



Create Strategy 2026 – 2031 launch event (2026). Photo: Pati Guimarães

News from Create

Create Strategy 2026 – 2031 launched

On the 23rd of June 2026, we welcomed guests to join us as we launched our new Strategy for 2026 to 2031, People Practice Progress: Building Sustainable Futures.

Our Director Damien McGlynn was joined by chair of Create's board Kevin Murphy, CEO of the Playhouse Derry~Londonderry, Ann O'Connor, Head of Participatory Arts at the Arts Council, and Silvina Sisterna, artist and member of Create's Artist Mentor Panel, to launch the Strategy, which will guide our work over the coming five years.

You can read the full strategy in PDF, accessible word and audio format [here](#).

2026 AIC Scheme Bursary Awards

Deadline: 20 July, 5pm

We are delighted to issue an open call for applications to the Artist in the Community Scheme Bursary Awards 2026. The objective of the Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme Bursary Award is to support individual professional artists in any artform to develop their collaborative socially engaged arts practice. There will be two awards of €20,000 awarded in 2026, offering the artists time to reflect on, and develop, their practice.

Public Art Commission #2 and #3: Dolphin House

Deadline: 24 July, 12 noon

Dublin City Council recently announced an open call for two temporary Public Art Commissions for Dolphin House. These commissions are part of a wider public art programme in collaboration with the residents of Dolphin House, Create and artist Evelyn Broderick which will culminate in a larger scale public artwork that will be commissioned for 2027.

In May 2026, Mini Commission # 1 was awarded. We are now seeking proposals for 2 collaborative Mini Commissions:

- Mini Commission # 2 in collaboration with Rialto Youth Project
- Mini Commission # 3 in collaboration with Dolphin House Homework Club

These commissions aim to create space for real collaboration through listening, reflection, conversation, support and creative expression around experiences of regeneration, exploring what regeneration has meant, and continues to mean, for the children and young people who lived — and are living — through it.

Swords Cultural Quarter: Socially Engaged Creative Producer-in-Residence

Deadline: 24 July, 5pm

In partnership with Create, Fingal County Council Arts Office has been developing approaches to meaningful community engagement and collaborative artistic practice within Swords. As part of this ongoing development, Fingal County Council invites applications for a Socially Engaged Creative Producer-in-Residence to support the continued growth of this emerging cultural ecosystem.

Festivals Connect: Co-Design Focus Groups for festival makers

We are working with thrive, the research and evaluation people for arts and heritage, to facilitate a series of in-person and online focus groups as part of Festivals Connect, to better understand the needs of people working at festivals. Your input will directly inform the training and skills development we offer as part of Festival Connect.

The focus groups will take place online and in person, in Belfast, Monaghan, Derry, Drogheda and Manorhamilton. We hope you can take part – simply complete the short booking form.

Remaining sessions are:

- Friday 17 July, 11am to 1pm, Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda
- Friday 17 July, 11am to 1pm, Online
- Monday 20 July, 7pm to 8:30pm, Online

2026 Artist Mentoring Award recipients announced

Create is delighted to announce the recipients of the 2026 Artist Mentoring Award. This award sits within a suite of offerings under the Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme. For the five selected artists, the award offers an eight-month period of capacity building and arts practice development through dialogue with an experienced collaborative socially engaged artist mentor.

- Artist Geraldine Timlin will be mentored by Deirdre O'Mahony
- Grainne Dowling, artist, foley editor and sound designer, will be supported by mentorship by Seamus Nolan
- Collaborative artist Róisín O Meadhra will receive mentorship from Silvina Sisterna
- Tanya Bridgeman, theatre maker, writer, actor and facilitator will work with mentor Grace Dyas
- Yves Santos, dance artist, teacher and choreographer will be mentored by Feidlim Cannon

The group will also receive support from group mentor Dr Sinead McCann.

Co-Create PhD recipient announced

Create is delighted to announce Lyónn Wolf as the successful recipient of the Co-Create PhD in Socially Engaged Art and Counter-Narratives, offered in partnership with the National College of Art and Design (NCAD).

Lyónn Wolf is an artist and writer currently engaged with de-productive trans and class poetics. Lyónn aims to draw from queer and feminist narrative critiques through his PhD research, engaging the world building tools of radical futurism and trans theory, to collectively disrupt the current political paradigm.

A new chapter for Creative Places Tuam

Creative Places Tuam has secured Arts Council funding for 2026 and 2027, paving the way for a new phase of the community-led arts programme under local leadership.

This programme of work has been instrumental for Create – we are proud to have led the project since January 2020, and to have inaugurated the now national Creative Places programme. After the success of the first two phases of the programme, management of Creative Places Tuam will transfer to Galway County Council, with a team of artists and arts workers from Tuam operating the project on a day to day basis.

Job Opportunities

Various roles for Open House Dublin 2026, Irish Architecture Foundation

Deadline: 17 July, 5pm

The Irish Architecture Foundation are looking for a Volunteers Officer and an Events and Bookings Officer for Open House Dublin 2026.

Curatorial Fellow, National Gallery of Ireland

Deadline: 22 July

The National Gallery of Ireland wishes to recruit a Curatorial Fellow to support the Curatorial Department in planning and realising a comprehensive, scheduled rehang of the collection.

Creative Producer, Kildare County Council Arts Service

Deadline: 24 July, 12pm

Kildare County Council Arts Service seek to appoint an experienced Creative Producer to manage and oversee the delivery of the project How We Move. This is an initiative connecting arts, health, movement, and public space funded by Creative Ireland under the Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community Scheme 2026 – 2028.

General Manager, Dublin Youth Theatre

Deadline: 30 July, 11pm

Dublin Youth Theatre (DYT) are looking for a part-time General Manager to lead the organisation and implement their year-round programme of activities.

Outreach Officer, Accidental Theatre, NI

Deadline: 31 July, 11:59pm

Accidental Theatre are seeking an experienced, highly-motivated, responsible, dynamic, conscientious, relationship-oriented and resourceful individual to join them as their Outreach Officer.

Facilities and Office Coordinator, Dublin City Council Culture Company

Deadline: 1 August

Dublin City Council Culture Company is seeking a Facilities and Office Coordinator to join their team. This is a varied role that combines facilities coordination and office administration, ensuring their workplace operates efficiently, safely, and professionally while providing essential administrative support across the business.

Evaluator, CCA Derry~Londonderry, NI

Deadline: 11 August, 11:59pm

The Centre for Contemporary Art Derry~Londonderry is seeking an Evaluator for the CCA x Future Screens NI Digital Supports programme: a year-long development programme aimed at supporting emerging artistic practice.

Awards & Calls

Funding from The Arts Council of Ireland

Project Award 2027 | Deadline: 23 July, 5:30pm

The Project Award supports specific projects across various artforms. It focuses on enabling individual artists and organisations to bring their ideas to fruition and create excellent artistic work.

Irish-language Theatre Award | Deadline: 30 July, 5:30pm

The Irish-language Theatre Award supports specific artistic projects in theatre, from play development to theatre creation to large-scale production and touring. It focuses on ensuring more people can enjoy high-quality theatre experiences in the Irish language throughout the country.

UK–IRL Culture Connects Grant 2026-27 | Deadline: 31 July, 5:30pm

The UK-Ireland Culture Connects Grant focuses on supporting emerging artists and art practitioners to collaborate with each other and develop work that would benefit from in-person collaboration.

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

Call for Tenders: Coordination Services for Creative Places Knocknaheeny, Cork City Council Arts Office

Deadline: 24 July, 12pm

Cork City Council is seeking the provision of coordination services for Creative Places Knocknaheeny. Coordination will involve the development, implementation, and delivery of Creative Places Knocknaheeny, a

programme of socially engaged arts, collaborative arts commissions and creative community consultations in partnership with local partners, stakeholders and Cork City Council for the local community and arts practitioners.

Per Cent for Art, The GAFF, Limerick City

Deadline: 30 July

Limerick Arts Office and Limerick City and County Council in collaboration with The GAFF invites expressions of interest from artists who wish to be considered for creating, fabricating and installing an artwork at the new entrance to The GAFF building at 29-30 Lord Edward Street, Limerick City.

International Artistic Residency: Urban Bodies, Spazio13, Italy

Deadline: 30 July

Urban Bodies is an international artistic residency hosted by Spazio13 in Bari, Italy. Supported by Culture Moves Europe, the program will select and welcome 4 international artists or cultural practitioners to investigate contemporary migration, urban transformation, and the body as a site of memory, negotiation, and belonging.

Residency Programme 2026, Camila Cañeque Foundation x BAR project, Spain

Deadline: 31 July

In 2026, the Camila Cañeque Foundation and BAR project launched an international call for a six-week residency that is specifically aimed at practices that can benefit from time, sustained attention, contextual exchange, and professional dialogue, particularly those that do not rely on conventional production infrastructures.

Artist Care Exchange Programme, Age & Opportunity

Deadline: 5 August, 12 noon

Age & Opportunity is pleased to announce Artists Care Exchange (ACE) bursary for professional artists with an interest and background in the arts and older people in a care context.

Uillinn Residencies and 2 Partnership Residencies 2027, Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre

Deadline: 5 August, 4pm

Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre offers Artist in Residence studio opportunities to practicing artists. Artists are invited to apply for an opportunity to research and develop their practices and to engage in dialogue with Uillinn, other organisations in Cork, the local community and general public.

Partnership Residency - Cork County Council Studio Residency 2027

They invite submissions for a 4 week studio residency from a practicing artist who is resident in any part of the Cork County administrative area.

Partnership Residency - Cork County Council Saoi/Sage Studio Residency 2027

They invite submissions for a studio residency from a practicing artist aged 50 and over to take place from 1-31 May 2027 during the nationwide Bealtaine Festival – celebrating the arts and creativity as we age.

Exploring & Thinking: Early Childhood Arts Residency Awards 2026-27

Deadline: 2 September, 2pm

The Dublin region Local Authorities and Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) invite applications from artists to develop and deliver early childhood arts residencies within homeless accommodation services across the four local authority administrative areas. They invite applications from artists who propose to collaborate with other artists and/or creative practitioners.

One residency award is available in each of the following areas:

- Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County
- Dublin City North
- Dublin City South
- South Dublin
- Fingal

Events

Mycelium by Kate O' Shea

Exhibition until 30 August

Venue: VISUAL Carlow (Address: Old Dublin Road, Carlow, R93 A3K1)

Mycelium represents a cross-section of her work that is by its nature fragmentary, improvisatory and subject to change. This nature speaks to the complexity and multi-layered relationships, contexts and ways of working that O' Shea embraces; the title Mycelium alludes to mycelial networks of fungi that are understood to communicate with each other across vast distances and disparate environments; acting as a metaphor for alternative modes of communication and collaboration essential to O' Shea's practice.

Our Place, led by artists AlanJames Burns and Sinéad McCann

Exhibition until 30 August

Venue: VISUAL Carlow (Address: Old Dublin Road, Carlow, R93 A3K1)

Our Place is a long-term, socially engaged art project that champions the human rights of people living with intellectual disabilities. This project places the ideas, talents and lived experience of people with an intellectual disability at the centre of artmaking and exhibition design.

In collaboration with people supported by Delta Centre, the Our Place team have developed a new installation for VISUAL Carlow, commissioned by Carlow Arts Festival.

Miscellaneous

Creativity & Change, Crawford College of Art and Design, Munster Technological University (MTU)

Deadline extended: 31 July

The Creativity & Change post-graduate certificate course is recruiting for '26/'27 intake in September. If you are an artist, community worker or changemaker interested in developing skills in collaborative practice and creative facilitation for global justice, then this course is for you!

Call for Papers: Becoming Terrestrial: Sites of Reworlding in Creative and Cultural Institutions, NCAD

Deadline: 28 August

National College of Art & Design (NCAD) invites proposals for a conference in November, exploring outdoor ecological and experiential learning sites and practices connected to institutions, be they museums, schools, or third-level campuses.

Co-Design Trainer for Smart Villages, icecream architecture

icecream architecture are looking for a Co-Design Trainer to deliver community development training as part of a team on the Turning the Sod project (www.turningthesod.ie). This will be delivered to community groups across Co. Kildare starting in August.

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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