



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

News from Create

[Artist in the Community Scheme 2026 - Round One](#)

Deadline: 30 March, 5pm

The Artist in the Community Scheme 2026 - Round One is now open for applications. This includes the following awards:

- Research and Development Award (without mentoring)
- Research and Development Award (with Mentoring)
- Recent Graduate Research and Development Award (with Mentoring)
- Project Realisation Award

Catalyst Residency with Create & Fire Station Artists' Studios 2026

Deadline: 7 April, 5pm

Catalyst Residency, offered in partnership between Create and Fire Station Artists' Studios (FSAS), offers a collaborative socially engaged artist from a minoritised ethnic background a one-month residency in Dublin 1 during June 2026 (2-30 June). The residency is intended as an artist-led incubation period which allows them to develop their practice and their networks with targeted support from the residency partners.

Public Art Commission: Dolphin House

Deadline: 10 April, 5pm

Since September 2025, Dublin City Council, through its Arts office, has been working with Create and artist Evelyn Broderick and the community of Dolphin House on a Public Art programme which places the community at the heart of the Public Art Commissioning Process.

Now, Dublin City Arts Office is seeking to commission a temporary Public Artwork for Dolphin House. This is the first of 3 mini public art commissions which are part of a wider programme of work, culminating in a larger scale public artwork that will be commissioned in 2027. Funding arises from the Per cent for Art programme.

Summer School on Collaborative Practice and Social Change 2026

Deadline: 20 April, 5:30pm

Create and Learning Lab Agency are pleased to announce the 2026 Summer School on Collaborative Practice and Social Change. This intensive programme will take place over six days, from 15-20 June 2026, in Killary Lodge, County Galway.

Now entering its eighth year, the forthcoming Summer School explores the work of collaborative and socially engaged artists and examines the politics of public art, counter publics, and the significance of place in an era of rapid geopolitical rupture and transformation.

AIC Scheme Artist Mentoring Award 2026

Deadline: 27 April, 5pm

Create invites applications from collaborative, socially engaged artists, or artists transitioning into collaborative, socially engaged arts, who wish to avail of a focused period of mentorship to develop and consolidate their practice.

The Mentoring Award is funded through the Artist in the Community Scheme (AIC), managed by Create on a devolved basis for The Arts Council. The AIC Scheme is a primary vehicle for collaborative socially engaged arts practice in Ireland.

To coincide with the launch of the 2026 The Arts Council's Artist Mentoring Award open call, we are sharing two new publications that have recently published.

Values Framework

The Values Framework was researched and compiled by Dr. Ciaran Smyth, and outlines Create's approach to mentorship within the scheme. Create gratefully acknowledges the Mentors and team members who generously committed their time and thinking to the development of this Values Framework: Michelle Browne, Aisling Byrne, John Conway, Cathy Coughlan, Aine Crowley, Jennifer Fitzgibbon, Sinead McCann and Kate O' Shea.

Mentorship Toolkit

The Mentorship Toolkit was developed by Create in response to needs indicated by evaluations of the programme and observation of the 2025 award selection process. Initial research, observation, resource collection, and drafting were conducted by researcher Trinity Lisk as part of her Master of Public Service at the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service. This research was conducted alongside Create's Research and Learning manager Jennifer Fitzgibbon and with input from the rest of the Create Team.

Episode 83: Meanwhile in an Abandoned Warehouse, miaaw.net by Sophie Hope

In November 2025 Sophie Hope gave a presentation at a conference called Collaborative Futures, organised in Dublin by Create.

In this episode she brings the conference organiser, Damien McGlynn, together with two participants, Megan Atkinson and Silver Kezir, to discuss the program and the outcomes and the possibilities inherent in the idea of collaborative futures.



Organisational Manager (Part Time), Outburst Arts, NI

Deadline: 23 March, 12 midday

Outburst Arts are looking for an Organisation Manager to lead on the organisation's administration and operations throughout the year and at festival time.

Venue Officer, Dance Ireland

Deadline: 27 March, 10am

Dance Ireland is seeking a welcoming and experienced individual for the position of Venue Officer.

[Music Development Officer, Music Generation Mayo](#)

Deadline: 27 March, 12 noon

Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board (MSLETB) as Lead Partner for Music Generation Mayo seek to appoint a Music Development Officer to implement its plans for the provision of performance music education for children and young people in Co. Mayo.

[Artist & Programme Officer, Children's Books Ireland](#)

Deadline: 30 March, 4pm

Children's Books Ireland is recruiting for a newly-created role: a full-time Artist & Programme Officer to support their community of artists and the delivery of their core projects.

[Programmes Manager \(Maternity Cover\), Irish Association of Youth Orchestras](#)

Deadline: 7 April, 5pm

The Irish Association of Youth Orchestras is seeking applications for maternity cover for the role of Programmes Manager. The expected duration of the appointment is 18 months (to January 2028).

[Head of Commercial and Marketing, Dublin International Film Festival](#)

Deadline: 7 April

The Dublin International Film Festival (DIFF) has an exciting role on its executive team for a Head of Commercial and Marketing.



Awards & Calls

[Elevate bursary, Galway International Arts Festival](#)

Deadline: 20 March, 6pm

The Elevate Bursary is designed to enable artists to explore their creative practices and develop new work, including ideas that may be at an early or exploratory stage and may not otherwise have the opportunity to be realised.

These bursaries are open to artists, collectives, and groups based in Galway City and County. Applications are welcomed across all art forms, with the aim of supporting projects that reflect and represent the diversity of contemporary Ireland.

Home Residency, Digital Arts Studios, NI

Deadline: 25 March, midnight

The Home Residency is dedicated to fostering a vibrant community of artists engaging with digital technologies and contemporary art practices. Open to artists across Ireland and the UK, they welcome proposals from artists whose work employs digital technologies to challenge artistic boundaries and reimagine the cultural landscape.

Funding from The Arts Council of Ireland

Opera Projects and Production Award 2027 | Deadline: 26 March, 5:30pm

The Opera Projects and Production Award supports individuals and organisations to develop and present opera at three distinct stages.

Margaret Arnold Award | Deadline: 26 March, 5:30pm

The Margaret Arnold Award is offered through a trust established by Margaret Sutcliffe, a music teacher who taught privately in Dublin.

iIDÁNA 2026 | Deadline: 1 April, 5pm

iIDÁNA continues to enhance the TG4 schedule and theatrical screenings by supporting the making of ambitious and cinematic long-form documentaries on the arts in Irish.

International Residency Initiatives Scheme | Deadline: 2 April, 5:30pm

This scheme supports art organisations, across all artforms, in the delivery of residency initiatives and to create opportunities for transnational exchange and cooperation.

Children and Young People's Arts Residency | Deadline: 2 April, 5:30pm

Children and Young People's Arts Residencies support artists or arts organisations to spend an academic year in residence in a higher education institution. The residencies are open to all artform and arts practice areas.

Arts in Early Learning and Childcare Scheme | Deadline: 2 April, 5:30pm

The Arts in Early Learning and Childcare Scheme supports individual artists and organisations to partner with eligible services to develop opportunities for babies and young children to explore and enjoy the arts.

Agility Award | Deadline: 23 April, 5:30pm

The Agility Award supports individual professional artists and arts practitioners who have not been funded as an

individual by the Arts Council since 1 January 2016.

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

[Boyle Library Commission, Roscommon County Council](#)

Deadline: 30 March, 4pm

Roscommon County Council Arts Office now invites submissions from artists for an original public artwork for the new Boyle Community Library. Proposals for outdoor and/or indoor permanent artworks are welcomed which may incorporate other artforms such as literature, film, music etc. The proposal may be / or have elements that are tactile or interactive.

[Visual Arts Commission, Wexford County Council](#)

Deadline: 2 April, 4pm

Wexford County Council's Arts Office, in partnership with Creative Ireland, invites applications from visual artists to develop a new body of work which explores Wexford's Anglo-Norman heritage and legacy.

The art commission is socially engaged in nature and will involve the artist undergoing research and working with local communities in Wexford County in the development of the work over a 16-month period. The artist must be based in Ireland.

[International Curator Residency, National Sculpture Factory and The Guesthouse](#)

Deadline: 10 April, 5pm

National Sculpture Factory and The Guesthouse announce a new initiative in an International Curator's Residency opportunity, through open call, based in the critically acclaimed residency The Guesthouse.

[TBG+S/HIAP International Residency Exchange 2026, Temple Bar Gallery + Studios and Helsinki International Artist Programme](#)

Deadline: 10 April, 5pm

Temple Bar Gallery + Studios in partnership with HIAP - Helsinki International Artist Programme invites applications from professional visual artists for the nineteenth annual residency exchange between Ireland and Finland.

[Platform Commissions 2027, EVA International](#)

Deadline: 13 April, 5pm

EVA International is now inviting proposals for the EVA 2027 Platform Commission.

Creative Climate Action fund III, Creative Ireland

Deadline: 15 April, 3pm

The Creative Ireland Programme is delighted to announce a new €6.5 million Creative Climate Action Fund III (2026–2029), to support large-scale creative projects to engage communities in climate action.

Invitation to tender: audit, research and scoping on the need for Traveller spaces in the arts, Pavee Point

Deadline: 15 April, 5:30pm

Pavee Point wishes to commission an audit of existing spaces that analyses gaps and opportunities and explores current and future options for a possible range of various types of dedicated spaces for Traveller arts.

Residency Opportunity, Museum Plinth Project 2026

Deadline: 16 April, 5pm

The Museum Plinth Project invites applications from early-career professional visual artists for a six-month, research-led institutional residency. It supports critically engaged artistic research within major cultural and heritage institutions. Two residencies are available, hosted by the National Museum of Ireland (Natural History and Art & Industry) and Marsh's Library.



Events

Pop Up Exhibition: Image(ning) Diversity in Donegal, Creative Minorities Project

Date: 20 March

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal

The Creative Minorities Project at Donegal Intercultural Platform present “Image(ning) Diversity in Donegal”. This community exhibition will showcase photography capturing diversity across the county, alongside community-created Sewing Solidarity banners and intercultural artwork developed by students through the project.

Lunchtime Session: Inclusion and Accessibility in the Cultural Sector, Culture Action Europe

Date & Time: 30 March, 2-3:30pm (CET)

Location: Online via Zoom

Admission: Free, registration required

How are we creating structural change in the cultural sector? What does accessibility look like in practice, from programming, governance, funding, and audience engagement?

This session will hear from members across the network, who will share their recent projects and initiatives focused on inclusivity and accessibility. The second half of the session will be open to further discussion on the topic with attendees.

Arts + Health: Check Up Check In 2026, Réalta

Date & Time: 30 April, 9:30am - 5pm

Venue: The Dock, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co Leitrim

Admission: €30 (including lunch)

Réalta, the national resource organisation dedicated to developing arts + health in Ireland, presents Arts + Health: Check Up Check In 2026. It promotes solidarity, practice sharing and exchange, and is open to anyone working in, or interested in learning more about arts + health.

This year's keynote speaker Karrie Marshall will draw on her experience working at the intersection of arts, health and social care, and her decades of practice in social-engaged arts, healthcare, adult education, and supporting individuals, staff and leaders under pressure.

Cultural Mobility Forum 2026: Cultural Mobility Justice, On the Move and Kooperativa

Dates: 29-30 April

Location: Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

Admission: Free, registration required

Deadline for registration: 15 April

On the Move is partnering with Kooperativa – Regional Platform for Culture, a network of organisations and national platforms dedicated to independent culture and contemporary art in Southeast Europe.

In 2026, the forum focuses on cultural mobility justice which examines and challenges the systemic inequities that determine who can move, create, and participate within the global cultural landscape.

Miscellaneous

[Artist Workspace & Practical Needs Survey, South Dublin County Council](#)

Deadline: 20 March, 12pm

South Dublin County Council Arts Office are undertaking a survey on artist workspaces. They are asking for artists of all disciplines to complete the survey who are living in the South Dublin County administrative area. This will inform them in the development of a new Arts Strategy for South Dublin County in 2026.

[Open call for artists and arts organisations, Bealtaine Festival 2026](#)

Artists and arts organisations of all sizes are now invited to register and organise a Bealtaine event in their local area. The month-long festival welcomes participants across all art forms including music, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, film, storytelling, circus, comedy and much more.

Registration for Bealtaine 2026 is now open and will remain open from February right through to May. Bealtaine Festival is an initiative by Age & Opportunity, funded by The Arts Council and the HSE.

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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