



Galway City Arts Office

New Directions

SPC Presentation

September 2023

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CULTURE NIGHT



CULTURE NIGHT

On Friday September 22, the entire city will be positively electric with excitement, with over fifty very special and unique cultural events happening across multiple venues.

Experience entire street transformations, innovative theatre, candlelit concerts, visual arts, spectacle and so much more. For the full programme of events, visit CulureNight.ie

#OneNightForAll #OícheDárSaol



CULTURE NIGHT

PROGRAMME

- ✓ Gaeilge
- ✓ English
- ✓ Digital
- ✓ 2500 copies printed
- ✓ All venues & key locations in City centre

PHOTOGRAPHY & FILM

- ✓ 3 Photographers
- ✓ 1 Film maker
- ✓ Itinerary
- ✓ Documentation of at least 30/55 events
- ✓ Content for social media
- ✓ Promotion of Galway as a Cultural City

SIGNAGE

- ✓ Gaeilge
- ✓ English
- ✓ City centre
- ✓ Temporary
- ✓ Directional
- ✓ Film & Photography

PR & ADVERTISING

- ✓ Launch
- ✓ Advertiser, Tribune,
- ✓ Tuam Herald,
- ✓ Galway Bay FM; Keith Finnegan & The Arts Show
- ✓ Gaeilge & Bearla newspaper Ad

SOCIAL MEDIA

- ✓ Facebook
 - ✓ Instagram
 - ✓ Twitter
- See Report*

ARTS ACT - 2023 GRANTS

PROFESSIONAL

33 Organisations
92% of Funding
€369,200

CVA

25 Applicants
8% of Funding
€30,800

- Festivals Programmes
- Artist's workspaces
- Music Organisations
- Spectacle



CULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS



**WRAP 2023 & BEYOND:
TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE
REGIONAL SCREEN SECTOR**



SUPPORTING FILM | TELEVISION | ANIMATION
| GAMES IN THE WESTERN REGION

WRAP

The **GCC Cultural team** met with **WRAP** Fund, Údarás na Gaeltachta the Western Development Commission and representatives from regional local authorities on 29th June.

The agenda focused on increased emphasis on company investment as a core part of WRAP going forward as well as methods for better integrating WRAP into the current regional screen industries ecosystem.

The meeting also explored WRAP's role in strategic clustering and smart specialisation for the screen industries in the regions.



3,511 +
Young People



55 +
Community
Connections



Music Generation
Galway City
Chathair na Gaillimhe

MUSIC GENERATION

At the end of Q2 2023, **Music Generation Galway City** is providing positive performance music education opportunities for over **3,511** young people across Galway City.

They create positive musical experiences in partnership with over **55 community organisations** and **local schools** with support from our **Local Music Education Partnership (LMEP)**.



MUSIC GENERATION

Music Generation Galway City is delivered through a needs-based programme that provides access to children in various youth and community settings ranging from the **ages of 0-18**.

The Arts Officer sits on Music Generation 'Galway City Local Music Education Partnership' alongside representatives of agencies with responsibility for children and young people across a range of areas, including music, access, welfare, well-being, inclusion and diversity.

€25,000 has been disbursed based on a full and varied programme of events that align to our objectives.



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

ARTIST SUPPORTS

VAI Galway 2023 Programming

In person networking meeting
Portershed 2 for artists to meet
and engage with organisations
based in the city and county, the
two Arts Office teams, and the
Galway Culture Company.

50 artists from City and County.



PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Development of National Policy:

Regional Consultations for the new all-of-Government Per Cent for Art Policy,

The Galway City Public Art Policy will align to the National policy, due to be published in Q1 2024.

This will be presented to SPC at a later meeting.



PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Salmon Weir Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge



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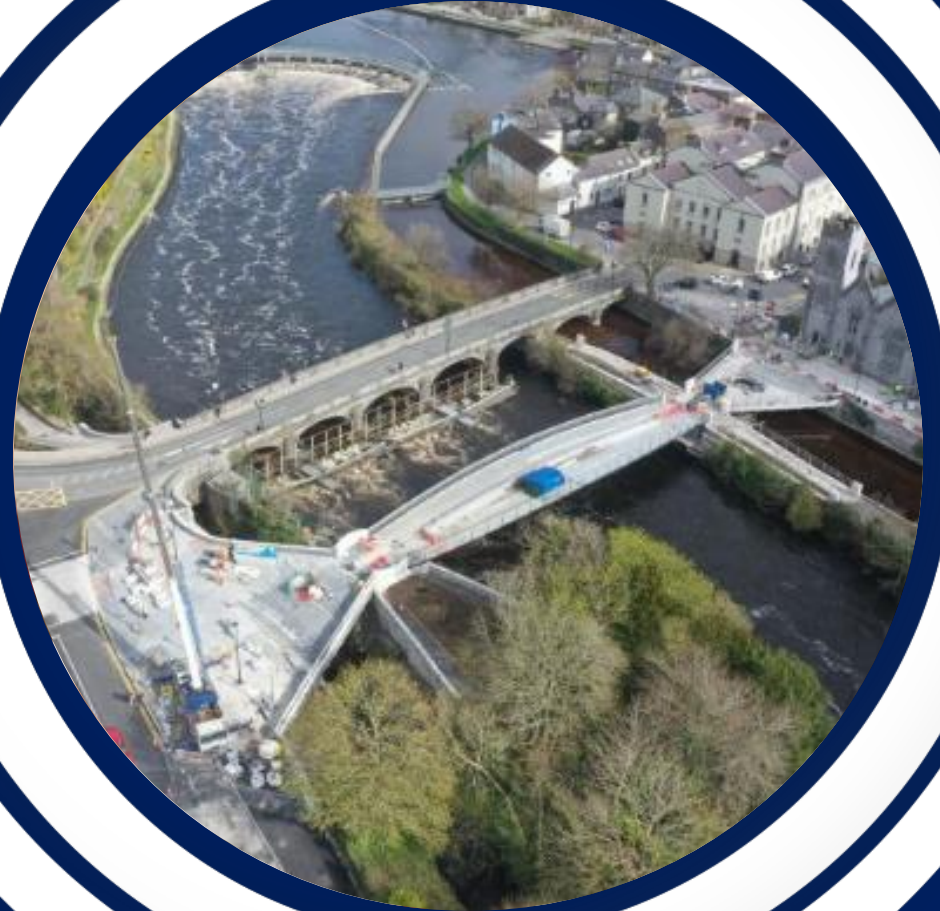
Salmon Weir Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Percent for Art Scheme on the new Pedestrian and Cycle bridge adjacent to the Salmon Weir bridge

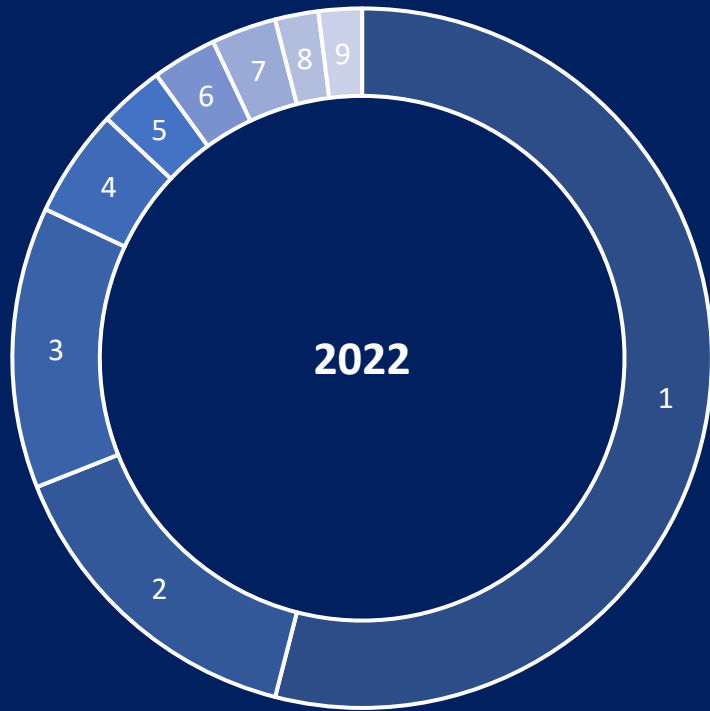
Arts Office accountabilities managed by Arts Office

1. Appointing a public Art Co Ordinator
2. Selection of Artwork
3. The next work package will be managing the process with successful artist and supporting Active Travel in installation process

Initiated in **February 2023** due to be **complete in May 2024**. Budget: €47,750 (All Inclusive)

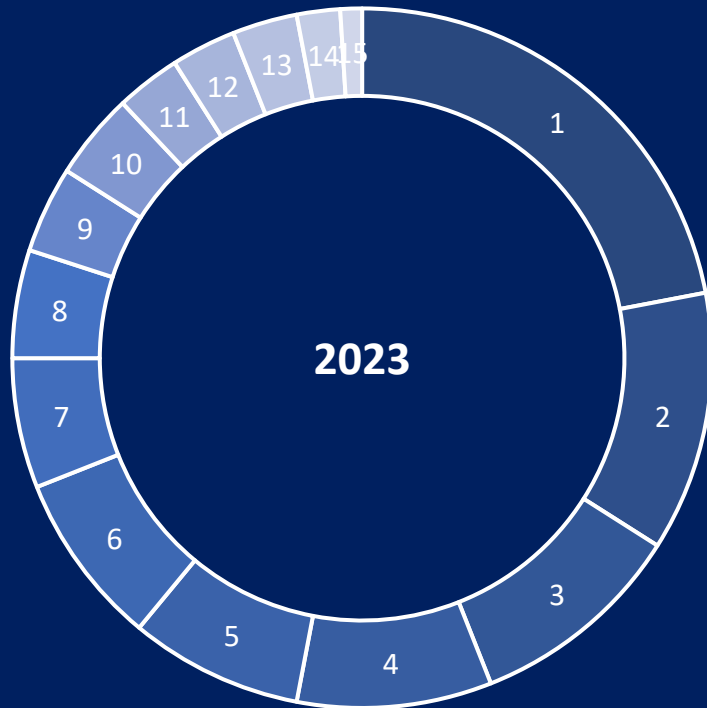


CREATIVE PRACTITIONER BURSARY



1. Visual Art 54%
2. Music 15%
3. Multi-Disciplinary 13%
4. Dance 5%
5. Theatre 3%
6. Sound Art 3%
7. Literature (Irish & English Language) 3%
8. Film/Video 2%
9. Community Arts 2%

CREATIVE PRACTITIONER BURSARY



1. Visual Art 22%
2. Music 12%
3. Literature (Irish & English Language) 10%
4. Theatre 9%
5. Film/Video 8%
6. Multi-Disciplinary 8%
7. Socially Engaged Arts 6%
8. Digital Arts 5%
9. Sound Art 4%
10. Other 4%
11. Traditional Arts 3%
12. Circus 3%
13. Dance 3%
14. Street Art & Spectacle 2%
15. Festival 1%

CREATIVE PRACTITIONER BURSARY

Bursary Cap

2023: €3,000

2022: €1,500

Applications

87 Applied

€227,326 Sought

Awarded

14 Awards

€24,300 Awarded

Arts Office interested to support creative practitioners working on ambitious projects as well as developing capacity within the sector as set out in New Directions.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Galway City Arts Office supports a range of artist-in-residence projects annually to give artists the opportunity to live and work outside of their usual environments, providing them with time to reflect, research, or produce work. Residencies provide artists with an opportunity to explore new locations, different cultures and to experiment with different materials.

In some instances, a residency can have a life-long impact on the direction of an artists practice, particularly so in the case of younger artists.

New residency opportunity 2024
Irish Theatre Institute



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

	2023	2024
	Tyrone Guthrie	
	4 Artists	6 Artists
Kirsty Warren Tom Mc Lean Anna Mullarkey Karen Conway	Interface Inagh	
	1 Artist	2 Artists
	Aras Eanna	
Bryan Mc Namara	1 Artist	2 Artists



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

New Voices

ATU Galway, Graduate Residency in Partnership with Galway Arts Centre, funded by GCC Arts Office. In line with Galway City Council Arts Plan New Directions 2022 - 2026 Residency opportunity provides investment in the development of New Voices in the creative sector.

9-week artist residency, which aims to support and nurture emerging artistic talent in our vibrant local community.

2023 Pilot– with plans to deliver into 2024, 2025.

Residency Benefits:

The selected artist will receive the following support during their residency:

- Studio Space
- Stipend: A stipend of €2,400
- Curatorial Support: The Director of Galway Arts Centre Megs Morley
- Professional Development Support: Galway City Arts Office
- Work-in-Progress Presentation



SHARED ISLAND CULTURE CONNECTS

Galway City Council - Shared Island Culture Connects

Pilot runs **June- November 2023.**

Culture Connects is a creative placemaking pilot study that investigates the connection between visual artists and place.

Culture Connects explores the opportunities for artist support programmes, cross-border mobility, shared workspace, and residencies.

Feasibility Study: informed by Focus groups, site visits, symposia, and some wider-reaching surveys of visual artists in each area.

Culture Connects is a Shared Island project:

Funded by: **The Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme**

Developed in partnership with: **Galway City Council** and **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council**

Facilitated by: **Galway Culture Company** in collaboration with **Galway Arts Centre, Atlantic Technological University** and **Southern Regional College.**

SHARED ISLAND ARCC PROJECT

Shared Island - Feasibility Study for the Development of a Shared Island 'Atlantic Region of Creative content' (ARCC) including Virtual Production Facilities in the Northern & Western & North-Western Region of Ireland.

Consultants have been engaged by Galway Culture Company on behalf of Galway City Council and CREW. Blu Zebra consultants will carry out a study to support the project partners, including Derry City & Strabane District Council, Western Development Commission, Atlantic Technological University and University of Ulster.

The aim of the study is to assist the development of an important growing economic sector for the region and to plan infrastructure (physical and virtual), resources and facilities to support the sector.

Project Duration: July-October 2023

LEVELLING ACCESS



The report explores arts and disability provision in Clare, Mayo and Galway City, profiling projects and programme pathways for disabled persons to access the arts.

It highlights current and potential barriers to sustaining and developing arts and disability provision.

It also considers a framework for future development that is flexible and can be adapted for different local authority contexts and guide progress for different stakeholders.

HOUSING ACCESS FUND

Following internal meetings between Arts, Creative Ireland and Housing teams, we developed a collective objective to develop an Arts access fund for people experiencing homelessness.

The needs of this community are extremely varied and sometimes quite complex. Arts team will work with Housing team to manage a system where Homeless services could apply for group-based classes or workshops.

- ✓ We would also provide a fund whereby individuals can apply for small grants.
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- ✓ Identify needs through Homeless services and apply to Arts Office with support of Housing team
- ✓ Projects for individuals- art classes, music workshops etc, or musical instrument
- ✓ The pilot programme will kick off in 2024 on a collaborative basis and we have sought external funding to supplement this objective.