

SPRING 2024 MEATH ARTS OFFICE NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Meath County Council Arts Office Spring newsletter.

The Arts Office is pleased to announce the launch of the 2024 Arts Grants, Awards & Bursaries Schemes 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 funding strands aim 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 applications forms at <https://meathcocoarts.submit.com/>

Information on open schemes and the online application process can be found [here](#).
The **deadline** for receipt of applications is **1pm Thursday 30th May 2024**.

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

Gerardette Bailey,
County Arts Officer

Meath County Council Arts Office Funding Opportunities

Meath County Council Arts Office

Arts Act Funding – Grants, Awards & Bursaries 2024

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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, Thursday 30th May 2024

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

Safe to Create, Arts Training

Meath Arts Office are delighted to partner with Safe To Create in offering In-Person Active Bystander Training Workshops for Meath-based artists, arts workers & makers on **Thursday 2nd May at Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub, from 11am – 2pm.**

Cost: Free of charge for anyone working in the arts and creative sectors in Ireland, booking required.

Link to book [here](#)

Bystander training is an effective way to empower people to address and prevent harassment and discrimination in a workspace. It equips workers with the right knowledge, tools and motivation to intervene safely and stop inappropriate behaviour before it rises to the level of unlawful harassment. These in-person workshops are led by Professor Louise Crowley & leading policy analyst and consultant Olwen Dawe.



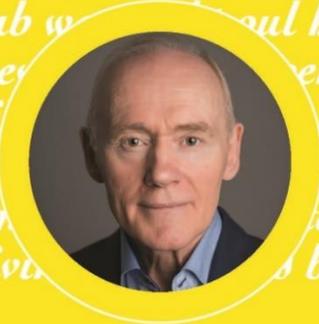
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**ACTIVE BYSTANDER TRAINING
FOR THE ARTS / CREATIVE SECTORS
ARTISTS / ARTS WORKERS
2 MAY
Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub MEATH**

Poetry Reading

Join award-winning poet Jim McElroy in conversation and performance. This relaxed evening will feature poetry readings and reflections on his chapbook *We Are The Weather*, his poem *Hoor* and the war-themed series *Troubled*. Bealtaine Festival 2024 presented by Meath Arts Office and Kells library.



Bealtaine Festival
An Age & Opportunity **arts** initiative

Bealtaine Festival 2024
Meath Arts Office & Kells Library present

Readings & Reflections
by Belfast Poet **Jim McElroy**

Winner of the MCC Cultural Services Francis Ledwidge Poetry Award 2020 for 'Hoor' - currently on display accompanied by illustrations by award winning Kells artist Ann Kiernan in Toradh 2 Gallery, Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub

Kells Library
Thursday 16th May
7:00pm

Booking required 046 924 1592
Free Event

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Toradh Gallery 2 Exhibition - Kells

HOOR



Image by Ann Kiernan 'The Day I left for the City'

An exhibition
of poetry
& illustration
by Jim McElroy
& Ann Kiernan

6th March - 31st May 2024

“ ..When I left for the city, autumn’s thresher was gulping wheat sheafs.
I watched him grimace as he kneed obese seed bags up to the trailer;
through the belt slew, thrum, he yelled *mind yourself -*
to watch out for all *them cute hoors...*”

An excerpt from 'Hoor' by Jim McElroy

toradh gallery



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Tourism and Cultural Hub,
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Meath County Council Arts Office is pleased to present *Hoor, an Exhibition of poetry and illustration*, featuring the work of Belfast poet Jim McElroy, winner of the MCC Cultural Services Francis Ledwidge Poetry Award 2020 and winner of the International Book and Pamphlet award 2021, and Kells born, Berlin based illustrator Ann Kiernan, Moira Gemmill Illustrator of the Year 2020 and AI40 selected winner 2021.

Juxtaposing Kiernan’s vibrant illustrations with the powerful writing from McElroy, this exhibition *Hoor* promises to supply an array of aesthetic and linguistic delights to excite the senses.

Featuring a series of 8 illustrated works commissioned by Meath County Arts Office in celebration of the poem which received the Francis Ledwidge Award in 2020, *Hoor* will be on display at Toradh Gallery 2, Kells Courthouse and Tourism Cultural Hub from 8th March 2024 and will remain until **31st May 2024**.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Arts Office at artsoffice@meathcoco.ie or 046 9097000.