

# Spring 2021

## Meath Arts Office Newsletter



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Arts Office Newsletter.

As the days get longer and the evenings brighter, a much welcomed sense of hope fills the fresh spring air. Hope of better times to come for all. To accompany this season of purposeful growth and renewal, the Arts Office is delighted to announce the launch of its Spring 2021 Funding Cycle which sees the commencement of 5 individual grant and bursary competitions.

Included are 3 previously operated grant streams : **The Professional Artists Development Fund, The Annual Arts Grant and the Festivals Grant Scheme**, and 2 newly introduced Covid-19 response schemes: **The Arts Sector CPD Fund** and the **Digital Equipment Purchase Scheme**.

This group of funding opportunities form part of a larger suite of artists supports administered through the arts office. Supports which this year have been strengthened by additional funding received from the Arts Council of Ireland and Creative Ireland. The Spring Funding Cycle aims to cover a wide range of disciplines, arts practices and activities and is intended to enable artists to continue developing their work and projects throughout the current public health restrictions. It also aims to assist arts communities, groups and organisations adapt to meet the demands of this new environment.

In addition to adding new streams of funding, Meath Arts Office has moved the entire application process online for 2021. Inviting applicants to complete forms electronically and submit applications and support materials digitally, it eliminates the need for printing and posting and reduces risk and work for the applicant.

Information on open schemes and the new application process can be found [here](#). The deadline for receipt of applications is 1pm on Wednesday 31st March 2021. Good luck, we look forward to supporting your arts practice!

**Gerardette Bailey, Arts Officer.**

## SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLIC ART : The Family by Maurice Harron



*The Family* by Maurice Harron

*The Family* by Maurice Harron is a remarkable group of five stainless steel figures situated in Duleek Village.

Funded by Indaver under the Meath County Council Private Developer Public Art Scheme, this 4.5 meter-high sculpture features two adults and three children, happily walking hand in hand.

The sculpture consists of hundreds of rectangular and square pieces of stainless steel, assembled irregularly. *The Family* glitters and shimmers day and night, thanks to a dedicated LED lighting system embedded around the basement of the artwork.

A beautiful art piece not to be missed when in Duleek.

# Meath County Council Arts Office Funding Opportunities



Meath County Council Arts Office is pleased to announce the launch of the Arts Act Funding - Spring Funding Cycle 2021. The application system has now moved online and will be issued, received and accepted through **electronic means only**.

Information on the schemes and new application process can be found [here](#).

Applicants must email [artsoffice@meathcoco.ie](mailto:artsoffice@meathcoco.ie) to request their desired application form(s).

**DEADLINE: 1pm, Wednesday 31st March 2021.**

Further funding opportunities will be announced in the coming months.



## Annual Arts Grants Scheme

This award is intended to support **organisations, groups or individuals** in the provision of **local arts activities** which **enhance long-term development and sustainability** of the arts in County Meath.



## Festival Grant Scheme

This award is intended to support **arts festivals** taking place in County Meath that show a commitment to **quality artistic programming**.



## Professional Artists Development Fund

This award is intended to support Meath based **professional arts practitioners** in the development of their **artistic practice** and/or the **development of new work**.



## Digital Equipment Purchase Scheme

This award is intended to support **individual artists, arts organisations or arts groups** in the purchasing of **ICT equipment** to enhance the **digital capability of arts practices** in County Meath.



## Arts Sector CPD Fund

This award is intended to support Meath based professionals within the **arts sector** in their **continued professional development**.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ALL GRANTS: 1.00p.m., Wednesday, 31st March, 2021**

Please note applications must be made through a new online application system. Please allow sufficient time to familiarise yourself with the new online system before the deadline, as late applications will not be assessed.

# SCRIPTS Call for Playwrights 2021



SCRIPTS: Ireland's Playwriting Festival seeks new works for stage to inspire and incite.

Playwrights (both established and emerging) are invited to submit original 15 minute plays on the theme "Emergence."

Deadline for submissions is **Friday 5 March 2021, 5pm.**

Taking place in Birr, Co Offaly, Scripts Ireland's Playwriting Festival creates unique opportunities for playwrights to have their work developed and produced. Three scripts most suited for development, will be selected through a rigorous shortlisting process.

The selected playwrights will then receive a week of mentoring and script development under the guidance of Playwright and screenwriter Eugene O'Brien, where the whole process of writing and rewriting will be explored in a collaborative supportive environment.

The festival will support three playwrights with a team of artists to mentor, develop and produce the emerging scripts for a rehearsed reading of the new works at the festival finale. Industry professionals will then judge the final versions and a winner will be selected.

Further information and competition Terms and Conditions [here](#)

## Arts and Disability Ireland Symposium



Registration is now open for Arts and Disability's online symposium entitled: 'From Access to Inclusion'.

Over the course of three days, Tuesday 9th, Tuesday 16th and Tuesday 23rd March 2021, this international online gathering of access professionals and advocates will provide a forum to exchange ideas and discover new and innovative ways for your organisation to include and welcome everyone.

Featuring 22 presenters, from 16 cities, representing a range of organisations such as Theatres, Museums and Galleries, Festivals, Cinema and much more, the From Access to Inclusion Symposium will be essential for professionals at all experience levels in the arts and culture sector.

View the impressive schedule and sign up [here](#).

# Creative Ireland partners with IMMA in new Art and Ageing programme



In partnership with Creative Ireland, the Irish Museum of Modern Art has announced a new arts programme for older people. This special programme offers a variety of engaging creative events, workshops and resources for older people.

The programme delivers a range of free, inclusive arts-based activities as part of an effort to counteract the social side-effects of the pandemic.

This new partnership seeks to address some of the challenges around cocooning and social distancing by enabling access to meaningful cultural encounters and arts experiences, both at home and in residential settings via a range of digital and non-digital means.

For more information, please email [edcommbooking@imma.ie](mailto:edcommbooking@imma.ie) or phone 01 612 9955.

<https://imma.ie/learn-engage/art-and-ageing/>

## Age & Opportunity launch inaugural Creative Ageing Writing Bursary



The Age & Opportunity inaugural Creative Ageing Writing Bursary aims to generate discussion, debate and knowledge about creative ageing in Ireland.

The bursary is intended to afford time and space for an artist/writer to reflect on their practice – the learning, insights but also challenges they have faced.

The writer/artist might also want to consider how they have approached working with older people and the learning generated through that.

One award of €1000 will be made to the successful applicant.

Deadline: Friday 26th March, 2021.

Further information [here](#).

# Percent for Art Commissions

## Percent for Art Commission, Coláiste Chú Chulainn, Marshes Lower Dundalk Co. Louth.



Open to all interested professional artists of any career stage or experience. This is a staged process and no designs or detailed proposals are required in Stage 1.

**Stage 1**—Artists are invited to express their interest in being considered for this project at the first stage of the commission. Artists may do this by completing the application form and submission of a CV and images / details of recent relevant works / projects.

**The closing date for receipt of Stage 1** completed application form together with supporting documentation and material is **12 noon Friday 2nd April, 2021** and must be emailed to [rinawhyte@yahoo.com](mailto:rinawhyte@yahoo.com)

**Stage 2** - From the completed Stage 1 applications; a shortlist of artists will be selected by panel jury. This panel, whose decision is final, has the right to clarify any issue which may arise in the course of selection. Stage 2 short listed artists will be paid a concept development fee of €300 to work on a detailed proposal for final selection. A Stage 2 brief will be available to shortlisted artists and a site visit is expected at this stage.

**Applicants can make enquiries regarding the commission to Rina Whyte, email [rinawhyte@yahoo.com](mailto:rinawhyte@yahoo.com) or by telephone + 353 87 238 9591**

## N81 Glenview Roundabout Public Art Commission



South Dublin County Council would like to invite proposals for a highly visible, sculptural artwork at Glenview Roundabout, Tallaght on the N81.

The commission is part of a large scale infrastructure project N81 Landscape Improvement Scheme and will be the first of three commissions in specified locations along the route.

For full details and to make an application please click [here](#).

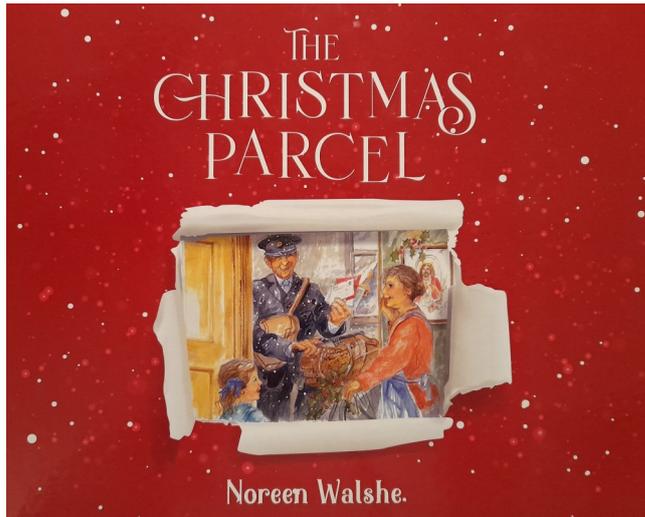
**Stage One Deadline: Monday 5 April, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT .....



**To Be Irish @ Christmas** was an initiative of the Department of Foreign Affairs. Featuring a wide-ranging programme of events that showcase and celebrate Irish culture, craft, community initiatives and seasonal traditions. Hoping to engage and connect with our global Irish diaspora, in particular the 250,000+ who will not be able to return home due to COVID-19 in 2020. Meath County

Council Arts Office Commissioned 2 New Projects for this initiative.



## A Christmas Parcel

Meath County Council Arts Office was delighted to present 'A Christmas Parcel; the video package'.

This collection of shorts adapts the illustrated book: *A Christmas Parcel*, written by Meath artist Noreen Walshe.

Featuring memories painted in words and images, the charming series beautifully evokes a little girl's little world at Christmas time in Limerick in the 1950s. Igniting that special spark of magic reserved only for children, and only at Christmas time, *A Christmas Parcel* is a sensory assortment of recollections; wrapped with love, stamped with nostalgia and tied up

with pining for Christmas past. [A Christmas Parcel includes 5 stories:](#)

**Bears on the Horizon**, <https://www.facebook.com/MeathCountyCouncil/videos/1935874819884974/>

**The Tenth Carol**, <https://www.facebook.com/MeathCountyCouncil/videos/408813316991423/>

**Christmas Star**, <https://www.facebook.com/MeathCountyCouncil/videos/409776617113150/>

**Across the Christmas Sky**, <https://www.facebook.com/MeathCountyCouncil/videos/449151879431057/>

and **Ghosts**, <https://www.facebook.com/MeathCountyCouncil/videos/1276586986043506/>

which were first broadcast for Christmas 2008 by RTÉ Lyric FM.



## HOOR

Meath County Council Arts Office presented a new project entitled 'Hoor' for December 2020.

A text and image compilation that combined poetry with visual art, 'Hoor' brings together the work of two award-winning Irish artists: poet Jim McElroy and illustrator Ann Kiernan.

Adapting the poignant poem 'Hoor' by the 2020 Meath Cultural Services' Francis Ledwidge Poetry Award winner; Jim McElroy, the new project adaptation adds a visual dimension in the form of illustrations provided

by Meath born, Berlin based Ann Kiernan; winner of the Moira Gemmill Illustrator of the Year.

<https://tobeirish.ie/events/location/ireland/hoor/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MeathCountyCouncil/videos/158563596013777/>

# SUBMIT A LISTING



Are you an arts professional? Do you have an upcoming exhibition, show or event? Are you delivering online talks or workshops?

If you would like to submit a listing for inclusion in our newsletter, please send details and an image for consideration to: [artsoffice@meathcoco.ie](mailto:artsoffice@meathcoco.ie) with **LISTING** in the subject bar.