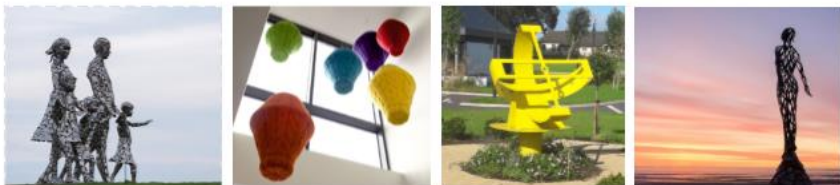


# WINTER 2023 MEATH ARTS OFFICE NEWSLETTER



## CULTURE NIGHT 2023 – ONE NIGHT FOR ALL

There was plenty to see and do in Meath for Culture Night 2023.

Many thanks to all the artists, venues, performers and volunteers for making it another fabulous night.



L-R Cllr McCabe, Gerardette Bailey (Arts Officer), Peter McKenna (Artist – MAG), Lisa Murphy (Artist - MAG), Larry Steen (Artist - MAG) Meath Arts Group, Nature's Way exhibition launch.  
Culture Night Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Toradh Gallery 2, Kells Courthouse, Tourism & Cultural Hub.

# Creative Journey Weekend with Award winning playwright Deirdre Kinahan

We were delighted to host a Creative Journey Writing Weekend with award winning playwright Deirdre Kinahan and literature recipients of the Meath Arts Office Professional Artists Development Fund 2023 at the Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub recently.



Left to right Sadbh Kellett, Nicola Garrett-Elovsson, Deirdre Kinahan, Alan O'Rourke and Katie McDermott. Missing from photo Niamh Donnellan.

Supported by Creative Ireland under the Creative Communities programme.

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# 2024 Centre Culturel Irlandais Paris, Artist's Residency Bursary

**Meath County Council Arts Office**, in partnership with the **Centre Culturel Irlandais Paris**, is pleased to announce: the 2024 artist's residency bursary.

Continuing their partnership for a sixth year, Centre Culturel Irlandais and Meath County Council Arts Office will work together to support an individual artist from Meath to spend a month in Paris.

Open to practising professional artists of all

disciplines living in County Meath, the bursary will provide: a month-long residency at the prestigious Parisian centre, and include travel from Ireland, accommodation, and a stipend of €800.00 towards expenses.

During the residency, the successful artist will have the opportunity to develop their creative practice and ideas and gain inspiration from being immersed in a new city and culture. Theatre makers, composers, dancers, visual artists, writers, choreographers, researchers and film makers have all benefitted from time spent in Ireland's flagship cultural centre in Europe, leading to a vibrant and creative community.

Previous recipients of the Meath Arts Office sponsored residency include; composer Michael Galen, traditional musician Brenda Castles, composer and musician Christy Leech, actor and writer Fionn Foley and writer Oisín McKenna.

The 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.

Full guidelines, terms and conditions available on CCI's website: <https://www.centreculturelirlandais.com>

Applications to be made online between **Thursday 16 November 2023 and Tuesday 16 January 2024, 5pm GMT**

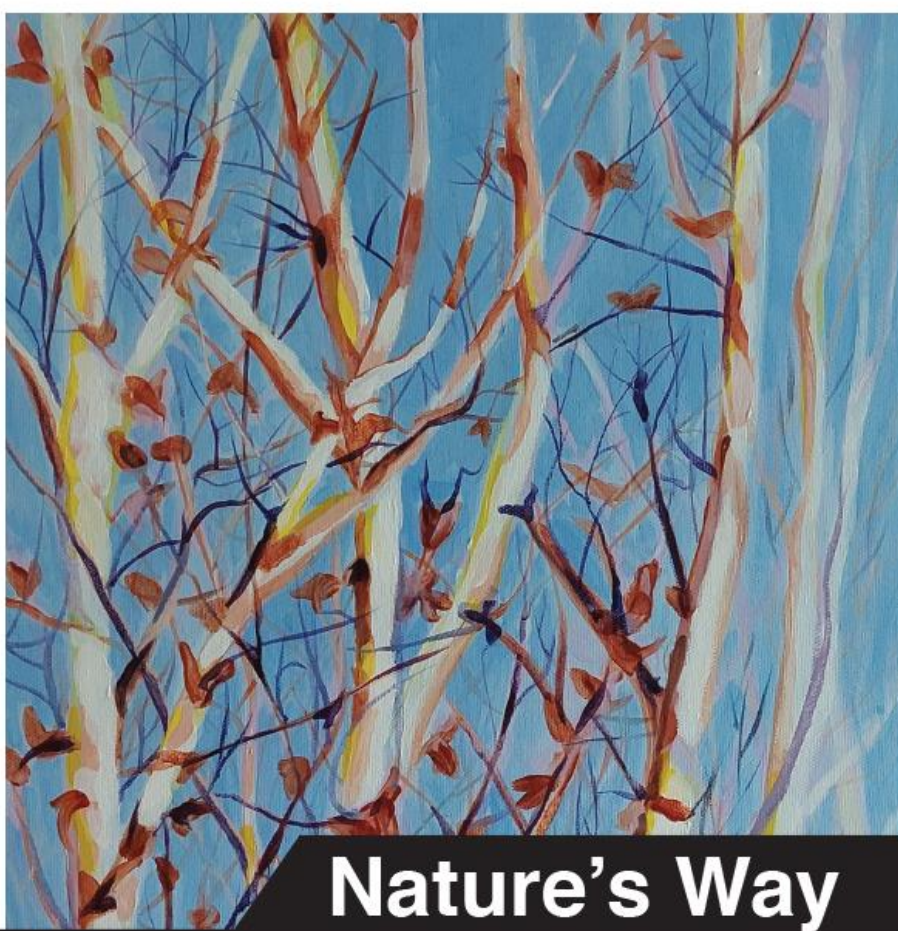


# Meath Arts Group Exhibition – Nature’s Way

## Toradh Gallery 2 Kells

This exhibition is one of a series of exhibitions by Meath Arts group on the theme of Nature's Way. The artwork in this exhibition is created from the artist experiences of how being in and observing nature can be represented in so many different disciplines, media and styles. The exhibition features new original paintings, glasswork and ceramics from realism to abstract expressionism.

Nature’s Way will be available for viewing in the **Toradh Gallery 2, Kells Courthouse, Tourism & Cultural Hub until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**



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image by Lisa Murphy

### An exhibition of work by Meath Arts Group

Sept 22nd – Dec 8th 2023



Kells Courthouse,  
Tourism and Cultural Hub,  
Headfort Road, Kells,  
Co Meath

# Ashbourne Historical Society Exhibition – Toradh Gallery Ashbourne

Meath Arts Office and the Toradh Gallery are delighted to present The Ashbourne Story in partnership with the Ashbourne Historical Society (AHS). The AHS have put a considerable amount of work into compiling this exhibition which was due to be presented as part of the Ashbourne 2020 celebrations.

Ashbourne 2020 celebrated the signing of the lease in 1820 for the land on which Frederick Bourne would build a small village with several coaching inns, a small hotel, a toll house and other buildings. He called the village Ashbourne. **The exhibition runs from 15th August 2023 – 8th January 2024.**

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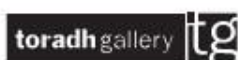
Image by Gerry McCabe



## The Ashbourne Story

**An exhibition celebrating Ashbourne 1820 - 2020**

Toradh Gallery, Ashbourne Library & Cultural Centre



# Julianstown Youth Orchestra

Meath Arts Office are proud to support the Julianstown Youth Orchestra which continues to go from strength to strength. We are looking forward to their concert in collaboration with Marymount NS Choir which takes place in the Barbican Centre Drogheda November 27th.

Don't miss what promises to be a terrific evening!

**JULIANSTOWN**  
YOUTH ORCHESTRA

**Songs and Strings Across the Boyne**

**Julianstown Youth Orchestra and Marymount NS Collaborative**  
**Concert**

**27/11**  
**The Barbican Centre**  
**Drogheda**  
**Time: 7pm**

*Tickets available*  
*on eventbrite*  
*JYO.ie*

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Department of Justice

# Ireland's newest creative collective launches in Meath - MEATH MADE

Meath MADE, Ireland's newest creative collective featuring some of Meath, and Ireland's, best known professional makers, artists and designers has been officially launched. Meath MADE will help to bring awareness to their individual works while also driving business, growth & sales.

According to Meath MADE chairperson Clare O'Connor, internationally known for her luxury wearable art collections, "this is an exciting time for creatives in our county. Meath MADE is a wonderful new collective which was formed this year to provide a platform for the local community and the wider diaspora to access high quality art, craft and design from County Meath."

"With the support of our Local Enterprise Office and Meath County Council we aim to work together to elevate, raise awareness and promote the rich diversity of creativity in Meath," she added.

The decision to form the collective followed more than a year of consultation and input from creators living and working in Meath and it had its genesis in the Local Enterprise Office in Meath which reached out to them mid-2022.

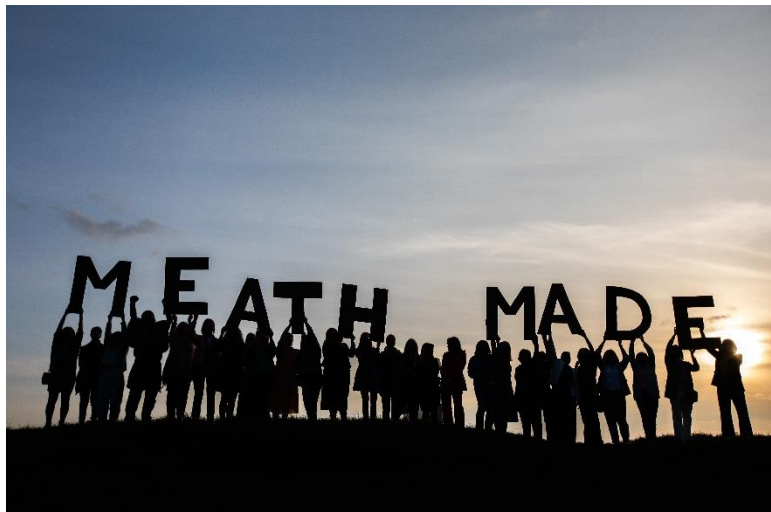
Joe English, Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office Meath, said "every day we get to work with some of Meath's most talented people and now we have the opportunity to do that with Meath MADE."

"It is a unique grouping of artists across the county and another reason for people to look for local and shop local. The LEO team will make all of its supports available including exploring export potential, accessing grants, mentoring and training supports," he added.

The group had its official photoshoot on the Hill of Tara and Anita Reynolds, a textile and ceramic artist, who is Secretary Meath MADE, said, "we are hugely aware of our wonderful history and heritage."

"We believe our Royal County was the home of the first creatives and crafts people in Ireland and we are all very proud of this. Whether it's the visual marks and objects left by our ancestors, the pastoral landscape we live in, the materials we use or the energy that surrounds us in the many magical historic sites like Tara, Loughcrew and Brú na Bóinne, our home is fundamental to us all in our work," she added.

The launch of the collective was warmly welcomed by the Chief Executive of Meath County Council, Fiona Lawless, who said, "we are delighted to support Meath MADE. It is a collective that reminds us of the wonderful talent and history we have in our county and I wish them well in the future."



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Meath Arts Office and SoFFT Productions proudly presented the films [In The Middle of The Fields](#), an eclectic mix of original performances including music, readings, spoken word, and song, in an exciting celebration of the extraordinary life and work of Irish writer Mary Lavin. Featuring artists Steve Wickham, Lisa Lambe, Deirdre Kinahan, Saramai Leech, Michael Brunnock, Catherine Byrne, Sasha Terfous, Gerardette Bailey & Wayne Sheehy, ITMOTF was curated by playwright Deirdre Kinahan and filmed in Dunderry Park, Co. Meath. The film was produced by SoFFT Productions with the support of the DTCAGSM Local Live Performance Programming Scheme and Meath Arts Office. Now available to view on the Hot Press YouTube site [In The Middle of The Fields](#).





# The Arts Council Funding Opportunities

The Arts Council are currently accepting applications for funding under the below schemes. Further information available at <https://www.artscouncil.ie/available-funding/>



## **Writers in Schools Scheme**

Operated by Poetry Ireland this scheme is co-funded by the Arts Council but administered by Poetry Ireland.

The Writers in Schools Scheme part-funds visits by writers and storytellers to schools throughout the island of Ireland. For more information, please refer to the education section of the Poetry Ireland website, [www.poetryireland.ie](http://www.poetryireland.ie) or <https://www.artscouncil.ie/funds/Writers-in-schools-scheme/>

## **iIDÁNA**

Art form and practice - **Film**

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

Applications must be made using the TG4 online application system no later than **17:00 on Monday, 11 December 2023.**

Further details available at <https://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/iIDaNA/>