

Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date

January 2026

Tipperary Arts Office Grant Schemes 2026

Tipperary Arts Office are pleased to announce the following Grant Schemes are now open for applications:

Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on**

Thursday 5th February, 2026

[Arts Festivals Support | Tipperary County Council](#)

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Artist in Primary School Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on**

Friday 6th February, 2026

Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Thursday, 19th February, 2026**

Tipperary Artist Award 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Thursday, 26th February, 2026**

Local Drama Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Thursday, 26th February, 2026**

The Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme 2026

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon on Thursday 26th February, 2026**

Blas International Summer School for Traditional Irish Music and Dance

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon, Thursday, 26th March, 2026**

Click on the link below for Application Forms and Guidelines

[Tipperary Arts Office Grant Schemes](#)

Creative Ireland Grant Schemes 2026

The Tipperary Creative Ireland grant schemes 2026 are now open for applications.

The Creative Ireland programme is a culture based programme, the vision of the Creative Ireland Programme 2023 - 2027 is to mainstream culture and creativity in the life of the nation so that individually and collectively, we can realise our full creative potential thereby promoting individual, community and national wellbeing.

There are two distinct grant schemes:

Tipperary Creative Ireland Community grant scheme 2026

This scheme can accommodate applications from community groups, festivals and not for profit organisations to support in providing participatory culture based activities and projects. Funding is between €500 - €3,500.

Tipperary Creative Ireland Project Award 2026

This call is open to all cultural & creative practitioners in the county; Crafts people, Historians, Archaeologists, Archivists, Folklorists, Curators, Artists, Writers, Performers, along with not for profit and community organisations. The funding for this scheme is between €3,500 - €15,000 maximum. We are open to receiving applications for projects which may extend over a year or two which may be of longer-term benefit to the community, however these applications should clearly outline the progress achievable in each year. Projects in this category should create a lasting positive legacy for the community and participants.

Guidelines and application forms for each scheme are available at this link

[Creative Ireland Grant Scheme | Tipperary County Council](#)

**Deadline for applications is 4pm
on Friday 30th January 2026.**

Queries can be emailed to creativeireland@tipperarycoco.ie

OPPORTUNITIES



CALLOUT FOR WRITERS

Clonmel Exchanges Podcast Project

An exciting new project for 2026 interviewing those who have left Clonmel to make new lives overseas

APPLY BY 30TH JANUARY 2026

CLONMEL ARTS FESTIVAL

arts council funding festivals

Comhairle Contae Thobair Árann Tipperary County Council

TIPPERARY MUSEUM OF HIDDEN HISTORY

Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival are delighted to announce a callout for Tipperary writers for new podcast project 'The Clonmel Exchanges Podcast Project' for 2026 Clonmel Arts festival.

The Clonmel Exchanges Podcast Project is an exciting new podcast project looking for Tipperary writers who would like to develop their interview skills through masterclasses with renowned podcaster Siobhán McHugh.

We are asking Tipperary writers to apply to be part of the project by Friday **30th January 2026** at 5pm via our google form:

Click [Here](#) for more information



Traveller Wellbeing Through Creativity 2026 Initiative—Open

The Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity programme is designed to support creative projects that help improve the health and wellbeing of Traveller communities across Ireland.

The lead applicant in any application must be a Traveller organisation or a Traveller Primary Health Care project. All projects must have a creative practitioner involved and the programme particularly welcomes partnerships with Traveller artist or creative practitioners.

Two strands of funding are available:

Strand A €5,000—€9,999
Strand B €10,000—€20,000

Deadline for Application: 5.30pm on Wednesday, 18th February, 2026.

For more information, application forms and guidelines click [HERE](#)

The Trench Award 2026



Applications are now invited from emerging singers and instrumentalists who are pursuing a career in professional performance in classical music.

The Trench Award aims to assist an emerging singer or instrumentalist in developing their professional career through further study at home or abroad. The bursary will be awarded to a student attending, or having been offered a confirmed place at a University/Conservatoire/Young Artist Programme/other specialist music institute undertaking classical music studies, either instrumental or vocal, in pursuit of a career in professional performance.

Six finalists will be invited to attend Birr Festival of Music from **Friday 1 May - Monday 4 May 2026**, and to perform a 15-minute programme at The Trench Award Gala Concert at Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, Birr, Co. Offaly on **Sunday 3 May 2025** when The Trench Award and other bursaries will be awarded by an international selection panel.

Applicants must be from the general Midlands/Midwest region of Ireland. While there is no upper age limit, applicants should be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme in Music Performance, participating in a Young Artist Programme, or less than two years of completing their studies.

As the purpose and priorities of the award is to help artists develop their craft, applicants should not be undertaking a significant level of professional work and should be very clearly identifiable as 'emerging' artists.

The Trench Award is €5000.

Deadline: Thursday 19th February, 2026, 3.00pm

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



**Meet & Greet
Online Zoom**

26 January, 2026 @ 7.00pm—8.00pm

**Level Up Your Creative Business: Strategy & Systems
Online Zoom**

28 January, 2026 @ 1.00pm—2.00pm

**What is your Limit? Transforming Your Mindset to Achieve Your Goals
Online Zoom**

4 February, 2026 @ 1.00pm—2.00pm

**Online Career Clinic
Online Zoom**

11 February, 2026 @ 6.30pm—7.30pm

**Beyond the Brief: Master Your Marketing & Client Relationships
Online Zoom**

11 February, 2026 @ 6.30pm—7.30pm

For more information and to register:

<https://mindingcreativeminds.ie/events/>

SPARK €300 Mini-Grant Scheme



The SPARK Mini-Grant Scheme is now open

The SPARK Mini-Grant Scheme supports youth arts taster workshops for young people aged 10 to 25 in youth art work and non-formal education settings—sparking young people’s interest in youth arts practice, new ways to express themselves and collaborative relationships with local artists.

This year, the SPARK Mini-Grant Scheme will focus on creativity and wellbeing

- Grants of €300 are available
- Eligible expenditure includes artist facilitation fees, materials, venue rental, travel costs etc

The SPARK Mini-Grant Scheme is part of the SPARK Youth Arts Festival 2026.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, 21 January, 2026 at 5.00pm.

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

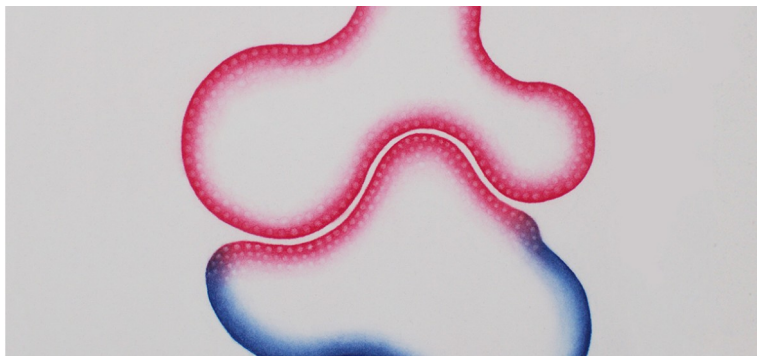


ARTS COUNCIL 2025/2026 FUNDING

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

FUNDING PROGRAMME	OPENING	CLOSING
Touring of Work Scheme—Advance Planning	9 December	22 January, 2026
Touring of Work Scheme— Round 2	9 December	22 January, 2026
Creative Places Award	9 December	12 February 2026
Bursary Award -Round 1	6 January	12 February, 2026
Dance Artist Residency Scheme	20 January	19 February, 2026
Deis Recording & Publication Award	20 January	19 February, 2026
Commissions Award—Music, Opera, Festivals	20 January	19 February, 2026
Young Ensembles Scheme	27 January	26 February, 2026
Culture Night Late	3 February	5 March, 2026
Arts Grant Funding 2027	3 February	19 March, 2026
Artist in the Community Scheme—Round 1	9 February	30 March, 2026
Joan Denise Moriarty Award	10 February	12 March, 2026
Opera Projects and Production Award	17 February	26 March, 2026

EVENTS



Zoe Velthuisen—Liminal Imprints

6 February to 28 March, 2026

This exhibition by STAC's Artist in Residence, Zoe Velthuisen will explore how migration and place shape identity, drawing from the artists own experience of moving from Australia to Tipperary.

More information on this exhibition, click [Here](#)



Children's Art Workshop with Colin Bolger of Dabulga Design.

Learn about Brigid and the traditions of Brigid's Day through story and creative art.

Saturday, 31 January, 2026

Suitable for 6 to 12 year olds

Cost €5.00

Places are limited to book

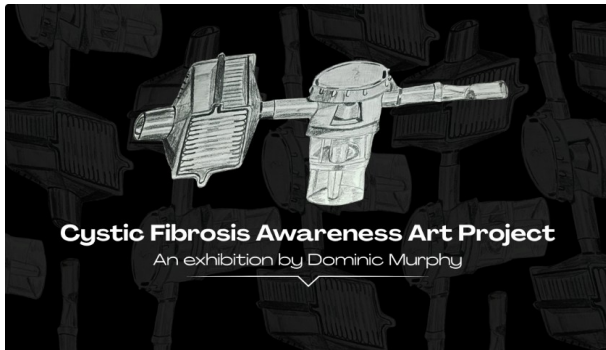
call 052 6165252

or

email museum@tipperarycoco.ie



**NENAGH
ARTS
CENTRE**
067 34400
www.nenagharts.com
Banba Square, Nenagh,
Co. Tipperary E45 NX26



Cystic Fibrosis Art Project, an exhibition by Dominic Murphy

12 to 30 January

Dominic Murphys evocative work's blend pastels and pencils to offer a personal insight into the daily life of someone with Cystic Fibrosis

Craft Share & Repair Workshops

Monday 19 January

Monday 16 February

10.00am to 1.00pm

Free

Craft Share & Repair



We Are Still Here: Portraits from Nenagh

An exhibition by Shannen Slattery

31 January to 14 February

Nenagh Street Collective

Photography Meet Up

Tuesday 3rd February, 2026

6.30pm to 8.30pm



To find out more information on the above and see upcoming events Click [HERE](#)

Another Planet Samba— Introduction to Samba Reggae Adult Drumming Classes

Samba Reggae Drumming is highly accessible and a great sounding way into making music with other people.

Just bring yourself and a basic sense of rhythm.

Thursday 22 January to 26 February

19.30 to 21.00


Nenagh Arts Centre

€15 per session

Places are limited

Call or Text Andy Spearpoint

089 4858366



ANOTHER PLANET SAMBA

universal samba reggae

Introduction to Samba Reggae Adult Drumming Classes

- Accessible and motivational. No previous experience necessary.
- Just bring yourself and a basic sense of rhythm.
- All instruments provided.
- 6 week course running Thurs evenings from Jan 22nd. 7.30 - 9.00 at Nenagh Arts Centre.
- €15 per session, discount for up front payment.
- Places limited, call or text Andy on 089 4858366 to reserve a space.

NENAGH ARTS CENTRE

30th Jan - 1st Feb 2026

THE COMING OF SPRING

TRADFEST, NENAGH




- Session trail
- Album launches
- Workshops
- Festival club
- Concerts

Workshops with..
Fiddle - Ava Glancy and Molly Walls
Flute - Orlaith McAuliffe
Concertina - Paul Clesham
Button Accordion - Aaron Glancy
Banjo - Thomas Ahern
Saturday 31st Jan. 10am - 1pm
Abbey Court Hotel. €20

Rince ar an sean- nós le Ava Glancy
Sunday 1st Feb. 11am - 12.30pm
Abbey Court Hotel. €10

Concerts from...
The Railway Boys
Saturday 31st Jan 10pm
Abbey Court Hotel. Tickets €20

Four Men and a Dog
Sunday 1st Feb 10pm
Abbey Court Hotel. Tickets €25

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ABBAY COURT

GET YOUR TICKETS
Book now for concerts and workshops

LINK IN BIO

Session trail in local pubs during the weekend
For further information, email thecomingofspring2026@gmail.com

The Coming of Spring

Tradfest Nenagh

30 January to 1 February, 2026

For further information email

thecomingofspring2026@gmail.com

Or visit their Facebook Page

[The Coming of Spring](#)

Clonmel Applefest celebrates the Spirit of Brigid, the Saint and Goddess

31st January, 2026

5.00pm from the Main Guard to Old St Mary's Church

Tickets €25 (inc. food & drink)

For more information on the event and to book your ticket

Click [Here](#)



Brigid's Eve
procession & recital
Saturday 31st January, 5pm

Tickets €25
(inc food & drink)

Booking on:
<https://ie.powertik.com/events/brigid-s-eve-procession-recital>

Procession of Sliabhnamban Brigid Cloak leaving 5pm from Main Guard to Old St-Mary's Church

Warm drink, food tasting, cross making & cloak display at the Church, followed by Spoken Word & Music Recital celebrating the spiritual & symbolic power of the Saint & Goddess Brigid.

Clonmel Applefest, Tipperary Arts Festival, Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, 2026 Arts, SUIRICAN, Clonmel Applefest



RESONANCE FESTIVAL OF IDEAS
KILLALOE BALLINA

2026
11-13 FEBRUARY

DAVID GILICK **GEMMA HAYES** **D.MCWILLIAMS**

TALKS . MUSIC . WORKSHOPS . STORYTELLING . DESIGN
THINKING . FILM SCREENINGS . SAUNA SWIMS . PANEL EVENTS

Tickets from €15 - €35

[RRESONANCE-LOUGHDERG.COM](https://www.resonance-loughderg.com)

Resonance Lough Derg Festival of Ideas 2026

Two-day festival, set against the beautiful backdrop of Lough Derg, Resonance brings together inspiring voices from across economics, sport, creativity, sustainability, literature and music.

Killaloe Ballina

11 to 13 February, 2026

Tickets from €15 to €35

For more information and to book your ticket

Click [Here](#)



Japanese Black Ink Painting One-Day Introductory Workshop in Cashel

Karen Colbert

Sumi-e is the Japanese word for the Art of Black Ink Painting. It is a unique art form in which the fewest possible strokes are used to capture the essence of the subject being painted using only black ink, handmade paper and a special brush.

In this Workshop for beginners, participants will be introduced to Sumi-e materials and will learn basic brushstrokes and techniques used for painting grasses, flowers, distant trees and mountains.

Bru Boru Cultural Centre, Cashel (beside the historic Rock of Cashel)

Thursday 26 February, 2026

10.00am to 4.00pm with break for lunch (please bring your own lunch)

Fee: €95—includes use of materials and refreshments

For more details and to book click [Here](#)

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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 inclusion in 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.

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.

