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Create's National Networking Event is an annual encounter of exchange and learning, providing 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.

In 2026, we take the Networking Event to **Limerick City**, on the **19th November**. We will be releasing tickets during the week of the 28th September, so keep an eye on our social media account and website for further details and info on how to secure your place!

Artist in the Community Scheme 2026 - Round Two

Deadline: 28 September, 5pm

The Artist in the Community Scheme 2026 - Round Two 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

If you are interested in applying to the scheme, join us for an online information session with previous recipients and Create staff, held on the 25th August and 2nd September:

Information Session on 25 August, 2-4pm

Online session with previous recipient Tess Leak and Tatiana Dos Santos, AIC Scheme Programme and Development Support.

Information Session on 2 September, 2-4pm

Online session with previous recipient Helen Flanagan and Tatiana Dos Santos, AIC Scheme Programme and Development Support. Please note that this event will feature **live ISL interpreting and captioning**.

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.

Having run sessions in Belfast, Monaghan, Derry, Drogheda and Manorhamilton, thrive are now offering four upcoming online sessions. We hope you can take part – simply complete the short booking form.

Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 9 September, 11am – 12:30pm, online
- Friday 11 September, 11am – 12:30pm, online
- Monday 14 September, 3pm – 4:30pm, online
- Wednesday 16 September, 7pm – 8:30pm, online

Job Opportunities

Towers & Tales Festival Curator, Lismore Castle Arts

Deadline: 21 August, 1pm

Lismore Castle Arts is seeking a Towers and Tales Festival Curator who will be responsible for the curation of the festival, including artistic programme activity, key stakeholder relationships, and marketing overview.

Chief Executive Officer/ Artistic Director, Carlow Arts Centre Limited

Deadline: 21 August, 5pm

Carlow Arts Centre Limited is seeking a Chief Executive Officer/ Artistic Director to lead the next phase of development for the VISUAL Centre for Contemporary Art and George Bernard Shaw Theatre.

Front of House & Retail Staff for International Centre for the Image, Photolreland

Deadline: 23 August, 6pm

Photolreland is opening a new position for a Front-of-House and Retail Staff to join their team at the International Centre for the Image.

Finance and Operations Manager (Maternity Cover), Dance Ireland

Deadline: 27 August, 12 noon

Dance Ireland is seeking a skilled and collaborative Finance & Operations Manager to support the effective financial management, operational delivery and day-to-day running of Dance Ireland and DanceHouse.

Project Lead, Belfast Photo Festival, NI

Deadline: 27 August, 10pm

Belfast Photo Festival is seeking a confident, proactive and highly organised individual to work alongside the Belfast Photo Festival Director, helping shape and deliver ambitious projects from initial idea to completion.

Bookkeeper & Administrator, The Ark

Deadline: 31 August, 5pm

This is a fantastic opportunity for an experienced bookkeeper or finance administrator to join and really make an impact in an established and ambitious arts organisation.

Managing Director, Trans Europe Halles, EU

Deadline: 31 August, 23:59 (CEST)

Trans Europe Halles is looking for a confident, strategic, accountable, collaborative, and compassionate Managing Director to work closely with the TEH Coordination Office.

Freelance Outreach Officer, Mother Tongues

Deadline: 31 August

In partnership with the Roscommon Arts Centre (RAC) and the South Roscommon Family Resource Centre (SRFRC), Mother Tongues aims to establish local operational infrastructure to support consistent, high-quality, and growing delivery of the Language Explorers programme in Roscommon, a rural area with increasing numbers of migrant and multilingual families.

Head of Finance & Compliance, Pavilion Theatre

Deadline: 15 September, 5pm

Pavilion Theatre is seeking an experienced leader with financial, accounting, compliance, and commercial acumen to lead and be responsible for the financial stewardship, regulatory adherence, and operational compliance of Pavilion Theatre.

Awards & Calls

Artist Awards 2026 for Older Artists, Age & Opportunity

Deadline: 25 August, 12 noon

Age & Opportunity is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the 2026 Artist Awards. These awards are part of their ongoing commitment to supporting artists aged 50 and over in Ireland. The awards aim to

recognise both emerging talent and the importance of continued professional development in later life. They are currently inviting applications for awards:

- Creative Ageing Writing Bursary
- Professional Development Artist Award
- Emerging Artist Award

The Good Neighbour, Esker Arts

Deadline: 26 August, 5:30pm

Esker Arts is pleased to announce the Open Call for a group exhibition opening October to December 2026 curated by Rachel Botha. The exhibition focuses on the idea of 'the good neighbour'. This Open Call invites artworks that consider a widening sense of self that is explored through our connections with people and place, situated locally or stretching nationally and internationally.

Arts + Health Research + Development Residency 2026, Réalta

Deadline: 27 August, 5pm

Réalta, the national resource organisation dedicated to developing arts + health in Ireland, has issued an open call to artists of all arts disciplines to submit proposals for its Arts + Health Research + Development Residency 2026. The residency will provide the successful applicant with the opportunity to research and develop their arts + health practice during a one-month period of exploration and development based at the Réalta Centre for Arts + Health, University Hospital Waterford (UHW).

Call for Tenders: PEACEPLUS Resilience Art Facilitator, Relatives for Justice, NI

Deadline: 28 August, 12pm

Relatives for Justice seeks tenders from suitably qualified art facilitators to deliver trauma-informed creative workshops for members impacted by conflict-related bereavement and injury. Workshops should provide a safe, supportive environment that encourages creative expression, emotional wellbeing and resilience.

The Makers Exchange, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Deadline: 7 September, 1pm

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is excited to partner with The Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown Older People's Council (dlr OPC) on this studio project for professional designers/makers and older people. They welcome applications from individual designers and makers; they also welcome applications from designers and makers who wish to work together as a pair.

Two Public Art Commissions in Monksland and Ballaghaderreen, Roscommon County Council

Deadline: 7 September, 4pm

Roscommon County Council Arts Office, in collaboration with the Housing Department, is inviting submissions from artists and artist teams for two significant public art commissions under the Per Cent for Art Scheme. Both opportunities seek ambitious, high-quality artistic responses that engage with the unique character, history, landscape and aspirations of each location while fostering meaningful connections with local communities.

Funding from The Arts Council of Ireland

Authored Works | Deadline: 10 September, 5:30pm

The Authored Works award provides film artists with the creative and editorial freedom to make a feature-length authored cultural film work from a strong artistic point of view. It focuses on the creation of artist-led films.

Arts Council Digital Artist in Residence – University Programme | Deadline: 11 September, 5:30pm

The Arts Council has partnered with Universities in Cork, Galway and Limerick to run a Digital Artist in Residence Programme. The Residency focuses on providing a stimulating environment for the resident Digital Artists and affording them a degree of financial support to concentrate on their own digital arts practice.

Northern European Mobility Opportunity (NEMO) | Deadline: 18 September, 10:59pm

NEMO is a programme for mobility and artistic exchange, supported by the Nordic Culture Fund and the arts funding agencies of Ireland, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It focuses on fostering international collaboration, strengthening artistic networks across the region, and supporting more artists and arts professionals, in the early stages of their careers, in engaging with international partners.

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

Public Art/ Per Cent for Art Commission, Coiste Glan agus Glas An Fháil Charraigh and Donegal County Council

Deadline: 11 September, 4:30pm

Coiste Glan agus Glas An Fháil Charraigh, in partnership with Donegal County Council, wish to commission a public artwork which responds to the folklore and the natural environment of the area. Artists are invited to engage with the folklore and natural environment of An Fál Carrach and with the spirit of care, protection and community, embodied in the story of Fionán and the raven.

Music Commission, Age & Opportunity and Clare County Council

Deadline: 17 September, 11:59pm

Age & Opportunity and Clare County Council have announced that applications are now open for a major new music commission for a Clare-based musician aged 50+, offering a bursary of €15,000 to support the creation of an original work that will premiere at the Bealtaine Flagship Festival 2027 in Ennis.

Events

[The Kite Ballet by Thaís Muniz](#)

Exhibition runs until 22 August

Venue: The Dock, St George's Terrace, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim, N41 T2X2

The Kite Ballet by Thaís Muniz is a multidisciplinary series comprising the eponymous film, alongside textiles, photography, and sculpture. The work reflects on the relationship between territoriality and community, while advocating for play in adulthood as a revolutionary act.

[Community & Connection by Leanne McDonagh](#)

Exhibition runs until 12 September

Venue: Sirius Arts Centre, Old Yacht Club, Ballyvoloon, Cobh, Co Cork, P24 F209

Leanne McDonagh is an artist from the Traveller community based in Cork County. She documents her community's life and heritage from an insider perspective. Her work provides a nuanced and authentic representation, challenging prevailing negative perceptions, attitudes, and beliefs by affirming Traveller identity in constructive ways.

This exhibition constitutes the most comprehensive presentation of McDonagh's work to date, featuring a newly commissioned series alongside a broad selection spanning 2011 to 2025. It emphasises the distinct characteristics of Traveller culture and examines both shared and universal dimensions of social relations.

This exhibition is organised by SIRIUS and curated by Director Miguel Amado.

[Technologies of Peace, IMMA](#)

Opening: 12 September

Venue: IMMA, Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin 8, D08 FW31

Irish Museum of Modern Art - IMMA is proud to present Technologies of Peace, a landmark exhibition that brings together researchers, artists, thinkers, and curators from across Europe to critically examine one of the defining challenges of our time: the question of peace.

The exhibition aims to explore the concept of peace, the tools of peace and how they are deployed through an artistic lens. It will focus specifically on the period between 1990s to the present day, and through the lens of artistic practices will draw parallels between Ireland's complex political history with those of our European

counterparts that have had similar trajectories in transitioning from post-conflict into democratic states of peace and stability.

The Blue In Between by Silvina Sisterna

Date: 13-20 September

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

The Blue In Between is a specially commissioned series of Flags by artist Silvina Sisterna which will fly along Wellington Quay for the week of Culture Night 2026.

Silvina Sisterna's Flags, The Blue In Between, convey her experience of migration as the space that exists between places, belonging not as a destination but something that forms slowly through repetition, movement, and everyday encounters with the landscape.

Culture Night Drop In Workshop on 18-19 September

Join in an evening of collective mixed media art making responding to landscape, memory and transformation. For this workshop, Silvina Sisterna draws inspiration from her commissioned Flags, The Blue In Between.

Miscellaneous

Open Call for Arts Sector Participants, ASEF LinkUp 2026

Deadline: 27 August, 6pm (Singapore Time)

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) is launching the call for arts and cultural sector participants for ASEF LinkUp | Asia-Europe Cultural Diplomacy Lab 2026. They are seeking up to 10 mid-career cultural practitioners, arts managers, academics, curators, researchers and representatives from arts organisations, museums and cultural networks to join them.

ASEF LinkUp takes place from October 2026 to February 2027, both online and in-person.

Call for Community Artists: CEMENT programme, Community Arts Partnership, NI

Deadline: 31 August, 5pm

CEMENT offers artist, trainee and host organisations real creative experience, in-person skills development and training whilst supporting employment. They now have fully-funded opportunities for MENTORS (truly experienced artist-facilitators) and TRAINEES (emerging community arts facilitators).

Call for Presentations and Workshops: National Portal Day 2026, Arts in Education Portal

Deadline: 16 September, 5pm

The Arts in Education Portal team is seeking submissions for presentations and creative workshops for the National Portal Day on 7 November 2026. This year's theme: The Future is Creative: Why arts and creativity in education matter more than ever.

Open Call for New Board Members, Galway Arts Centre

Deadline: 18 September

Galway Arts Centre is inviting expressions of interest from people who would like to join their Board and help shape the organisation's next chapter.

They are particularly interested in hearing from people with experience across arts and cultural leadership, governance, finance, fundraising, capital development, communications, public policy, equality and inclusion, youth arts, sustainability and community engagement.

MA in Arts and Engagement, Crawford College of Art & Design, MTU

The Department of Arts in Health & Education at Crawford College of Art & Design, MTU, is now welcoming applications for its part-time MA in Arts and Engagement. Online application is now open for course commencing in September.

Expressions of Interest for Group Training, Safe to Create

Safe to Create is currently planning its Autumn/Winter training programme. To maximise their reach and support as many artists and arts workers as possible, they are inviting expressions of interest from organisations, networks and collectives interested in hosting training.

Their training supports safer, more inclusive and accountable working environments and can be delivered directly within organisations or to groups of organisations working together. Safe to Create can come to you, delivering tailored training in your workplace or local area to meet the needs of your team, organisation or network. At present, they are prioritising training opportunities that can reach a minimum of 20 participants.

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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