

# Summer 2021

## Meath Arts Office Newsletter



Welcome to the summer edition of the Arts Office newsletter. With the warmer months looming and public health restrictions finally easing, we have much to look forward to in the coming weeks.

In addition to this good news, Meath County Council Arts Office has a number of opportunities, events and programmes coming up and running throughout the summer.

Following the success of our newly launched online grants system and the very positive uptake of the spring funding cycle, we are delighted to launch the [Arts Office 2021 Summer Funding Cycle](#) with funding opportunities for schools, community groups and professional artists in pursuit of continued professional development, training or mentoring opportunities.

The online [Teacher Artist Partnership](#) (TAP) CPD summer course and residency programme is accepting applications and is a great and most importantly, paid, opportunity for artists to develop in the areas of arts and education.

We have 3 online programmes launching including: a Bealtaine series, celebrating the arts as we age; An Art and Mindfulness programme, as part of the Meath County Council's Keep Well initiative; and this year's Cruinniú na nÓg events catalogue, celebrating youth focused creativity.

Congratulations are extended to the recipients of 2 recent awards: Fiona Sherlock the newly appointed MCC Writer in Residence and Christy Leech, this year's MCC Centre Culturel Irlandais residency winner. Well done to both and good luck with your placements, no doubt great work will result from both residencies.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

**Gerardette Bailey, County Arts Officer**

## SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLIC ART : Boy with Kite by Jarlath Daly



*Boy with Kite by Jarlath Daly*

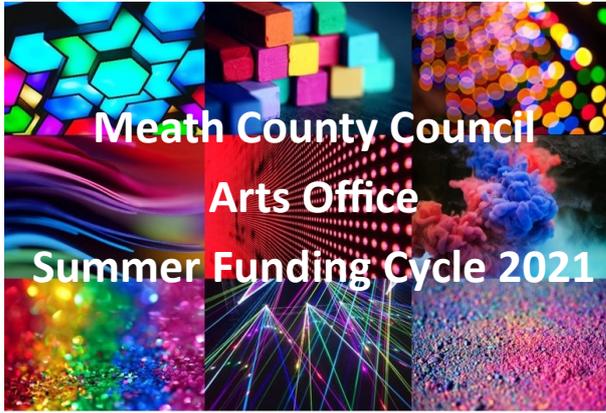
*Boy with Kite* by sculptor, Jarlath Daly is an imposing bronze figure that graces the main entrance to Bettystown Beach, where kite flying has become synonymous with the area.

Looking as though the boy is racing across the rooftops with his kite, this sculpture has a sense of youth, timelessness and fun.

Born in Tipperary in 1956, Jarlath Daly's sculptures reflect local themes, legends, history and sport and are inspired by nature and childhood memories. His works range in scale from 10 inches to 30 feet.

*Boy with Kite* is a beautiful whimsical art piece not to be missed when on a visit to the east coast.

# Meath County Council Arts Office Funding Opportunities



Meath County Council Arts Office is pleased to announce the launch of the Arts Act Funding - **Summer** Funding Cycle 2021.

The application system has 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 [artsfunding@meathcoco.ie](mailto:artsfunding@meathcoco.ie) to request their desired application form(s).

Please allow sufficient time to familiarise yourself with the new online system before the deadline, as late applications will not be assessed.



## Arts Sector CPD Fund Round II

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

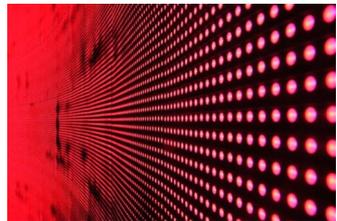
**Closing Date: 1pm Wednesday 2nd June 2021**



## Community Arts Award

This award is intended to support community groups and schools in the provision of community arts projects which promote engagement and enhance long-term partnerships with professional artists.

**Closing Date: 1pm Wednesday 2nd June 2021**



## Schools Musical Instrument Purchase Scheme

This award is intended to support the development of musical instrument resources in both primary and secondary schools.

**Closing Date: 1pm Wednesday 2nd June 2021**



## Drama League Of Ireland Bursary Award

This bursary is intended to fund a week-long residential stay at the Drama League of Ireland Summer School at the University of Limerick.

**Closing Date: 1pm Wednesday 2nd June 2021**



## Sing Ireland Bursary

This award is intended to fund a full-board residential stay at the Sing Ireland Summer School at the University of Limerick.

**Closing Date: Friday 21st May 2021**

# Teacher Artist Partnership CPD Summer Course

## Teacher-Artist Partnership CPD Summer Course & Residency Programme



Teacher-Artist Partnership CPD Summer Course is a Creative Youth, Department of Education and Skills led, Primary Schools arts-in-education initiative where Artists and Teachers train to work in partnership.

It consists of a free TES approved Summer Course and funded in-school Artist in Residency opportunities in which participating teachers and artists work together in collaboration in the School during the following academic year.

Gerardette Bailey Meath County Arts Officer, together with Éadaoin McGovern, Director of Navan Education Support Centre launch a "ARTISTS CALL" for interested artists to participate in the 2021 Online TAP Programme.

The Online Teacher Artist Partnership CPD Summer Course & Residency programme is open to Artists (in any arts form) that are committed to sharing their practice with children and teachers in a modern primary school environment.

This Arts in Education initiative is a Creative Ireland, Department of Education led, approved Summer Course offering specialist, week-long online training from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July inclusive. A training allowance of €150 per day over the initial 5-day training week (€750 in total).

Following this training, artists are guaranteed a paid in-school-residency at a local primary school (Fee €900, plus €100 travel) to complete a 20-hour project (14 contact hours plus 6 preparation hours) in partnership with your teacher partner throughout the 2021/2022 academic year.

### Artist must:

- Have a track record of a minimum of 3 years professional practise in any art form
- demonstrate an interest in the principles of Arts-in-Education and Creativity
- be willing to learn about modern classroom culture and to work in equal partnership with teachers
- combine a sense of fun, joy and collaboration with professional dedication and high artistic vision
- be willing to undertake child protection training as part of the induction week, and undergo standard Garda vetting before taking up project placements

Artists can apply to be part of the scheme via expressions of interest to Breda Johnson, Administrator, Navan Education Support Centre via email on:

[bmccabe@ecnavan.ie](mailto:bmccabe@ecnavan.ie) no later than 5pm on Friday 21st May 2021.



Expressions of interest should be in the form of a letter of max 600 words accompanied by a CV or short bio with links to images or samples of relevant work.

Places on this national Creative Ireland CPD initiative are limited to two artists per full time education centre area.

Final decision on offers will be taken by the Director of the local Education Centre in collaboration with the Local Authority Arts Office.

# CCI X MCC Arts Office Residency Bursary 2021 Awardee



Centre  
Culturel  
Irlandais



Meath County Council Arts Office and Centre Culturel Irlandais Paris are delighted to announce that musician Christy Leech, from Johnstown, Navan is the recipient of their Partnership Residency Award 2021-2022.

Christy is one half of the electronic-house-pop act *Le Boom*, a group he formed while living in New York in 2016. *Le Boom* is one of Ireland's new music success stories, with sold out tours both here and in the UK, the group have gained a steady following and have seen more than 4 million Spotify streams.

In addition to working on recording the final stages of *Le Boom's* debut album, Christy also works as a composer for television, film and theatre with high profile commercial clients such as Vodafone, Kerrygold and Fáilte Ireland.

Throughout his residency, his new work will seek to explore the notion of music and the dancefloor as a place for human connectedness.

A former primary school teacher and fluent gaeilgeoir, Christy has a keen interest in culture and looks forward to exploring music, language and art while in Paris.



## MCC 2021 Writer In Residence Announced

Congratulations are due to Fiona Sherlock who has been awarded the MCC Writer in Residence 2021.

The residency runs from April to December and is managed by Meath County Council Library Service. The Writer in Residence programme is a key element of Meath's Creative Ireland Strategy.

Fiona Sherlock is a crime writer from Bective in Meath and released two murder mysteries during the lockdown.



*Preserved*, a modern murder mystery is out now, published by Poolbeg. *Twelve Motives for Murder* is an immersive murder mystery experience published in audio and ebook by Hodder Studios.

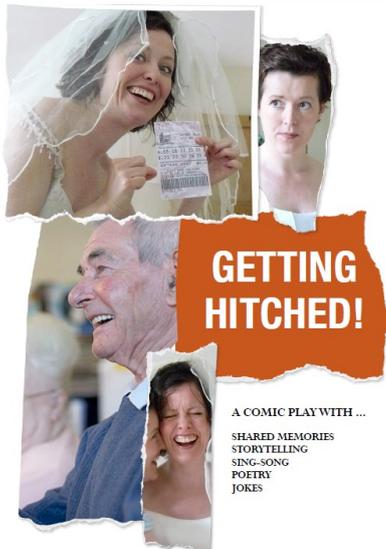
Ms Sherlock will engage with a wide range of audiences during her residency and will host a series of public workshops and events, including two events for children and young adults in this year's Cruinniú na nÓg.

Fiona Sherlock said: *"I'm just delighted with my appointment as this year's Meath-Writer-in-Residence. Through the pandemic, Meath Library has excelled in providing online resources for library users, and as society reopens, I look forward to working with them to deliver events online and in person, where restrictions allow. As we collectively process the trauma of the pandemic, it's a very exciting time to undertake this role, supporting the reading and writing communities in Meath. The written word is a hugely powerful tool, which helps us discover new ideas, escape and learn about ourselves as people."*

# Bealtaine Festival

## Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity arts initiative



Meath County Council Arts Office is delighted to partner with our colleagues, Meath Library Services for Bealtaine 2021. Carnation Theatre's **'Getting Hitched'** on **8th May at 3pm** is a fun, live, interactive wedding event that invites you to join on zoom, play, dress up, toast, be merry and singalong as we reminisce around weddings of days gone by.

For booking information please email [smahon@meathcoco.ie](mailto:smahon@meathcoco.ie) or visit [meath.ie](http://meath.ie)

The Arts Office was also delighted to partner with Meath Library Services with The Wildlife Of Ireland, Step by Step Adult Beginners Drawing Course facilitated by artist Grace Haynes, which ran from the 10th April up until the 1st May.



## Art & Mindfulness — In the Midst of the Masters

As part of the Meath County Council's Keep Well Campaign, Meath Arts Office is thrilled to present *In the Midst of Masters*; a mindful exploration of art.

### Art & Mindfulness



Featuring works currently held in the Meath County Council Public Art Collection, this art and mindfulness series invites you to focus your attention in a guided survey of works by some of the foremost figures in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Irish art.

*In the Midst of Masters* features a mix of audio, text and video presentation and will be available online in a three part series throughout the month of May.

Including artwork by Maurice MacGonigal, Norah McGuinness, Anne Butler Yeats and more, *In the Midst of Masters* will examine the important, valuable and varied resource

that is the Meath County Council Public Art Collection and how it can be used as a tool to help reduce stress and ease anxiousness through mindful engagement. Presented in a 3 part series, *In the Midst of Masters* can be viewed online [here](#).

# Cruinniú na nÓg: A Day of Youthful Creativity

## SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021



Ireland is the first, and only, country in the world to have a national day of free creativity for children and young people. Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people.

This year, on the **12<sup>th</sup> June 2021**, Cruinniú na nÓg will kick off once again with a nationwide programme of virtual events for children and young people to engage in, learn, create and explore. In partnership with the 31 Local Authorities and supported by RTÉ, thousands of parents, families and young people will take part in a wide range of fun, free, creative activities. From creative writing, music and art to STEM, baking, circus and craft, Meath County Council's 2021 Cruinniú na nÓg Programme is sure to have something for everyone!

The 2021 programme consists of virtual events delivered via Zoom, Youtube and through social media.

Registration for events is required in advance.

Further information on all events is available [here](#).

### Events include:

- An early years music session with Meath Music Generation
- Cook and bake along zoom classes with Lismullin Cookery School
- A non verbal theatre performance by Fanzini Productions
- Kite making workshops with Go Fly Your Kite
- Light– Up greeting card workshops with the Curiosity Box
- Felt, clay and paper crafts with Flossy Fluke
- Creative Writing for young adults with Allannah Scully
- Theatre workshops with Bombinate Theatre
- Tik Tok Storytelling workshop with Fiona Sherlock
- A special animation screening of Bóinn The River Goddess

And much more!

There is also a programme of schools events for Cruinniú na nÓg 2021 including stem, illustration, music and literature workshops for school groups. Details of Cruinniú na nÓg 2021 events can be found [here](#).



# The Arts Council Funding Opportunities



The Arts Council are currently accepting applications for funding under a variety of schemes.

## **Next Generation Artists Award**

The purpose of the Next Generation artists award is to support a group of promising artists across all disciplines at an early but pivotal stage in their career. Recipients will receive €25,000 and will also take part in a collective week-long residential programme

in spring 2022. Joint applications and interdisciplinary applications are welcomed.

**Closing date: 17:30, Thursday 20 May 2021**

Further details available at <http://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Next-Generation-Artists-Award/>

## **Arts Grant Funding**

The purpose of Arts Grants Funding is to ensure that there is a breadth of high-quality arts activity and programmes throughout the country. It offers flexible support for a fixed period of time, and in so doing responds to the needs of those who are making, presenting and supporting work.

**Closing Date: 17:30, Thursday 27 May 2021**

Further details available at <http://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Arts-Grant-Funding/>

## **Creative Production Supports**

This initiative is informed by key goals contained within the Arts Council strategy, Making Great Art Work, and the Arts Council's current performing-arts policies, which seek to support artists at all stages of their careers to create work of excellence that engages widely and deeply with the public. Informed by this, and following a process of consultation, the Arts Council seeks proposals that collaborate with the existing infrastructure to provide additional, arts-led production supports for the independent performing-arts sector, particularly those in receipt of Arts Council Project Awards and Arts Grant Funding. In particular, this pilot seeks to support the artforms of theatre and dance, and work that focuses on children and young people's engagement with the arts from birth to early adulthood.

The award guidelines can be downloaded from the available funding section of the Arts Council's website the last week in April.

**Apply from 4 May 2021**

**Closing Date: 17:30, Thursday 3 June 2021**

**Further information on all Arts Council funding opportunities available at:** <http://www.artscouncil.ie/available-funding/>

# Arts and Health Bursary 2021



The artsandhealth.ie bursary 2021 is being offered to artists working in participatory arts and health contexts to reflect on their practice.

The artist bursary was first introduced in 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and curtailment of arts programming in health settings.

Over the past year, artists have shown great resolve and imagination in adapting and developing participatory arts experiences for healthcare communities at a

time when face-to-face engagement is often not possible.

In light of the continued challenges faced by the health and arts sectors, providing artists with the time and headspace to reflect on and interrogate their participatory practice in healthcare contexts remains a priority.

The bursary is open to individual professional artists working in any artform within the field of participatory arts and health practice in the Republic of Ireland.

**Bursary** - Three awards of €2000 each will be offered to successful applicants.

The closing date for applications is **Thursday 27 May 2021** at 12pm.

For queries please email [info@artsandhealth.ie](mailto:info@artsandhealth.ie) Further information available at [www.artsandhealth.ie](http://www.artsandhealth.ie)

## Public Art Commission: Westport Town, County Mayo.

Mayo County Council invite artists to submit proposals for a public art commission in Westport, County Mayo.

This commission is a unique opportunity for a professional artist(s) to collaborate with the local community of Tubber Hill, Westport on a public art project.

Proposals are welcome from both individuals and collaborative artistic teams. This commission is open to all art forms.



This commission is part of Mayo County Council's Public Art Programme, funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Per Cent for Art Scheme.

The total budget for this commission is €35,000.

at 12 noon.

Email [aotoole@mayococo.ie](mailto:aotoole@mayococo.ie) to register.

**Closing date for receipt of application 31st May 2021.**

Further Details and Artists Brief available at [www.mayo.ie](http://www.mayo.ie)

There will be an information session for artist on **Wednesday 28th April**

# District Centre Enhancement Programme

## Public Art Commissions

### Street Art / Art Installation / Event

Open Call for Expressions of interest

Deadline: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM



South Dublin County Council is currently inviting artists to submit Stage 1 proposals for commissions in the **District Centre Enhancement Programme** at locations: **Rosemount Shopping Centre** (Rathfarnham) and **Castletymon Centre** (Tallaght).

South Dublin County Council would like to invite expressions of interest from artists with experience of community collaboration, for the commissioning of artworks that creatively explore public spaces. The outcomes of these public art commissions may take the form of

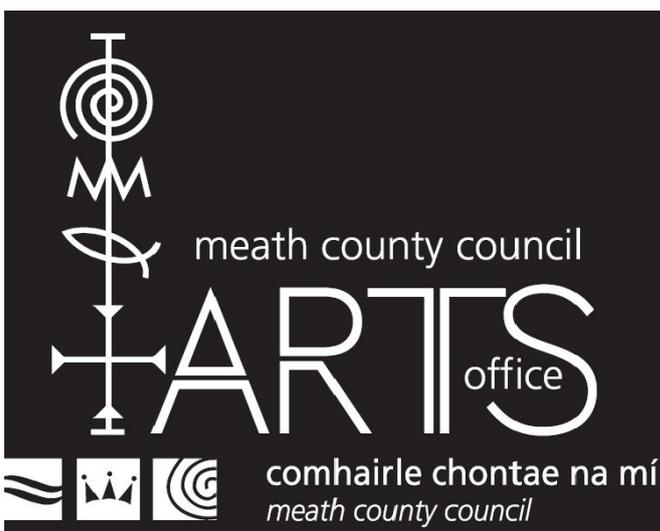
Street Art, Art Installation or event. A willingness to enter into a working partnership with the community and key stakeholders in the process of creating the commission is a core consideration in this brief.

These commissions at Rosemount Shopping Centre (Rathfarnham) and Castletymon Centre (Tallaght) will be the first in the **District Centre Enhancement Programme**. Led by South Dublin County Council Roads Services, the programme will celebrate the importance of the District Centres and will involve ten commissions in total.

For Artists brief and making an online application click on this link <https://submit.link/gZDUh>

Queries to: [ghoran@southdublincoco.ie](mailto:ghoran@southdublincoco.ie)

## 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.