

SPRING 2023 MEATH ARTS OFFICE NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Meath County Council Arts Office Spring newsletter.

The Arts Office is delighted to welcome Assistant Arts Officer, Aisling O'Brien to the Arts Office team. We were also pleased to announce the launch earlier this month of the Arts Office Spring 2023 Funding Cycle which sees five individual grant and bursary competitions: The Annual Arts Grant, the Community Arts Grant, the Festivals Grant Scheme, the Drama League of Ireland Bursary and The Professional Artists Development Fund.

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.

The Meath Arts Office entire application process is online, and we invite applicants to complete forms electronically and submit applications and support materials digitally.

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

The **deadline** for receipt of applications is **1pm Friday 5th May 2023**.

Good luck, we look forward to supporting your arts practice!

Gerardette Bailey,

Meath County Council Arts Officer

Meath County Council Arts Office Funding Opportunities



Meath County Council Arts Office Arts Act Funding - Spring Funding Cycle 2023.

The application system is 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 to request their desired application form(s).

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.

Community Arts Grant

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.

Festival Grant Scheme

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

Drama League of Ireland Bursary

This bursary is intended to fund a week-long residential stay at the Drama League of Ireland Summer School at the University of Limerick. The residency is open to directors, designers and actors working in theatre, living in County Meath.

Professional Artist 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.

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL GRANTS: 1.00p.m, Friday 5th May 2023

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.

Spotlight On Public Art: Silent Witness by Remco de Fouw



Silent Witness by Remco de Fouw is an impressive granite, copper, gold, stainless steel, blue resin and light sculpture located at Ashbourne Library & Cultural Centre, Killeglan Street, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.

The split boulders' two inside faces contain recessed dishes of gold plate copper panels fitted to a radial design with a light source in each, illuminating and radiating a warm golden glow. The outside surface is

partially patterned with stainless steel studs and inset blue resin lines.

Remco de Fouw is a qualified carpenter/Joiner and a graduate of National College of Art and Design, Dublin with a first-class honours Degree in Fine art Sculpture (1991) Remco de Fouw.

The Meath Dresser Project



Folklorist Michael Fortune in partnership with Meath Arts Office, presents The Meath Dresser Project.

In response to a call-out in 2022, Michael travelled through Meath visiting people's homes, sheds and yards documenting the precious dressers and their stories.

Available to view in Oldcastle Library, March – May 2023

Oldcastle Library

Millbrook Road, Oldcastle, Co. Meath A82 N125

Opening Hours:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	1.30 – 5.00 pm and 6.00 -8.30pm
Wednesday	10.00 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	1.30 – 5.00 pm and 6.00 – 8.30 pm
Friday	10.00 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00 – 5.00 pm
Saturday	10.00 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00 – 5.00 pm

Toradh Gallery Exhibitions, Ashbourne & Kells



Dumbworld presents

“If We Could See Ourselves As Others See Us”

A Community Arts project **commissioned by Solstice Arts Centre in partnership with Meta.**

A sound/video and visual art installation inspired by the journey through various moments of assembly across Meath.

On tour in Meath! **Running until Fri 26 May**

All are welcome, no booking required

More info: <https://dumbworld.co.uk/project/if-we-could-see-ourselves-as-others-see-us/>

Toradh Gallery

Ashbourne Library & Cultural Centre,
Killegland Street, Ashbourne, Co. Meath

Opening hours:

Monday 9.00am – 5.00pm
Tuesday 9.00am – 8.30pm
Wednesday 9.00am – 5.00pm
Thursday 9.00am – 8.30pm
Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm

Toradh Gallery 2

Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub
Kells, Co. Meath

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Boyne Music Festival 27th - 30th July 2023

The **Boyne Music Festival** is gearing up to celebrate 10 years of internationally acclaimed music making and artistry this summer with concerts, poetry, walks, workshops and more from **27th - 30th of July**, featuring artists including Robert Cohen (cello), Mia Cooper (violin), Zoë Conway (violin), Anna Devin (soprano) and Alex Petcu (percussion).

Founded by twin sisters **Julie-Anne** and **Aisling Manning** and their cousin **Deirdre Brenner**, the **Boyne Music Festival** has been bringing high quality artistic programming to the Boyne Valley for the past ten years.

“We’re thrilled to mark this significant milestone with an exciting weekend of events celebrating the place we call home.” (Deirdre Brenner, Festival Director)

To kick things off BMF are hosting a morning workshop for amateur chamber music ensembles led by Boyne Music Festival artists at **Townley Hall** on **Wednesday 26th July** before officially opening the festival with a concert in the ballroom of **Slane Castle** at **8pm** on **Thursday 27th July**. This concert is preceded by a 10th anniversary celebratory dinner in the beautiful surrounds of the castle, a wonderful opportunity to experience local cuisine while also marking this exciting milestone with other festival guests.

On Friday **28th July** the festival returns to its spiritual home at **Townley Hall** for an exciting evening of classical, contemporary and traditional music by Irish composers. The concert is preceded by a special event for BMF Friends including a tour of Townley Hall and an opportunity to meet the artists.

For younger audiences, there will be a children’s workshop and family concert at **St Peter’s Church, Drogheda**, on **Saturday 29th July**. Led by the captivating clarinettist, **Jessie Grimes**, these events are sure to entertain and excite children and adults alike.

Classical music enthusiasts will be treated to well-loved repertoire from Beethoven, Saint-Saëns and Holst, as well as contemporary music from Kevin Puts and Osvaldo Golijov in concerts on **Saturday 29th** at **8pm** at **St Peter’s Church, Drogheda**, and **Sunday 30th** at **5pm** to close the festival at **Townley Hall**.

Tickets will be on sale via www.boynemusicfestival.com from **18th April 2023**.

Full programme details can be found on the website. For more programme information please contact +353 (0) 83 803 9344

Alea String Quartet (Graz, Austria)

National Concert Hall



Saturday 24th June 2023

7:30pm - The Studio

Tickets: €23.50

Concession: €5.00

Sigrid Praesent, first violin

Igmar Jenner, second violin

Wolfgang Stangl, viola

Tobias Stosiek, violoncello

Franz Schubert - "Rosamunde" String Quartet No.13 (D 804)

Ludwig Van Beethoven - "The Rage Over The Lost Penny" (Op.129)

Gerhard Praesent - "Big Apple" String Quartet No.4 (Op.53) (Irish Premiere)

David Ernest Mc Carthy - String Quartet No.1 (2012)

Encore: Igmar Jenner - "Majaa" (2010) (Irish Premiere) (Encore)

String Quartet "Alea Ensemble" from the city of Graz in Austria perform Schubert "Rosamunde" String Quartet No. 13 (D 804), Along With Beethoven's "Rage Over The Lost Penny" (Op.129) Arranged for string trio by Gerhard Praesent (Irish Premiere).

Featuring new music by Gerhard Praesent, David Ernest McCarthy and Igmar Jenner.

Congratulations to Meath composer and musician David Ernest McCarthy who presents this event.

Sponsored by Austrian Embassy, Dublin

Further information and ticket information available at **Alea String Quartet | NCH | Live Music & Events**

OPPORTUNITIES AND JOBS

Ratoath Public Art Commission

Gateway Piece Ratoath – Moulden Bridge

Meath County Council Arts Office invites submissions from professional artists for a public art commission in Ratoath, Co. Meath. This commission is for a durable outdoor, permanent artwork to be situated at the Moulden Bridge Site on the new Outer Relief Road R125 and is intended to be a Gateway piece for the village.

This project is being managed by Meath County Council Arts Office and funded under the MCC Private Developer Public Art Programme.

Please read the brief for further details about the commission and location.

Budget

The total budget for the commission is €50,000 inclusive of VAT.

Deadline

12 noon May 26th 2023

Brief & Further Information

This is a single stage competition. For further information regarding the commission, application process and to obtain a copy of the Artists Brief please email artsoffice@meathcoco.ie with RATOATH PUBLIC ART in subject line.

Per Cent for Art Commission

St. Peter's National School, Dunboyne, Co. Meath



Situated in the heart of Dunboyne, St. Peter's is a mixed Primary School. The school is a Church of Ireland school with a Church of Ireland ethos but warmly welcome children of all faiths and none. Currently 92 children are students in the school with 4 mainstream classrooms and 2 Autism classes 'Sonas' and 'Spraoi' which were opened in September 2022.

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

The closing date for receipt of Stage 1 completed application form together with supporting documentation and material is 12 noon, Friday 16th June 2023.

Budget: €30,000

For further information, request full brief and application form please email: rinawhyte@yahoo.com

Haumea Ecovercity Earth Charter Course



The people's Earth Charter: "Turning Conscience into Action" Self-paced 7-week online course with weekly group zoom meetings.

Dates: **12th, 19th, 26th April. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31 May**

Time: **7pm**

Are you a Meath-based creative maker, arts/ sustainability educator, environmental activist, working in community ecosystem restoration or Rights of Nature and ecocide law activism etc. with an interest in bringing creativity and ecological ideas together?

Gnáthóga Nádúrtha, a 3-Habitats creative wetlands project, led by Carlow Arts Office, in association with Kildare Arts Service and Meath Arts Office, and Haumea Ecovercity, are delighted to offer free course places to Meath based multidisciplinary creatives, curators, art educators, community artists etc. on the New Year Earth Charter values course.

Led by ecological artist and educator Dr Cathy Fitzgerald with philosopher Dr Nikos Patedakis.

The Earth Charter course is a means to empower you with an inclusive ecological vision and integrated values to guide your creativity, community conversations, actions or activism, and provides a supportive space to network with others.

Places are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment.

For further information and to book a place: <https://courses.haumea.ie/courses/2023-spring-earth-charter-vision-and-values>

See information on the 3-counties, 3-habitats Gnáthóga Nádúrtha project: <https://drumminbog.com/2022/02/07/3047/>

Arts Council— Funding Deadlines



Writers In School Scheme

The Writers in Schools Scheme part-funds visits by writers and storytellers to schools throughout the island of Ireland.

Further information [here](#).

Deadline: ongoing

Arts Grant Funding

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

Further information available [here](#).

Application Deadline: 17:30, Thursday 11 May 2023

Creative Schools Initiative

Scoileanna Ildánacha/Creative Schools initiative supports schools/centres to put the arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives.

Further information available [here](#).

Application Deadline: 17:30, Thursday 15 June 2023