheme is designed to provide support for the purchase of musical instruments and respond to a broad range of capital needs within the music sector in Ireland.

Award 1: Non-professional performing groups

Applications are invited from a wide range of non-professional performing groups, including but not limited to orchestras, marching/concert/pipe bands, Irish traditional, popular, contemporary, jazz, choral and samba groups.

Award 2: Individual professional performing musicians

Applications are invited from individual musicians performing at professional level to assist with the purchase of instruments across genres including, but not limited to Irish traditional, classical, jazz/improvised, electro-acoustic, blues, Americana and early music.

Music Network will host two Music Capital Scheme Information Sessions on Tuesday 15 September at 6pm and Wednesday 16 September 6pm, both on Facebook Live. If you don't have access to Facebook, the information sessions will be made available to view on YouTube and Music Network's website.

Further information: https://www.musicnetwork.ie/

Closing date: 2pm, Tuesday 13 October 2020

Enquiries: capitalscheme@musicnetwork.ie

#MusicNetwork #MusicCapitalScheme

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Waterford Poetry Prize 2020

The Arts Office, Waterford City & County Council is pleased to announce details of the **Waterford Poetry Prize 2020**. The Waterford Poetry Prize is open to all writers currently living on the island of Ireland.

The prize will be announced at the Waterford Writers Weekend in October 2020 during the Imagine Arts Festival in Waterford city.

There is no age limit and no entry fee for the **Waterford Poetry Prize 2020.**

The first prize is €400 plus attendance at a designated writing course at the Molly Keane Writers Retreat, Ardmore in 2021. Second prize is €300 plus a writing course in Ardmore and third prize is €200. The closing date for receipt of entries is 12 noon on Wednesday 16th September 2020. The judge is writer and poet Colm Keegan.

The entry form and guidelines can be downloaded from www.waterfordcouncil.ie and www.waterfordarts.com or by contacting the Arts Office on 058/41416.



Call for Artists! Major New Public Art Commission for Ferns and St Davids.

Pembrokeshire County Council and Wexford County Council wish to appoint an artist/s to create two new pieces of public art, one in Ferns and one in St Davids as part of *Ancient Connections* with a total maximum budget of €175,000 to include all costs.

The artworks must be linked either visually or conceptually and be made from sustainable materials. Cross-border collaborations are welcomed. The contract will be awarded in two Stages. Stage 1 is an Open Call for Expressions of Interest. Applicants are invited to present an **artistic approach** to the brief, **not a design proposal**. From these submissions, a shortlist of five artists will be selected by a cross-border panel. These artists will be invited to make site visits, meet communities and develop designs and a costed proposal. A fee of €1500 will be paid to these artists.

Deadline Monday 21st September.

All submissions and enquiries MUST be made through Etender Wales Bravo Solution. https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml

Applicants will need to register (Please email arts@wexfordcoco.ie for instructions on how to access the tender portal if you are interested in applying). Once logged in you will be able to access the full brief and tender details by looking within the PQQ section. Please search within the 'PQQ open to all suppliers' section and look for 'Procurement of Public Art Pieces for Ancient Connections'



The Arts Council upcoming Funding deadlines

Young People, Children and Education Project Award

Literature Project Award

both deadlines 10 September

Capacity Building Support Scheme

a rolling scheme, with final deadline of 19 November

Full list of all available Arts Council funding schemes available here: http://www.artscouncil.ie/available-funding/

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Ceol Comfort – Songs for Our Children

We continue to bring you lovely pieces from the 'Songs for Our Children' song project, devised and managed by Michael Fortune & Aileen Lambert, supported by amongst others Meath County Council Arts Office & the Arts Council . This was written by John Tunney a

few months ago and is a gorgeous song about the Seasons, starting with the coming of Spring. Once you hear it, it will be ringing around your head for days to come!

The Season's Song, John Tunney

https://www.facebook.com/folklore.ie/videos/the-seasons-song-by-john-tunney/1391055404437126/? so =channel tab& rv =related videos

Following on from this we have the beautiful piece by Aodán Ó Ceallaigh - An Leanbh sa Chiseán.

An Leanbh sa Chiseán, Aodán Ó Ceallaigh



https://www.facebook.com/folklore.ie/videos/3472053322804997/



Here's another brand new song from the 'Songs for Our Children' project thanks to Catherine Ann Cullen. It's a gorgeous wee song about St Brigid and her cloak which was recently composed and performed by Catherine.

Brigid's Cloak, Catherine Ann Cullen

https://www.facebook.com/folklore.ie/videos/1187468548313077/ UzpfSTE3MTUwMDQ1Mjg4MzAyMTozNTQ5MTg5ODk1MTE0MDQz/ And lastly this is lovely playful song about a little yellow mouse called Dilín by Brigid Tunney and the air she used is from the well-known traditional Irish song 'Dilín O Deamhas'. Have a listen, it's really catchy and great for small kids to get them singing in Irish and English!



Dilín Mo Luch Bheag Bhuí, Brigid Tunney

https://www.facebook.com/folklore.ie/videos/214132402970813/UzpfSTE3MTUwMDQ1Mjg4MzAyMTozNTYyNjYxODg3MTAwMTc3/

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Kells Type Trail

More from Mark Smith and the fabulous Type Trail team, last year's promo video by award winning cinematographer Jass Foley which celebrated 10 years.



2019 X Kells Type Trail Promo video https://www.facebook.com/MeathCountyCouncil/photos/a.974990082534050/3546120518754314/?type=3&theater





Not long now until Mark Smith and the 2020 Type Trail team hit the streets and premises of Kells again. You can whet your appetite for all things Type in this lovely retrospective video by Stephen Dullaghan of Spudgun Design.

#meathartsofficesuportingthearts #kellstypetrail#creativeirl#theartscouncil

Kells Type Trail - 2018

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBvW3KHubLc