**Kildare County Council Arts Service announces new grant and residency opportunities for artists living/working in the county**

Kildare County Council recently published details of three exciting grant and residency opportunities to support professional artists living / working in the county in 2024/25. These schemes are in addition to 17 Arts Grants published earlier this year, and will provide finance resources to professional artists and support the development of opportunities for individuals and communities to engage in the arts where they live. Details of each of these opportunities are available via Kildare Arts Service arts@kildarecoco.ie or online (details below).

**EDI Artist Practice Bursary Award**

Kildare County Council Arts Office welcomes applications from professional artists across all artforms at any stage of their career, for a new EDI Artist Practice Bursary (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) supported by the Arts Council. This award (€5,000) is available to artists specifically from under-represented backgrounds and communities, including those based on gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race, membership of the Traveller Community and socio-economic status.

The bursary aligns with Kildare County Council’s Integration Strategy 2020 – 2026 and the Arts Council’s Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy towards ensuring that everyone who lives in Ireland has the opportunity to engage with and participate in the arts. This Artist Practice Bursary Award will provide the opportunity for the successful applicant to focus on the development of their professional practice, or develop a specific artistic project, or both.

More information and apply online: <https://kildarecocoarts.submit.com//show/292>

Deadline for applications: Wednesday 12th June, 12:00

**Creative Places Athy ‘Connect and Gather’ Award**

Creative Places Athy welcomes expressions of interest from local, national or international professional artists/creatives or arts organisations/collectives to respond to the notion of ‘Connect and Gather’, inspired by the ‘Third Space Theory’. The €30,000 Connect and Gather Award, supported by Kildare County Council and the Arts Council, will support proposals to open up a third space for discussion and collaboration by working with the community of Athy in a participatory, inclusive process that embraces the ‘everyday’. The selected artist/creatives will be supported by Creative Places Athy to build relationships in the community, in a proposal that prioritises creative collaboration, co-production, learning and knowledge exchange.

More information and apply online: <https://kildarecocoarts.submit.com//show/290>

Deadline for receipt of Expressions of Interest: Tuesday 21st May, 12:00

**Musician in Residence / Major Creative Project 2024/25**

Maynooth University, Kildare County Council Arts Service, Music Generation Kildare, Music Generation Offaly and Music Generation Westmeath with support from the Arts Council, invite applications for a Major Creative Project to be delivered over a 12-month period, coinciding with the 2024-25 academic year.

The call is open to established musical artists including but not limited to performers, composers, sound designers, music producers, music/stage directors, songwriters, or combinations thereof. The partners are keen to hear how enthusiastic project-leaders will implement and deliver their proposed creative plan. More information: arts@kildarecoco.ie / <https://kildarecoco.ie/ArtsService/PressReleases/CalloutforMusicianinResidenceMajorCreativeProject202425.html>

Deadline: Monday 3rd June, 23:59

