

AUTUMN 2025 MEATH ARTS OFFICE NEWSLETTER



CULTURE NIGHT 2025/ OÍCHE CHULTÚIR 2025 ONE NIGHT FOR ALL FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH

How will you spend Culture Night?

Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir returns across Ireland for its 20th edition, taking place on Friday 19th September, this year's Culture Night will follow last year's extraordinarily successful night, where 1.2 million people participated in over 1,700 free cultural events around the country. The evening is a national moment, celebrating all that makes up the richness and diversity of Culture in Ireland today, connecting people to cultural activities locally and nationally and aims to open up pathways to ongoing engagement.

Supported by Local Authority Arts Offices in partnership with the Arts Council, Culture Night sees venues all over the country open their doors, with free events programmed from 4pm till late. Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir in County Meath will be celebrated with a bumper programme of events throughout the county – music, dance, visual art, literature, exhibitions, theatre, robots, poetry, storytelling, and cultural exchange between communities.

All events are free, but a small number of events need to be booked in advance. For more detailed information on the events and for booking details visit www.culturenight.ie/meath



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ATHBOY

Athboy Culture Night - Open Mic Evening
Athboy Writers' Forum, AIT,
Special Hands Activity Group

ArtConnect:

A Multicultural Evening of Art and Music
Creative Connect Group

BALLIVOR

Stitch an Autumn Brooch
Anita Reynolds Art and Design

DULEEK

Celebration of Irish Culture
Duleek Heritage Group

History of the Future

Shane Holland Design Workshops

ENFIELD

EDG Arts Enfield Culture Night
Enfield Development Group-Arts

KELLS

Creative Life Writing Workshop
with Síomón Soloman
Hinterland Festival

Culture Connect

Kells Arts Club

An Evening of music with Carl Gillic
Hinterland Festival

KILDALKEY

Woodturning demonstration and tree mythology
Frayne Woodcraft

LAYTOWN

Poetry Open Mic & Music Session
Sonaire the National Ecology Centre

NAVAN

Culture Night: "Voices of Our Community"
Navan Women's Group

Moving Words

Solstice Arts Centre

Cautionary Tales

Solstice Arts Centre

INF Brass Band outdoor concert

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RATOATH

Scentsational Sparkle
Barbara McAteer (Holistic Therapist)
& Siobhán Daly (Accessories Designer)

SUMMERHILL

Céili for All
Summerhill Community Centre

TRIM

Moving Words
Swift Cultural Centre



MEATH FRIDAY 19.09.25

For further details on Meath Culture Night
events times, location and booking details
please visit **www.culturenight.ie**



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SURVEYOR 2025



Solstice Arts Centre is delighted to announce its partnership with fellow North East Network members, **Droichead Arts Centre**, Drogheda, and **An Táin Arts Centre**, Dundalk, in a unique extension of its annual selected survey of local professional arts practice.

SURVEYOR 2025 will simultaneously open at Solstice Arts Centre, Droichead Arts Centre, and An Táin Arts Centre, showcasing the work of artists from the northeast of the country. Patrick Murphy, Director of RHA, will select work at Solstice Arts Centre; Dorothy Smith, Droichead Visual Arts Curator in Residence, will select work at Droichead Arts Centre, whilst artists Declan Kelly and Els Borghart will select work at An Táin Arts Centre.

North East Network supports, values and encourages visual artists in the northeast to develop their practices and creative careers. The exhibition presents an overview of contemporary visual arts practice in County Louth and Meath. There will be a visual arts award of €2,000 selected by each curator in each arts centre.

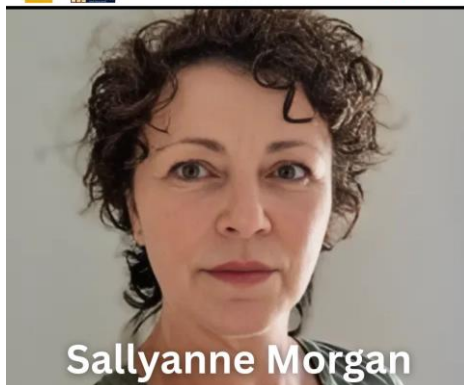
Applicants living in or from Co. Meath or Co. Louth are welcome to apply to any of the participating venues; however, you may only submit to one.

Solstice will continue its Solstice Award of €2,000 and pleased to announce, on the eve of its 20th birthday year, the establishment of two new awards: “Meath County Council Arts Office Going Solo Award 2025” to the value of €2,000, and the “Newgrange Gold” award, also to the value of €2,000.

More information at www.solsticeartscentre.ie

Age & Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Award

Meath/Louth County Council, Age & Opportunity and
Tyrone Guthrie Residency
2025



Meath & Louth Arts Offices are pleased to announce the successful recipients for their Age & Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Residency Awards for 2025. The awards, in partnership with Age & Opportunity, aim to support professional artists aged 50+ to develop their practice, by creating time and space to think and reflect on their work and to bolster their peer network. The awards were opened for applications in May and two artists (one based in Meath and one in Louth) have been selected to receive a funded week-long residency in the Tyrone Guthrie Centre including a small stipend.

"Meath Arts Office are delighted to partner once again with Age & Opportunity and Louth Arts Office to support professional artists aged 50+ to develop their practice, and value their vital work and contribution to the artistic community of Meath" comments Aisling O'Brien, Meath County Council Assistant Arts Officer.

Meath Arts Office has announced Sallyanne Morgan as the Meath winner of the 2025 Louth/Meath Age & Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Award. Sallyanne commented:

"I'm delighted and honoured to be given the opportunity from Meath Arts Office and Age & Opportunity to have this dedicated time to experiment in such wonderful surroundings as the Tyrone Guthrie Centre."

Louth Arts Office is delighted to announce Geoff O'Keefe as the Louth winner of the 2025 Louth/Meath Age & Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Award. When asked about the award, Geoff commented: *"I am honoured to have been awarded the Age and Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Award. To have the opportunity to make work within this incredible environment, in the company of other creatives, is so affirming. My sincere thanks to Louth Arts Office."*

Louth Arts Officer, Moya Rodgers, has said *“Supporting artists at all stages of their careers is vital, ensuring consistency and sustainability both for the artist and for the community who benefit from their work. Partnerships like these between local authorities and national bodies are so important to provide collaboration and networking opportunities for artists and we are delighted to support this initiative again.”*

Age & Opportunity is the national organisation that provides a range of opportunities for older people who want to get more involved in arts and culture, sport and physical activity, civic engagement and personal development.

Irish Writers Centre National Mentoring Programme 2025



Local Meath writer, Sadbh Kellett, is chosen for the Irish Writers Centre's prestigious National Mentoring Programme 2025, following an exceptional response to this year's nationwide callout, which attracted 354 applicants. Each selected writer will receive one-to-one mentoring from an established writer, offering invaluable creative and professional guidance over the coming months.

The 2025 programme is co-funded by a remarkable collective of County Arts Offices, Libraries, Arts Centres, and other cultural bodies across Ireland, ensuring that local talent from diverse counties is identified and nurtured.

Sadbh Kellett is an author based in Co. Meath. Her poetry and prose have been published in American, British and Irish literary journals, and her first novel was shortlisted for the Women's Prize's Discoveries Award in 2022. She is currently working on her second novel, *Black River's Song*. Kellett is represented by Sabhbh Curran at Curtis Brown.

Sadbh commented: *"I'm delighted to have been chosen as one of this year's mentees! The National Mentoring Programme really offers such a fantastic opportunity for emerging writers, and I hope to use it to develop my novel and my craft more widely".*

For more information about the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme, visit irishwriterscentre.ie

Public Art Panel, Mayo County Council

MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC ART PANEL 2025-2030

Professional artists
working in all artforms
are welcome to apply.

DEADLINE:

26th September 2025 at 5pm.

Applications will be accepted online.

www.mayo.ie/arts/public-art/current-projects

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Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council



Mayo County Council is seeking applications from artists to join the Public Art Panel 2025 – 2030. The panel is being established to deliver potential public art commissions funded through the Per Cent for Art Scheme. The purpose of the percent for art scheme is to commission artists to create new work for a specific community or in a variety of contexts such as housing developments, fire stations, libraries, towns, villages, regeneration projects etc.

Public Art Commissions may be in any art form and may be transient, temporary or permanent.

Applications from artists, collectives and organisations will be accepted. Mayo County Council is keen to have artists encompassing a wide range of art forms, arts practices, community engagement approaches and specialist interests within the panel.

More information at www.mayo.ie

Arts & Culture — Bereavement & Grief Training Course



Irish Hospice Foundation is delighted to announce applications are now open for our Arts and Culture — Bereavement and Grief training course commencing October 2025. This part-time blended course, running over two full weekends and four mid-week evenings, explores the many roles of arts and culture in contemporary dying, grief, and bereavement.

Irish Hospice Foundation developed the Arts and Culture – Bereavement and Grief course in association with staff from Helium Arts, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RSCI), LauraLynn Children’s Hospice, St Francis Hospice, Irish Association of Creative Arts Therapists (ICAT), SoloSirens, and Réalta (the national arts and health development agency). It is designed to raise awareness and understanding, while providing an introduction to basic skills.

Applications are now open for the course running 25th October to 9th November 2025.

The application deadline is 17th September 2025 at 5:00pm. Notification of places will be on or before 26th September 2025.

To learn more about the course and to apply, visit www.hospicefoundation.ie

Creative Spark Artist Residency



The Creative Spark Residency Programme Open Call is Now Live!

Opportunity for visual artists and art professionals to research and develop their practices. It will support both emerging and established visual artists working in any medium Duration: 2-3 months.

Open to local, national and international artists.

Shared studio space

Access to all the facilities and basic technical support

Sharing your expertise: Give demonstrations and talks about your practice.

Creative Spark is delighted to invite applications for its 2026 Artist-in-Residence Programme, offering artists the space, resources and support to develop their practice in a dynamic, multidisciplinary environment. Generously funded by the Arts Council of Ireland and The Arts Service of Louth County Council, this programme is open to both emerging and established artists working in any medium. More information here: www.creativespark.ie

Useful Resources

- Minding Creative Minds - www.mindingcreativeminds.ie
- Praxis Artists' Union – www.praxisunion.ie
- Visual Artists Ireland – www.visualartists.ie
- Performing Arts Forum - www.performingartsforum.ie
- Irish Society of Performance Designers – www.ispd.ie
- IETM – international network for the contemporary performing arts – www.ietm.org/en
- Dance Ireland – www.danceireland.ie
- Journal of Music – www.journalofmusic.com

The Arts Council 2025 Funding Opportunities



Arts organisations, artists, and groups working within the arts can apply for funding under the Arts Council funding schemes.

Discover what funding is available then register for **online services** to submit an application.

Full details can be found on the **Available Funding** page www.artscouncil.ie