

Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date

July 2026

OPPORTUNITIES

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Tipperary Arts

Introducing Tipperary Arts (TARTS)

Tipperary Arts is an arts collective **based in Tipperary Town** and are opening up an Arts Hub in the heart of Main Street.

They unite artists, makers, and creative thinkers in a cooperative community that values collaboration rather than competition, nurturing artistic expression and providing fair, sustainable opportunities and shared resources to enable creative work to enrich culture, strengthen community and inspire positive change.

They will be hosting a myriad of **workshops, open mic nights, exhibitions** and **crafts** for the community to engage in creativity and share the rich talent that is apparent in the county.

Right now, they are looking for artists who would like to work with them to get in touch.

If you'd like to **exhibit, sell your crafts** or **host a workshop, please contact:**

marionstern@protonmail.com for more information.





Musician Internship Open Call

Crash Ensemble is seeking applications for its 2026 Musician Internship Programme, a paid mentorship opportunity for emerging musicians.

The internship offers side-by-side mentorship with Crash Ensemble musicians through rehearsals, workshops and performance in Dublin in September 2026. It is open to musicians born in or resident in Ireland who are in third-level musicianship training, or who are within two years of completing their training.

Eligible instruments are violin, viola, cello, double/electric bass, flute, clarinet, trombone, percussion, piano and electric guitar. Applicants should have strong instrumental technique and an interest in contemporary music performance.

For this internship, Crash Ensemble particularly welcome applications from neurodivergent musicians, alongside applicants from all backgrounds.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 22 July, 2026 at 12pm.

For more information and how to apply click [Here](#)



Poetry Ireland/Éigse Éireann

Applications are now open for Poetry Ireland's Introductions/Céadlínte Programme 2026.

This bilingual programme offers poets in the early stages of their careers who are writing in either the English or Irish Language, an opportunity to showcase their work through workshops and performance, and have their work published through a Poetry Ireland/Éigse Éireann produced ebook.

Victoria Kennefick will select this year's Introductions poets and Aifric Mac Aodha will select this years Céadlínte Poets.

Applications closes 22 July, 2026 at midnight

To find out more and how to apply click [Here](#)

**Trustees of the estate of Katherine Kavanagh,
7 Derrygreenagh Park, Rochfortbridge, Co Westmeath N91 X8W6**

Call for applications for the Kavanagh Fellowship, 2026

The Trustees of the Estate of Katherine Kavanagh intend to offer the Patrick and Katherine Kavanagh Fellowship, normally of up to €8,000, again in 2026. The Fellowship is specifically for Irish poets in their middle years. Poets in order to be eligible must have published a substantial body of work, and show that they are in particular need of assistance.

Poets who think they may be entitled to apply are strongly advised to request further information on the conditions of application for the Fellowship, by writing to the :

Trustees at 7 Derrygreenagh Park, Rochfortbridge, Co Westmeath N91 X8W6,
or
by email to contact@patrickkavanaghtrust.ie

There is no application form, but applicants will be asked to supply documentary evidence of age, financial need and Irish citizenship. They will also be asked to supply copies of publications.

The Trustees will keep all personal information which is submitted confidential. The names of those awarded Fellowships will be published in the usual manner.

The Fellowship will be awarded in November 2026.

The deadline for postmarked applications is **Friday 31st July 2026**.



**A FILM COMPETITION
OPEN TO ALL AGES**

**SUBMISSIONS OPEN NOW
1ST MAY - 31ST JULY**

 **NENAGH
ARTS
CENTRE**
**11th, 12th, 13th
September**



TIPPERARYFILMFESTIVAL.IE

The Tipperary Film Festival is a new international film festival taking place this September at Nenagh Arts Centre.

The festival aims to celebrate filmmaking, creativity and storytelling while providing a platform for both emerging and established filmmakers from Ireland and around the world.

Submissions are currently open across a range of categories and age groups, making the festival accessible to filmmakers at every stage of their creative journey. The festival welcomes a broad variety of work, from short films, and documentaries to student productions, independent projects and creative storytelling in all its forms.

Deadline for submissions: 31st July, 2026

Please note that there is a submission fee of €9.99 which applies to all categories.

For further information, including submission details and festival updates visit

tipperaryfilmfestival.ie



This September STAC are excited to launch their new, extended art programme for Junior Cycle teens. Starting this September, these new classes will focus on developing an art project over a number of months.

Project Art covers techniques useful for Junior Cycle syllabus. The focus of the series is to build transferable skills in addition to artistic ones, boosting teenagers' confidence in articulating ideas and working in groups.

September - December 2026

For teens aged 13+

Term One: 6 weeks (€12 per class or €67 for 6)

Start Date: Wednesday 16th September – 21st October, 2026

Term Two: 6 weeks (€12 per class or €67 for 6)

Start Date: Wednesday 4th November – 9th December

Demand will be high, so enroll today by emailing info@southtipperaryartscentre.ie with your name and phone number, your child/s name, date of birth and any allergen information.

Location: South Tipperary Arts Centre, 1 Nelson Street, Clonmel

Contact name: Catherine Hennessy

Contact email: info@southtipperaryartscentre.ie

Phone number: [+353 52 61 27877](tel:+353526127877)



Word Sparks Session 3

Word Sparks is back for its third session which will centre on STAC's latest exhibition, *The Blackened Circle* — the result of a nine-month socially engaged project by Seamus Nolan in collaboration with members of the Clonmel Traveller community. Through Word Sparks, poet and writer Jenny Cox invites writers to step in and engage with the 5 diverse exhibitions that will be running in STAC throughout our 30th anniversary year.

These morning sessions offer creatives the opportunity to use varied and thought-provoking works of art as prompts for sparking interesting conversations and fresh writing ideas. Completely *free*, with no booking requirements, and refreshments provided, this series offers poets and writers a special opportunity to encounter visual art in a unique way.

Word Sparks will take place at South Tipperary Arts Centre on Saturday mornings on the following dates:

11th July
26th September
14th November

Session 3: **Saturday 18th July**, 11am to 12.30pm

Artist: Seamus Nolan in collaboration with members of the Clonmel Traveller community

Exhibition: *The Blackened Circle*

The Blackened Circle will be running 4th July - 1st August, 2026.

Location: South Tipperary Arts Centre, 1 Nelson Street, Clonmel

Contact name: Catherine Hennessy

Contact email: info@southtipperartscentre.ie

Phone number: 052 6127877



Calling all musicians in Clonmel Area

Registration is now open for the **Music Generation Tipperary** Afterschool Music Hub, commencing this September. The Hub offers a opportunity to learn new techniques from our team of music educators

Every Tuesday Evening

C.T.I. College, Clonmel

To register click [Here](#)

Further information email mbourke_1@tipperaryetb.ie



Dublin International Film Festival (DIFF) and ESB have launched the new ESB Short Film Award, celebrating ESB's 100th anniversary and DIFF's 25th.

The film will be inspired by the following theme:

"Powering Possibility: exploring how electricity, energy and innovation enable everyday life, connection, creativity and greater future opportunity—not just through infrastructure, but through people, idea and communities"

The competition invites emerging filmmakers aged 18–28 to submit an original short film script for the chance to receive €18,000, in production funding, industry mentorship, and a World Premiere at DIFF 2027.

The Deadline is 21 July, 2026

More information, Guidelines and how to apply [ESB Short Film Award](#)

Open Call

Bursaries for
Tipperary Dance Festival
Pro-sessions 2026



Bursaries for Tipperary Dance Festival Pro-sessions 2026

Tipperary Dance offers bursaries to attend the Tipperary Dance Festival Pro-sessions Programme 2026.

Location: Thurles, Co Tipperary

Dates: 7 to 10 October, 2026.

Submit your online application on the Tipperary Dance website:

www.tipperarydance.com/bursaries-callout

If you have any questions or issues with the portal, email

info@tipperarydance.com

Application Deadline: 14 August, 2026 at 6.00pm

For more information click [Here](#)

The poster features a blue background with a faint image of a building. At the top right is a small logo for 'Cahirle Centre Thobrid Area Tipperary County Council'. The main title 'OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS' is in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the title is the Nenagh Arts Centre logo. Below the title, there are three text boxes: a dark blue box with white text, a light blue box with white text, and a yellow box with black text. At the bottom, there is a line of text with a phone icon and a location pin icon.

**OPEN CALL
FOR ARTISTS**

**NENAGH ARTS CENTRE INVITES APPLICATIONS FROM
ARTISTS WORKING IN ALL DISCIPLINES TO EXHIBIT AS A
PART OF OUR 2027 VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMME**

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO SHOWCASING A DIVERSE RANGE OF
ARTISTIC PRACTICES AND WELCOME PROPOSALS FROM
EMERGING, MID-CAREER AND ESTABLISHED ARTISTS.
SOLO AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS ARE BOTH ENCOURAGED.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5PM, FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

**FULL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AT:
WWW.NENAGHARTS.COM/OPEN-CALL**

06734400 BANBA SQUARE, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY

Open Call for Artists

2027 Exhibition Programme

Nenagh Arts Centre invites applications from artists working in all disciplines to exhibit as part of their 2027 visual arts programme.

They are committed to showcasing a diverse range of artistic practices and welcome proposals from emerging, mid-career, and established artists. Solo and group exhibition proposals are both encouraged.

Please submit your proposal, artist statement, CV and a selection of images or links to previous work to

director@nenagharts.com

Deadline for submissions: 5pm on Friday 28 August, 2026

For more information and Guidelines click [Here](#)



Applications are now open for the **[Continuing Professional Development Certificate in Neurodiversity for the Arts and Creative Sector.](#)**

Discover the trailblazing course that is redefining neurodiversity in the arts and creative industries.

Earn a globally recognised qualification, co-designed by neurodivergent creatives and supported by forty years of arts expertise. Benefit from delivery by a nationally award-winning and internationally renowned diversity and inclusion team.

This dynamic programme equips artists, producers, and organisations with practical, people-centred insights into neurodiversity—exploring its history, strengths, challenges, and legal context. Whether you work in theatre, radio, literature, dance, gaming, animation, curation, or live events, you'll gain the skills to design inclusive productions, environments, products and leadership practices where creativity and people thrive. Designed for artists and creative practitioners at every level, the course also empowers you to develop work and experiences that are relevant, accessible, and welcoming to all audiences.

Details:

- 12 Weeks
- Fully Delivered online
- Commencing 5 October, 2026
- Closing for Applications 28 August, 2026
- Lectures take place online on Monday evenings with two online Saturday workshops.

This course is funded by A limited number of places are funded by Cultural and Creative Industries Skillnet.

For details, visit: <https://www.creativeskillnet.ie/course/ucc-cpd-neurodiversity-for-the-arts-creative-sector-esf-2026/>

- Cultural and Creative Industries will fund €280 of the programme for eligible applicants
- These funded applicants will pay subsidised rate of €320 on application
- All applicants must apply through the Springboard link
- To review eligibility criteria, please visit: the link above

The application deadline for Cultural and Creative Industries funding is 28 August, 2026.

As funded places are limited, early application is recommended.



Per Cent for Art Commission at Inis Cealtra (Holy Island) Visitor Experience Centre, Mountshannon, Co Clare



Clare County Council is inviting expressions of interest from professional artists for a new €21,500 Per Cent for Art commission at Inis Cealtra (Holy Island) Visitor Experience Centre, Mountshannon, Co Clare.

This permanent, site-specific public artwork will be located in the garden area of the Visitor Experience Centre, overlooking Mountshannon Harbour, Scarriff Bay and Lough Derg.

This commission offers an opportunity to create a significant new landmark, responding to the area's infrastructure, landscape, heritage and sense of place.

Artist working in any artform, at any career stage, are welcome to apply. Collaborative proposals are also encouraged.

Budget: €21,000

Submission Deadline: 17 September, 2027

Artist site visit and briefing: 27 July, 2026

Location: V94 P66V

For more information and how to apply click [Here](#)



Upcoming VAI Events



Visual Artists Help Desk with Brian Kielt

Online/Phone

Wednesday 15 July, 2026

2.00pm to 4.30pm

New Developments in Ethically Sustainable Art Practice

Online

Thursday 23 July, 2026

11.00am to 12.30pm



Connected Horizons: Kirsty Bell | Bassam Issa Al-Sabah

Online

Tuesday 28 July, 2026

11.00am to 12.30pm



To register: [Upcoming VAI events | Visual Arts Ireland](#)

ARTS COUNCIL 2026 FUNDING SCHEDULE

More information: [Available funding | The Arts Council | An Chomhairle](#)

FUNDING PROGRAMME	OPENING	CLOSING
Artist in the Community Scheme—Bursary Award	Open	20 July, 2026
Project Award 2027	23 June, 2026	23 July, 2026
Irish Language Theatre Award	30 June, 2026	30 July, 2026
UK-IRL Culture Connects Grant 2026—27	30 June, 2026	31 July, 2026
Strategic Funding	23 June, 2026	3 September, 2026
Arts Centres Partnership Funding	30 June, 2026	10 September, 2026
Authored Works	11 August, 2026	10 September, 2026
Visual Artists Workspace Scheme	11 August, 2026	10 September, 2026

EVENTS

Some Upcoming Festivals/Events in Tipperary for July & August



Clonmel Junction Arts Festival

3 to 12 July, 2026

For more information visit

www.junctionfestival.com

Creative Places Tipperary Town is excited to announce the return of the **Tipperary Together Festival**

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 July

For more information visit their facebook

[Creative Places Tipperary Town](https://www.facebook.com/CreativePlacesTipperaryTown)



Clonmel Busking Festival

7 to 9 August, 2026

To find out more information visit their facebook page

[Clonmel Busking Festival](https://www.facebook.com/ClonmelBuskingFestival)



Glittering Eye

An Exhibition by Aishling Martin

11 to 31 July, 2026

Launch: Thursday 16 July, 2026 at 6.00pm

Silver Stage Summer Camp

20 to 24 July, 2026

11.00 am to 3.00pm

Age: 12 to 16 year olds

Fee: €130

To Book click [Here](#)



Samba Drumming Summer Camp

27 to 31 July, 2026

2.00pm to 3.30pm

Age: 10 to 15 year olds

Fee: €85 per child

To Book Click [Here](#)



Windows of Imperfection

An exhibition by Aoife O'Brien

1 to 31 August, 2026

Launch: 7 August, 2026 at 6.00pm



To find out more information on the above and to see more upcoming events click [Here](#)



Meshes: Summer Arts Project

Mon 13 to Friday 17 July, 2026
 10.00am to 3.00pm
 Ages: 14 to 18 years

Fee: €100
 Bring your own lunch.

This week-long project invites teenagers to explore dreamlike storytelling, inspired by 'Meshes of the Afternoon' a 1943 film by Maya Deren and Alexander Hammid. The workshop introduces participants to creative techniques that transform everyday places and objects into strange mysterious and imaginative worlds.

Jekyll and Hyde

Limelight theatricals invites audiences into a world of mystery, passion and transformation with their thrilling production of Jekyll & Hyde

Wednesday 29 July—Saturday 1 August, 2026

Nightly: Wednesday—Saturday 7.30pm &
 Matinee at 2.00pm on Saturday

Tickets: €21 (19+2 fees)/€18 (16+2 fees)
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The Pretty Procedure

The Pretty Procedure is a visceral live performance work exploring the medicalised body, girlhood, and the pressure to be beautiful. This event is a work-in-progress reading, not a full performance

Friday 4 September, 2026

8.00pm

Tickets: €5.00

To find out more information on the above and to see
 upcoming events click [Here](#)

STAC Residencies

15 June to 7 September, 2026

A series of Artist Residencies at STAC Chapel



Another exciting collaboration afoot at STAC Chapel between resident artists Marie Brett and Joe Brennan, culminating in a free public event on Saturday July 18th.

Taking the form of an open, work in progress event, you are invited to explore the artists' combined practices after a week of working together for the very first time.

Marie Brett is a visual artist creating audio-visual work and immersive, multi-media installation events that consider social, psychological, allegorical and folk medicine methods of processing ill-health, trauma, conflict and control.

Joe Brennan is a Wexford storyteller and children's playwright/theatre maker who has been weaving tales of magic, wisdom and wonder for the past 25 years.

STAC's residency programme 2026 is supported by the Arts Council of Ireland and Tipperary County Council.

For more information click [Here](#)

ART EXHIBITION

MARTIN RYAN'S
SEGEMENTED WOOD TURNING EXHIBITION



CASHEL LIBRARY

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST - MONDAY 31ST AUGUST

OFFICIAL OPENING BY
CATHAOIRLEACH MARIE MURPHY
TIPP-CAHIR -CASHEL MD

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST AT 11AM

REFRESHMENTS SERVED



ALL WELCOME

Martin of Clonboo Woodart is delighted to announce the official opening of a new exhibition of his work in Cashel on Saturday, 8 August at 11:00am.

The exhibition follows a busy spell: Martin showed his work in London in 2025 and was recognised with a DCCI Future Makers award in 2024.

On the opening day, Martin will unveil the most substantial piece he has made to date, a new work he is completing especially for the occasion.

The exhibition will run for three weeks, and everybody is warmly welcome to the launch.

Cashel Library

Tuesday 4th August to Monday 31st August

Tipperary County Council

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Do you have information to include?

The aim of our newsletter is to highlight the work of Tipperary County Council Arts Office, work by Tipperary artists / groups throughout the County and opportunities / events of interest to our subscribers.

To submit information for consideration for our Newsletters:

Please send us your information to artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie with the text 'next arts bulletin' in the subject line. Submit your text only information under the following headings:

Title entry: (10 words or less) Short title to grab people's attention

Main entry: (500 words max.) The main content of your submission, make sure to include dates, location, cost (if any)

Contact info: (100 words max.) A contact name, phone number, email are essential. Please send your information as text only, no PDF's etc as these items can't be included.

Note: Submission is not a guarantee of inclusion.

www.whatsonintipp.ie

Is an online festival calendar to highlight and promote Festivals and Events across Tipperary which has been developed by Tipperary County Council. In addition to being a promotional tool for events taking place throughout Tipperary, this online festival calendar will also facilitate organisers in planning event dates by providing an accessible reference point for as many of the County's Cultural, Community and Sporting events as possible, acting as a "clash" calendar for organisers when setting dates for festivals and events.

The calendar is easy to use and organisers can register their events on the website. Cultural, Community and Sporting events are categorised under a range of headings and users may search by date or type of event. Categories include: Arts; Children's; Family; Comedy; Exhibitions; Fairs; Shows; Markets; Festival; Film; Heritage; Historical; Lectures; Readings; Music; Theatre, Sports & Outdoors.

