

November 2020

Meath Arts Office Newsletter



Welcome to the November edition of the Meath Arts Office Newsletter.

This edition includes updates on some of our initiatives, artists opportunities and events. Recommendations under the Schools Musical Instrument Purchase Scheme were considered at the November Council meeting with 16 schools receiving awards. See further details below.

We continue our look at some of the wonderful public art pieces around the county with Linda Brunker's 'Voyager' located at Laytown Beach.

We're also delighted to welcome Assistant Arts Officer Aedín McGinn back to the Arts Office following her maternity leave.

Gerardette Bailey County Arts Officer

VOYAGER Linda Brunker



Artist Linda Brunker studied Sculpture at the National College of Art & Design where she developed her unique 'open filigree' style of casting bronze. Her trademark style typically incorporates natural elements to create images composed into flowing shapes which echo the rhythms of fire, water and wind. *Voyager* positioned on the Laytown seafront was commissioned by Meath County Council in 2004.

The artist states *Voyager* is: 'inspired by the sea and the myriad of life contained within. It reflects the draw that people feel toward the ocean and the healing effect it has on us. She is in a lively and uplifting pose and should be easily recognisable from a distance. The closer the viewer gets the more they will see the details like fish, seaweed, starfish and shells. The more the viewer looks the more they will see'.

PLATFORM31 Funding Opportunity



Meath Arts Office is delighted to announce its participation in PLATFORM31, a national funding and development opportunity for mid-career artists of any discipline.

1 artist from each of the 31 local authorities will be selected to participate in the scheme which awards an €8,000 bursary to participants. Selected artists will also form a peer network for ideas sharing and support.

PLATFORM31 is an initiative of The Arts Council of Ireland in collaboration with the Association of Local Authority Arts Officers. <https://platform31.localartsireland.ie/>

CCI X MCC Arts Office Residency Bursary



Meath County Council Arts Office, in partnership with the Centre Culturel Irlandais Paris, are pleased to announce an exciting artist's residency bursary in 2021. The bursary will enable an artist from Meath to spend a month long residency at the prestigious Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris and includes travel from Ireland, accommodation and a monthly stipend. Centre Culturel Irlandais' annual residency programme offers great opportunities for artists of all disciplines to tap into the resources of the CCI and the city of Paris, as well as being an important means of showcasing Ireland's dynamic contemporary culture on an international stage.

The bursary is open to practising professional artists of all disciplines living in county Meath. All applications must be made directly to CCI, full terms and conditions are available from www.centreculturelirlandais.com.

Applications to be made on-line by **Tuesday 12 January 2021, 5pm GMT**

SMIPS AWARDED



Meath County Council awarded €25,000.00 in funding, supported by Creative Ireland, to schools via the Schools Musical Instrument Purchase Scheme.

Recognising the unprecedented effect public health measures have had on young people's school experiences, mental health and wellbeing, this funding allocation will ensure music delivery continues in schools throughout the county.

Meath County Council Arts Office is delighted to support local schools to both creatively adapt existing music programmes and establish new structures for safe practical music engagement.

MAMU Needs YOU



Do you feel isolated as an artist?

Have the effects of Covid19 made it more difficult for you to connect professionally?

Meath Arts Meet Up, MAMU, want to help with interactive ThinkTank sessions. Help us deliver the programmes you want to see!

Would you be interested in group zoom sessions? Would you like individual mentoring? What short-term online training would you like to see offered? Are there certain groups that you think are needed in your area? What isn't happening that could happen?

Send us your suggestions to artsoffice@meathcoco.ie with MAMU in the subject bar.

ART HISTORY ONLINE

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**The History of Irish Painting
(1600-1950)
with Dr. Liam Mc Niffe**

10 - part course online over Zoom

Starting 17th November
every Tuesday & Thursday

11.00 am - 12.00 pm

To book a place contact
Ashbourne Library - 01-8358185
Places are limited



An Irish Art History workshop will be starting next Tuesday, 17th November 2020. The 10-part course will be delivered over Zoom and will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11am – 12pm. Places limited to 25. Booking via Mark at Ashbourne Library on: 01 8358185

CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT with CMC



Photo credit: Rachel McCarthy

CMC presents a series of CPD events for composers and new music specialists designed to meet the ongoing needs raised by the contemporary music community in light Covid-19. Registration is free all are welcome to participate.

Hosted by CMC's Linda O'Shea Farren, the sessions take place each Thursday throughout November 2020. Featuring a Logic Pro X Clinic presented by composer and producer Conor O'Boyle, a session with pianist and wellbeing coach Xenia Pestova Bennett on 12 November, as well as a Sibelius Notation software clinic and introduction to Dorico with composers Anselm McDonnell and Lillie Harris on 19 November, and concluding with a session with Rob Farhat on developing audiences on 26 November.

<https://www.cmc.ie/features/cmc-professional-development-series-2>

AN POST IRISH BOOK AWARDS



Covid-19 has curtailed many things in our lives but happily it cannot stem the tide of literary creativity which The An Post Irish Book Awards celebrate annually. This year they are delighted to bring over 100 writers whose brilliant work represents the very best of Irish writing in 2020 including many familiar faces alongside some new ones. The Shortlist has been announced and the voting lines close on November 16th.

The virtual ceremony takes place on November 25th.

You can vote and be in with a chance of winning €100 National Book Tokens (to be spent locally of course!)

<https://www.irishbookawards.irish/vote2020/>

CREATE NETWORKING DAY



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Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, Create's Networking day 2020 will be held online.

Join them for an opportunity to connect, network, and learn from renowned thinkers, artists and activists.

Date: 9 & 10 December 2020

Time: 10am - 1pm

Web: www.create-ireland.ie/activity/create-networking-day-2020/

Admission: Free, booking essential

ARTS COUNCIL SEEKS VISUAL ARTS ASSESSOR



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The Arts Council wishes to appoint a Visual Arts Assessor who will meet the needs of the organisation both from a quality and service delivery perspective. The Assessor sought is primarily to cover areas of work including but not limited to: Assist the Council in the process of evaluating applications received from individual artists and groups of artists for awards, schemes, grants and other funding opportunities offered by the Council, either independently or in conjunction with another body.

Applications and queries through eTenders only:

<https://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/PublicPurchase/177199/0/0?returnUrl=&b=>

CURRENT ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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The Arts Council are currently accepting applications for funding under a variety of schemes. The Covid Completion Fund 2020 and the Co-funding Award 2021 - Creative Europe Co-operation Projects, Close on 10th December.

The following strands are ongoing

Capacity Building Support Scheme
Professional Development Award
Writers in Schools Scheme

Further information here: <http://www.artscouncil.ie/available-funding/>

Please note

Applications will only be accepted through the Arts Council's online services website. Applicants who have not previously used this system must register in advance of making an application. It is recommended that applicants allow **five working days** for registration prior to making an application.

UPCOMING ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



The deadline for the next round of the Arts Council's Bursary Awards is Thursday, 28 January 2020 at 5.30pm. The window for making an application opens on Tuesday, 15 December 2020. Bursaries are available in the following areas:

- Architecture Bursary Award
- Arts Participation Bursary Award
- Circus Bursary Award
- Dance Bursary Award
- Film Bursary Award
- Literature Bursary Award - English Language
- Music Bursary Award
- Opera Bursary Award
- Street Arts and Spectacle Bursary Award
- Traditional Arts Bursary
- Visual Arts Bursary
- Young People Children and Education Bursary

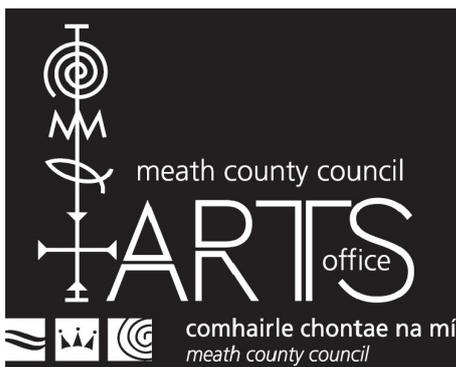
Guidelines for the award will be published on the available funding section on the Arts Council website in early December.

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SUBMIT A LISTING



Are you an arts professional? Do you have an upcoming exhibition, show or event? Are you delivering online talks or workshops? If you would like to submit a listing for inclusion in our newsletter, please send details and an image for consideration to: artsoffice@meathcoco.ie with LISTING in the subject bar