

SPRING 2025 MEATH ARTS OFFICE NEWSLETTER



Meath Artist Meet-Up (MAMU) Workshop & Gathering Series

Meath Arts Office are delighted to present the **MAMU Workshop & Gathering Series**, which aims to provide an opportunity for Meath artists & creatives to learn new skills that enhance their practice, while gathering with their peers in an informal & inviting setting.

This artist support initiative builds on past FÉACH training programmes by creating a space to meet & network and by offering workshops throughout the year covering a wide range of topics. These include funding applications, creative writing, producer training, marketing for the arts etc. and will be facilitated by leading creative industry mentors.

But most of all, this series isn't just about knowledge sharing; the sense of belonging and gathering is as important as what is learned. With this ethos in mind, it is intended that this initiative will help to combat the sense of isolation sometimes felt by independent artists, and create opportunities for new collaborations between Meath-based artists and beyond.

After each workshop, there will be an opportunity for artists to gather & enjoy a light lunch together.

The MAMU Workshop & Gathering Series is supported by The Arts Council.

MAMU WORKSHOP & GATHERING SERIES

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

*Funding Application Workshop for Artists
with Lian Bell*

This workshop is for artists of all disciplines interested in making support or funding applications for their creative practice.

Time: 10am – 2pm (inclusive of light lunch) Venue: Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY

*How to Create Unforgettable Characters
with Deirdre Kinahan*

This workshop is for artists that are interested in how the playwright creates characters through dialogue.

Time: 10am – 3pm (inclusive of light lunch) Venue: Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub

Early Booking essential, as places are limited

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE

*Arts Producing Knowhow – making your idea a reality
with Kath Gorman*

Professional development morning for artists, emerging producers and local communities who want to put on arts events/develop arts projects.

Time: 10.30am – 2.30pm (inclusive of light lunch) Venue: Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub



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Register for all events: <https://meathcocoarts.submit.com>

Upcoming Workshops

April

Funding Application Workshop for Artists with Lian Bell

This workshop is for artists of all disciplines interested in making support or funding applications for their creative practice. It will look at how to decide what funding to apply for, how to stay up to date with funding options, questions to ask yourself as you apply etc., and will include some specific tips for writing applications, as well as dealing with rejection and feedback. Although the workshop will be looking at arts funding and support broadly, it will also include some tips specific to Arts Council and other applications.

The workshop is facilitated by Lian Bell, an artist with a background in visual art, scenography, cultural project management, and social activism. She works to foster community between artists and arts workers across geography and discipline. Lian has worked with some of the most significant arts organisations and contemporary performance makers in Ireland over the past 25+ years.

After the workshop, there will be an opportunity to gather & enjoy a light lunch together.

Date: Friday 11th April

Time: 10am – 2pm (inclusive of light lunch)

Venue: Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub

Register here: <https://submit.link/3xv>

May

How to Create Unforgettable Characters Workshop with Deirdre Kinahan

This workshop is for artists that are interested in how the playwright creates characters through dialogue, how the essence of a human being becomes evident through their speech and social interaction. The small group will work from a selection of Deirdre's plays throughout the morning and will have the opportunity to share their work in the afternoon. The workshop involves readings, discussions, new writing, finding inspiration and collectively exploring writing as a group.

Deirdre Kinahan is an award-winning Playwright. She is a member of Aosdána, Ireland's elected organisation of outstanding artists. Deirdre collaborates with artists and theatres all over the world and has a large canon of plays. Her plays are published by Nick Hern Books.

Early Booking essential, as places are limited.

Date: Wednesday 14th May

Time: 10am– 3pm (inclusive of lunch)

Venue: Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub

Register here: <https://submit.link/3yu>

June

Arts Producing Knowhow - making your idea a reality with Kath Gorman

Professional development morning for artists, emerging producers and local communities who want to put on arts events/develop arts projects. Experienced producer Kath Gorman of Promenade will take artists through the nuts & bolts of producing e.g. budgeting, marketing, project planning, the role of the producer, how to get their project idea off the ground and top tips for working with and finding the right producer.

Kath Gorman is an experienced creative producer, programmer and arts management consultant who has worked in both Ireland and the UK across venues, festivals and resource organisations. She is the founder/creative director of Promenade since July 2021. Promenade is an awardee of the Arts Council's Creative Production Supports Scheme 2024 & 2025. She is a co-trainer for their Future Producers programme (in its 3rd year).

After the workshop, there will be an opportunity to gather & enjoy a light lunch together.

Date: Wednesday 11th June

Time: 10.30am – 2.30pm (inclusive of light lunch)

Venue: Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub

Register here: <https://submit.link/3yv>



Toradh Gallery 2



Kells Courthouse Tourism & Cultural Hub

'Melting, Moving, Mesmerising' by Mary Clarke

26th March – 28th May 2025

This latest exhibition of new work by Navan based artist Mary Clarke explores the themes of climate change and the environment. Mary's collection of vibrant, layered and abstracted images confronts the viewer, both subtly and directly, in an effort to provoke a reaction. Her work engages with the audience's imagination, to stimulate conversation, in the hope of igniting positive action.

Presented by Meath County Council Arts Office, this collection of thought-provoking photographic prints, collage and works on paper runs until 28th May 2025.



"Melting, Moving, Mesmerising No.1" 40cm x 40cm



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

Melting, Moving, Mesmerising

An exhibition of work by Mary Clarke

26th March - 28th May 2025



Opening hours:
Mon - Fri: 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 4:00

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Co. Meath.

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Saturday: 9:00am – 4:00pm (closed for lunch 1:30-2:00pm)

Calling all Young Filmmakers

Closing Date 1st May 2025

The 60 Second Short Film competition is now open to all filmmakers under the age of 18.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young creators to kickstart their filmmaking journey, show off their filmmaking skills and celebrate youth culture, creativity and imagination in the upcoming Meath Film Festival 2025.

Closing date: 1st May

Entry is FREE!

Please see www.meathfilm.ie for further details on how to apply.

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Call for Artists

Farm Walks Project



The Farm Walks project was co-created by Leitrim County Council Arts Office and The Dock Arts Centre with The Leitrim Sustainable Agriculture Group and Ulster Wildlife Farmers' Group in Fermanagh and funded through the Creative Ireland Shared Island Programme. Through the project, the partners aim to build cross-border cooperation, to explore the common ground between farmers and artists, and to highlight shared farming and environmental interests. In 2024 the programme consisted of six walks - three in Leitrim and three in Fermanagh. This next phase of the project, which is split into two parts, will provide the opportunity for six artists and farmers to work together over a number of months on projects of shared interest.

The project seeks to develop a platform for creative collaboration between artists and farmers, providing alternatives to the current view, and making connections and linkages where they may not have existed previously. The project takes from international models which have shown that there is a real demand not only from farmers looking to explore the capacity of creativity to influence what they do, but also by artists wanting to interact with farmers and to explore their practice in a farm environment.

The partners in the project are now seeking expressions of interest from artists who would like to take part in the project.

The deadline for expression of interest is midnight Sunday 13th April 2025.

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Arts Council Seeking New Head of Music and Opera

Application deadline Monday 7 April



Arts Council premises on Merrion Square, Dublin (Photo: Arts Council)

The Arts Council has announced that it is seeking a new Head of Music and Opera. The role is a full-time position managing some of the largest funding relationships in the Council's portfolio.

The role will involve managing policy formulation, development initiatives, and grants and funding relationships across a wide range of musical genres, as well as the management of the music and opera team and the implementation of cross-organisation projects.

The deadline for applications is Monday 7 April at 12pm.

For full details, visit www.artscouncil.ie/about/Head-of-Music-and-Opera.

RTÉ is seeking applications for the position of Principal Violin I, RTÉ Concert Orchestra

Application deadline 7 April 2025



RTÉ is seeking applications for the position of Principal Violin I with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra.

This is a full-time, permanent position based in Donnybrook, Dublin 4, with performances also taking place at the National Concert Hall and other locations.

The salary range is €48,966–€57,991 per annum, subject to a successful trial period. Applicants should have relevant professional orchestral experience or demonstrate the ability to perform at a principal level in conservatoire or youth orchestras.

Experience in solo or chamber music is also considered. Auditions will take place in Dublin on 21 and 22 May 2025. Applications must include a covering letter and CV as a single document.

The closing date is Monday 7 April 2025. Orchestral excerpts and audition repertoire are available online.

Full details available at <https://about.rte.ie/working-with-rte/vacancies/>

The Arts Council

2025 Funding Opportunities



Arts organisations, artists, and groups working within the arts can apply for funding under the Arts Council funding schemes.

Discover what funding is available then register for **online services** to submit an application.

Full details can be found on the **Available Funding** page www.artscouncil.ie