



Create Networking Day 2025: Collaborative Futures, held at the F2 Centre, Rialto, Dublin 8. Image: Joseph Carr.



### **Networking Day 2025: Collaborative Futures**

We are delighted to share some pictures of our recent Networking Event: Collaborative Futures, held in the F2 Centre, Rialto, Dublin. We very quickly sold out tickets and welcomed over 100 artists, activists, community representatives, academics, and others working in the field.

Our Networking Event offers a vital space for connection and discussion among artists, activists, researchers and other collaborators operating in the spaces between collaborative, socially engaged arts, community development, pedagogy, and politics. This event is a unique opportunity for those working in the field to meet with like-minded peers, to share and network, and learn from each other as well as leading voices in the field.

We are so grateful to be able to make spaces for artists, community members, academics, community workers and more to meet and share. We are thankful to our speakers and panellists Dannielle McKenna, Evelyn Broderick, Richie Keane, Veronica Dyas, John Bissett, Joon-Lynn Goh, Dr. Sophie Hope and Viviana Checchia for their contributions and provocations.

### **AIC Scheme 2025 Round Two: Recipients**

Congratulations to all successful applicants to the AIC Scheme (Round Two) in 2025, who come from a range of art forms and contexts.

More information about each recipient and their planned course of work is now available on our website.

### **NEIC Community Arts Programme R&D Awards: Recipients Announced**

We are delighted to announce the five recipients of NEIC Community Arts Programme Research and Development Awards. We look forward to supporting these artists and communities in 2026.

The Research and Development Awards, valued at €5,000 each, are designed to support artists and creative practitioners living or working in the NEIC to explore new ideas and develop meaningful relationships with local communities. This award recognises bold, brilliant ideas rooted in the community.

### **Create welcomes Kevin Murphy and Michelle Browne to Board of Trustees**

Create is pleased to welcome new members to our Board of Trustees.

Kevin Murphy, CEO of the Playhouse in Derry~Londonderry joins the board as Chair, following the

departure of Clodagh Kenny, who served as chair for a number of years. We are also delighted to welcome Michelle Browne, artist and educator, to the board.

We know that both Kevin and Michelle will bring a wealth of experience and insight to their roles on the board, serving to inspire both the board and staff of the organisation. They will work alongside fellow board members Frances Brennan, Dr Helen Burke, Liz Burns, Oein DeBharduin, Tony Fegan and Philip Napier.

**The Create office will close on the evening of the 19th December and reopen on the 5th of January 2026.**

**Wishing you a safe and peaceful festive season.**

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## Job Opportunities

### **Creative Director and Festival Coordinator, Bookville Festival**

**Deadline: 12 December, 5pm**

Bookville is a festival for families and children between the ages of 0 – 12 years managed by Kilkenny County Council Library Service and the Arts Office. They are looking for Creative Director and Festival Coordinator.

### **Visual Arts/ Education Outreach Manager, Garter Lane Arts Centre**

**Deadline: 18 December, 12 noon**

Garter Lane Arts Centre is a vibrant multidisciplinary hub for creativity, community engagement, and artistic expression, in the heart of Waterford City. They are seeking a passionate and innovative professional to join their team as their Visual Arts/ Education Outreach Manager.

**Festival Manager, Cork Midsummer Festival**

**Deadline: 18 December**

Cork Midsummer Festival is one of Ireland's leading multidisciplinary arts festivals that takes place annually in June. They are now seeking applications for the role of Festival Manager.

**Public Art Project Manager, Sligo County Council**

**Deadline: 19 December, 12 noon**

Sligo County Council's Arts Service invites quotations for the provision of services of a Public Art Project Manager to support the delivery of the Living Landscapes / Tírdhreacha Beo 2022–2028 Public Art Programme.

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## Awards & Calls

**Various Awards, Kerry County Council**

**Deadline: 16 December, 5pm**

**Arts Act Grant 2026**

Kerry County Council provides funding under the Arts Act in respect of such activities, projects or undertakings, for the purposes of stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts, or improving standards in the arts within its functional area.

**Creative Work Development Bursary 2026**

It is open to practitioners in all art-forms, living in, or from, Kerry. This scheme is operated to support the artistic development and creative potential of the artist.

**Online Support & Immersive Lab, IN SITU, EU**

**Deadline: 18 December, 12am (CET)**

IN SITU PLATFORM is a four-year programme supporting emerging artists developing artistic projects in public space and non-conventional places at the European level. Through this new call, they will select around 60 artists to offer:

- exclusive online content to learn about artistic production related to art in public space
- an in-person immersive lab with learning and networking opportunities somewhere in Europe

**Artist in Residence: Eadan's Glen Housing Estate, Wexford County Council**

**Deadline: 18 December, 5pm**

The Creative Ireland Programme and the Housing Office at Wexford County Council in collaboration with the Enniscorthy Municipal District now invites proposals from collaborative and socially engaged artists to complete a residency at Eadan's Glen between February and October 2026.

**FUTURES Talents 2026, Photolreland**

**Deadline: 21 December, 6pm**

Photolreland launches the 9th FUTURES Talent Call for artists, opening the opportunity all Ireland and UK practitioners. The call is for artists working in photography and its expanded practice at any level, who feel their practice is at a suitable stage to avail of this opportunity.

**Open Call for Graduate & Early Career Artists, Draíocht**

**Deadline: 31 December, 5pm**

Draíocht is delighted to announce an Open Call as part of its 25th Birthday Exhibition Programme which will take place in its Galleries between 4 March - 2 May 2026, Curated by Aisling Prior.

**DCU Visual Artists in Residence, Dublin City University and Fire Station Artists' Studios**

**Deadline: 2 January 2026, 12pm**

Dublin City University (DCU) and Fire Station Artists' Studios are now seeking applications from artists with a research-based practice who would benefit from meaningful engagement with DCU's academic environment while contributing to the cultural life of the university. The residency is particularly suited to research-led, and process-focused work that would benefit from connections and collaborations within a supportive, university-based context.

**Parenting Artist Residency 2026, Cow House Studios, Co Wexford**

**Deadline: 4 January 2026**

The Parenting Artist Residency is designed specifically for parenting artists with dependants between two and twelve years old; children and partners are welcome. Through an open call, this residency will allow participating artists to develop new work, progress existing projects, or return to their practice after taking time to have children.

**VECTOR Digital Artist Residency 2026, Kildare County Council Arts Service**

**Deadline: 8 January 2026, 12pm**

Kildare County Council Arts Service is delighted to announce the VECTOR Digital Artist Residency 2026 which seeks to foster innovation and collaboration in the digital arts sector.

**Various Awards, Cork County Council**

**Deadline: 9 January 2026, 5pm**

**Artist Bursary Scheme**

It is designed to assist individual artists develop new work, further their professional development, or enable international performing or exhibition opportunities for their work. This scheme aims to support the creative development of practicing artists who are resident in the Cork County administrative area.

**Artist in the Community Scheme**

The Scheme provides grants for artists to work directly with communities. Funds are granted for creative engagement activities delivered by artists with a community or for developing socially engaged projects with a community.

**Arts Grant Scheme 2026, Cork County Council**

This Scheme provides grants for arts activities, projects, or events in Cork County administrative area. The aim of the scheme is to support arts activity in the county.

**Various Grants 2026, Offaly County Council**

**Deadline: 12 January 2026, 5pm**

**Professional Artists Support Scheme**

Proposals welcomed from Artists living in or from Offaly.

**Arts Act Grants**

This grant is open to voluntary community groups/organisations, artists, town bands, musical and drama groups in Offaly.

#### **Cow House Residency Bursary**

It is intended to offer artists critically valuable time and space to become immersed, research, and make new work. This residency aims to minimise distraction and ensure that momentum gained while working in the studio can be acted upon, helping to make even shorter stays highly productive.

#### **Call for Application: Emma O’Kane Bursary**

**Deadline: 12 January 2026, midnight**

The Emma O’Kane Bursary is an award for independent artists who want to think beyond the boundaries of their art form and practice and to explore dance or a physical language in their work. It honours the exceptional ethos and artistic practice of artist Emma O’Kane who died in 2021.

#### **Evolve Practice Awards 2026, Fire Station Artists' Studios**

**Deadline: 14 January 2026, 5pm (IST)**

This award is dedicated to professional visual artists who want to expand their practice by testing new materials and techniques. There are 4 Awards available: x2 in Sculpture, x1 in Digital Media, and x1 in Dubh Film Lab.

#### **2026 Arts Service Grants & Awards, Mayo County Council**

**Deadline: 16 January 2026, 5pm**

Mayo County Council Arts Service is pleased to announce the deadline for their annual Grants and Bursaries for 2026. The following Awards are now open for application:

- Mayo Artist Bursary
  - Arts Act Grants
  - Tyrone Guthrie Bursary
  - Upstart Awards
  - Drama League Ireland Summer School Bursary
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# Events

## Mapping Legislative Theatre: LT in Action, The People Act: Legislative Theatre

**Date:** 12 December

**Time:** 2 - 3pm (GMT)

**Location:** Online

Introducing Legislative Theatre in Action, a global learning series bringing together practitioners, policymakers, and engaged citizens interested in creative participatory democracy. There are four sessions between December 2025 and March 2026.

Session 1: Mapping Legislative Theatre is about exploring a ground-breaking interactive map showcasing global initiatives, demonstrating real policy and civic engagement impacts.

## Cut and Paste: Community, Collaboration and Zine Festivals in Ireland Today, Dublin Art Book Fair 2025

**Date:** 13 December

**Time:** 2 - 3pm

**Venue:** Temple Bar Gallery + Studios, 5-9 Temple Bar, Dublin 2, D02 AC84

Zine festivals across Ireland are attracting a growing number of self-published artists, writers and activists, building accessible DIY platforms and important resources for zine making. This roundtable discussion explores some of the practical insights, perspectives and challenges of running zine festivals in Ireland today with a panel of organisers.

## Train the Trainers: Therapeutic Photography Course, Belfast Exposed, NI

**Start date:** 24 January 2026

**Time:** 10am - 3pm

**Location:** 23 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2FF

**Admission:** £750



Belfast Exposed has pioneered the use of photography as a tool for wellbeing, resilience, and community connection. They are now launching a “Train the Trainers” programme. This initiative is designed to equip practitioners, artists, community workers, and health professionals with the skills, methodologies, and confidence to deliver therapeutic photography in their own contexts.

**Publishing as Creative Practice: For Artists, Writers and Makers, Cork College of FET**

**Start date: 28 January 2026**

**Time: 6 - 8pm**

**Location: Sawmill Street, Cork City, T12 DW32**

**Admission: €180**

Participants will engage with both the traditions and the contemporary experiments of independent publishing, from zines and artist books to digital platforms, public interventions, and collaborative editions. Through a combination of discussion, hands-on workshops, and guided project development, the course will open up publishing as an expansive, accessible, and deeply creative form of expression.



## Miscellaneous

**Open Call for Workshop Ideas/ Artists/ Facilitators, Mermaid Arts Centre**

**Deadline: 19 December**

Mermaid Arts Centre currently seeks artist/facilitators to devise and deliver workshops as part of its 2026/27 programme.

**Mapping the European ecosystem of the Socially Engaged Arts, Alliance for Socially Engaged Arts, EU**

**Deadline: 16 January 2026**

The Alliance for Socially Engaged Arts invite arts organisations to take part in their major research project to map

the socially engaged arts sector across Europe. This research will explore the diversity of practices driving social change, cohesion, and citizen-led action, and generate insights.

The research will be published as a report in 2026, so stay tuned for more updates!

#### **Open Call for Studio Artists, The Dock**

**Deadline: 30 January 2026, 5pm**

The Dock is seeking applications from Leitrim-local professional artists working in any art form for two fully subsidised studios over 12 months. In addition, they will offer a seed fund of €1000 to each successful applicant along with in-kind support customised to individual needs.

#### **2026 Funding Schedule, The Arts Council of Ireland**

The Arts Council of Ireland are pleased to share a schedule of funding opportunities for 2026.

Funding distributed through their schemes will enable artists to create, make and present their work, and ensure that people can access excellent arts experience across the country. Competition remains high across all schemes, with demand continuing to outpace the funding available.

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Read more about our **Promotional Guidelines** and how to submit your event or opportunity for possible promotion by Create. We only promote opportunities in which the artist is paid, in line with our **Artists' Pay Policy**.

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