**ACRE Artist in Residence 2024/25 announced**

**Xx September 2024:** The ACRE Project and Kildare County Council Arts Service are delighted to announced Krystal Sweedman as the recipient of the ACRE Artist in Residence 2024/25.

The residency programme supports a professional artist to develop their practice and/or develop a specific artistic project, alongside a programme of public-facing workshops to engage communities from the local area.

Krystal Sweedman is a Writer and Dramaturg. In Ireland, she has presented work during The New Theatre's New Writing Week, The Provoke Festival, and Smock Alley’s Scene and Heard Festival. She has had a Tiny Play selected for Fishamble's Tiny Play initiative, and had a small play produced by About Theatre as part of their Transatlantic Tales festival. Her full-length play ‘Black Cherry’ is available to listen to on Near FM’s Woman's Hour, audio drama webpage. In Australia, her plays have been presented at La Boite Theatre and the Metro Arts Centre, Brisbane. Her adaptation of Angela Carter’s ‘The Tiger’s Bride’ played at the Loft Theatre. Krystal studied Writing for Performance at the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA), Sydney. Prior to NIDA, Krystal completed a dual degree of Business Management and Arts (Majoring in Drama and Psychology) at the University of Queensland.

As a script reader and dramaturg Krystal facilitates creative writing courses focusing on helping writers/aspiring writers to develop their scripts and honetheir creative process. During the ACRE Residency, Krystal aims to work on her new play ‘Second Skin’, which examines a mother and daughter struggling to find a common ground in the wake of climate induced catastrophe. As part of the public-engagement component of the residency she will host a number of creative writing workshops with aspiring writers from the surrounding area. More information regarding these workshops and how to get involved will be available in the coming weeks. To register your interest please email arts@acreproject.com

The ACRE Project Artist in Residence Bursary Award provides an artist with a €15,000 award alongside 30 weeks (1 day/week) access to facilities and the creative space at The ACRE Project, Celbridge, County Kildare. The residency is supported by Kildare County Council Arts Service, as part of its Arts, Health and Wellbeing programme, with grant aid from the Arts Council of Ireland. Now in its 3rd cycle, previous recipients of the award were Ailish Claffey and Embrace Music (Sadhbh O’Sullivan and Sharon Murphy). The ACRE Project (A Community Rethinking its Environment) is an eco-friendly community-based project located on the Maynooth Road in Celbridge, County Kildare. The project welcomes the local community to use its internal and external spaces, including sensory gardens, for activities, for learning and for reflection.

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