



Arts Office Kilkenny County Council

Kilkenny Arts Office

The Arts Office has an overview of the arts across the city and county. We lead / broker / curate / advice / link / support / advocate. Much of our work is based on partnerships and collaborations. Our work incorporates and includes education, lifelong learning communities, professional practitioners, promotion, participation and policy development. Partnerships over the years have included, but are not exclusively to the Kilkenny Arts Festival, Kilkenny / Carlow ETB, the Butler Gallery, Kilkenny Library service, Wexford, Waterford and Carlow County Councils, the Arts Council of Ireland etc

Programmes 2014 have included:

Literature

EMERGING, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMES

Kilkenny Poetry Broadsheet 14th issue giving local writers a platform for their work.

Short Story Workshop with tutor Margaret Irish - Participants 12

Short Story Creative Writing Weekend with tutor Niamh Boyce Participants 12

Exploration of Editing in Prose and Poetry Workshop with tutor Suzanne Power -

Participants: 15

ETB / AO funded

Spring + Autumn prose and poetry workshops for beginners

Co funded by the library service total participants - 43

Rhyme Rag

The Rhyme Rag is an online teen poetry journal borne out of a publication poetry project initiated in 2005. www.rhymerag.net

Complementary programmes

ÆVERSE – Free Poetry Workshops for Teenagers.

KEY - Kilkenny Employment for Youth with tutor Seamus Cashman

Writers in Schools Residencies 5 schools – P.I. /A.O. /Schools

- ☐ Seamus Cashmus - St Kieran's College, Coláiste Pobail Osrai and Presentation Secondary School
- ☐ Rita Kelly - Scoil Aireagail, Ballyhale
- ☐ Grace Wells - Colaiste Cois Siuire, Mooncoin

Artists supports

Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme
NYCI's Youth Arts Summer School Bursary Award 2014
Support to Blackstack Fine Arts Print Studio

ARTLINKS 2014

Professional development opportunities for emerging and professional artists in all disciplines. Partnership with Carlow, Wexford, Waterford Local Authorities
Bursaries / mentoring / CPD courses / online communications channels www.artlinks.ie, www.facebook.com/artlinks, www.twitter.com/artlinksireland.

Continued development of our membership base which is increasing

Community, Education & Inclusion

Siamsa, children's programme, currently focussed on Art and Science.
School Subsidies for visit to Barnstorm Theatre Production

Open Circle community arts collective is a community-based, organisation whose mission is to inspire interest and maximum participation in the arts both locally and nationally for Kilkenny women. We are committed to offering programmes that are characterised by quality arts learning experiences for women from diverse communities within Co. Kilkenny.

Culture Night

Culture Night Kilkenny 2014 was a resounding success with a wide-ranging programme of free events taking place around the city on Friday 19th September.

Free Beats

Blackstack Studio

Open Circle

Siamsa presented The Spark Studio

The National Craft Gallery

Butler

Kilkenny Pop – Up Museum

Project Wild Thing

The Watergate Theatre

Late night openings of smaller creative shops, businesses and galleries

JobBridge National Internship Scheme, piloted the development of by creating internship places in four city and county based arts organisations

Arts Administrator, two positions –shared across Kilkenny Arts Office / Blackstack Fine Art Print Studio /

Open Circle community arts collective

Curatorial assistant position - Nimble Spaces / Workhouse Assembly, Callan, Co. Kilkenny

Community artist position - shared across Sessions House in Thomastown and Open Circle community arts collective

Arts Access and Disability Training

Communication Training with Inclusion Ireland

Web accessibility training with the National Council of the Blind's Centre for Inclusive Technology

Arts office 2015 programme plans

LITERATURE: promoting public access, participation and engagement

We will expand our current Professional Development programmes for Kilkenny writers to enhance prowess and promote and encourage self driven programs

We will we will continue to build and develop our community and youth literary programmes through continued partnerships and collaborations. Carlow / Kilkenny ETB / Library Service / K.A.F. and Poetry Ireland

2015 KEY PROJECTS

Poetry Broadsheet: further development of our partnership with Kilkenny Arts Festival

We will engage a **Writer in residence** who will realize and facilitate a range of writing projects. Partnership programme with the Library service, Carlow/ Kilkenny ETB

Rhyme Rag online poetry journal for young people to get their poetry professionally critiqued, published and professionally illustrated.

REVERSE poetry workshops and school residencies for teenagers in partnership with Poetry Ireland, the DRUM and K.E.Y. youth service and the schools.

Partnership with Kilkenny Arts Festival and Poetry Ireland

ArtLinks: Professional development opportunities for emerging and professional artists in all disciplines. Partnership with Carlow, Wexford, Waterford Local Authorities

We will continue to develop our partnership with our ArtLinks partners. During 2015 the programme will continue to provide its bespoke developmental supports and services which currently include the:

ArtLinks Bursary Programme for professional and emerging artists and artistic collaborations

ArtLinks Programme Mentoring programme

ArtLinks CPD Training

Regular information updates to our membership and the wider artistic community via our online communications channels www.artlinks.ie, www.facebook.com/artlinks, www.twitter.com/artlinksireland.

Continued development of our membership base which is increasing year on year. We currently have a total membership of 583 professional and emerging artists residing within the partner regions.

COMMUNITY /EDUCATION

We will continue to research and design high quality community and education programmes to suit diverse sectors of the community. We will continue to seek partnership approaches and collaborations where appropriate. All future partners and collaborators must be in a position to partner / collaborate in one or all of the following:

co fund programmes

offer project support by way of administration

commit to both pilot phases and / or long term outputs where appropriate

2015 KEY PROJECTS will include:

Siamsa - children's programme

National Drawing Day –collaborative community project celebrating the visual arts

Culture night - Annual collaborative event celebrating the Arts in all its guises.

COMMUNITY / LIFELONG LEARNING

We will continue to work within the community making connections, empowering and challenging individuals in order to strengthen and facilitate deeper connections.

KEY ACTIONS

Open Circle Community Arts Collective: This programme develops quality arts engagement for women in Kilkenny.

Expand the range of art forms we offer to participants by diversifying the range of professional practitioners we employ to include literature, poetry and performance

Develop Open Circle website as a resource for Community Arts in Kilkenny

Build further participation through diversifying models of engagement to continue growth of the network of participants EG Still We Work exhibition, (see new initiatives)

Artists supports

We will work to support practitioner development through providing awards and opportunities also by supporting practitioner projects by providing marketing, advocacy, time and advice.

KEY ACTIONS

Tyrone Guthrie: annual bursary / Irish youth choir: annual bursary

NYCI Summer school / Blackstack Print Studio

Still we work Exhibition

The Arts Office will work with Freelance Curators, Open Circle Community Arts Collective and the broader network, the NWCI and their Outreach programme to present Still we Work exhibition.