

Re: To note panel decisions Creative Ireland: Made in Limerick Grants Scheme 2021 allocations

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Enclosed is a report with decisions by the assessment panel, for the allocation of grants under the Creative Ireland Made in Limerick Grants Scheme 2021. An assessment panel considered all applications on the basis of the criteria for this grant scheme.

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Emerging Limerick Filmmakers	€ 5,400
Silent Sea	€ 4,000
Friars' Gate Theatre	€ 2,800
Limerick Theatre and Performance Hub T/A The GAFF	€ 1,610
Total Awarded	€ 19,310
Strand 2. Creative Citizens: People creating and accessing culture at their doorstep.	
Grant Recipient	Grant Awarded
Limerick Pride	€ 3,600
Polish Arts Festival / Justyna Cwojdzinska	€ 3,560
Murroe Wood Park CLG	€ 2,130
Joyce Brothers Music Festival/Ballyhoura Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (BCCE)	€ 2,110
St. Saviours Community Drama Group	€ 1,500
Total Awarded	€ 12,900
Strand 3. People, Places, Networks: Enhancing our local cultural and creative infrastructure	
Grant Recipient	Grant Awarded
Ormston House	€ 4,000
Total Awarded	€ 4,000
Strand 4. Creative Engagement Initiative: Creative and Cultural Activities and Wellbeing	
Grant Recipient	Grant Awarded
Down Syndrome Limerick	€ 5,790
Total Awarded	€ 5,790

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Creative Ireland: Made in Limerick Grants Decisions and Report

This call out was aimed at Limerick based creative practitioners, organisations and communities of place and interest. These grants are offered as part of Limerick Creative Ireland Programme to deliver activities taking place in 2021.

The Assessment Panel

Made in Limerick applications are considered by an assessment panel, appointed by Limerick City and County Council. The Assessment Panel met remotely on Tuesday 4th May to assess and make decisions on all eligible applications.

The assessment panel were:

- Cllr. Kieran O’Hanlon, Chair of the Cultural SPC, Limerick City and County Council.
- Philip Delamere, Arts Officer Leitrim County Council.
- Ceara Conway is a visual artist and vocalist. She is an Arts Coordinator for the Clare Arts Office and is also a Creative Associate with the Arts Council.

Successful applications

The Made in Limerick Grants 2021 aim to support the implementation of the Creative Ireland objectives in Limerick and are awarded under four different strands.

Strand 1. Creative Minds: Nurturing and supporting creative practitioners

A total of approximately €12,000 was available under this strand, from which grants of up to a maximum of €6,000 were to be awarded. There were twenty-two applications to this strand and five applications were successful in obtaining funding.

The panel recommended the transfer of one application to Strand 2, Creative Citizens: People creating and accessing culture at their doorsteps.

Due to the high quality and number of the applications, the panel recommended the transfer of €6,000 from Strand 3 and €1,310 from Strand 4, to Strand 1. Therefore, the total grant allocation for Strand 1 was €19,310. The successful applications were as follows:

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Veronica Santorum

Glenore and Ballyorgan communities will work with artist, Veronica Santorum, to create a natural sculpture along the Keale River Walk which links the two communities. Natural materials will be used

to create a figure from local mythology and explore and respect life and decay within the forest environment.

Emerging Limerick Filmmakers

In 2020, Emerging Limerick Filmmakers was awarded funding to roll out a pilot project to engage with young filmmakers in Limerick. This funding will be used to expand its membership and to deliver a second year with more film productions.

Silent Sea

The collective Silent Sea, with artists Chelsea Canavan and Deirdre Power, will engage communities through river relations and connectivity to the water to visually contextualise the community and river ecology through the visualisation of scientific data in relation to the River Shannon.

Friars' Gate Theatre

This project will engage a group of older people in the community and a group of TY students, in a series of themed conversations that will lift the lid on the grey ceiling and provide a voice for the older generation.

Limerick Theatre and Performance Hub T/A The GAFF

Audio Charged is an inter-generational project. This grant supports research and development.

Strand 2. Creative Citizens: People creating and accessing culture at their doorstep

A total of approximately €8,000 was available under this strand, from which grants of up to a maximum of €4,000 were to be awarded. There were ten applications considered for this strand with five applications successful in obtaining funding.

Due to the high quality and number of applications, the panel recommended the transfer of €4,900 from Strand 4 to Strand 2. Therefore, the total grant allocation for Strand 1 was €12,900. These are as follows:

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Limerick Pride	€ 3,600
Polish Arts Festival / Justyna Cwojdzinska	€ 3,560
Murroe Wood Park CLG	€ 2,130
Joyce Brothers Music Festival/Ballyhoura Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (BCCE)	€ 2,110
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Limerick Pride Festival

Limerick Pride aims to encourage the empowerment and participation of the LGBTQ+ community and allies through a number of virtual events. These events will be collaborative in nature with many different groups and organizations involved, both locally and nationally.

Polish Arts Festival

In Search of Identity 3 is a series of workshops with the Polish community, leading to a live performance during the 14th Polish Arts Festival. Workshops based on work with voice vibrations, dance therapy, physical theatre and music will help to re-establish connections after a year in the pandemic.

Murroe Wood Park CLG

Murroe Wood Park CLG will run a free weekend of open-air, interactive music performances and workshops at Murroe Town Park in Co. Limerick. These informal sessions will be enjoyable for all ages and ability levels alike. Collaborators in the event will include Nóirín ní Riain, Mícheál O'Suilleabhain, and drummer Urs Wenk.

Ballyhoura Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (BCCE)

The Joyce Brothers Music Festival was recently adopted by BCCE. They aim to bring the Joyce collection of music and song from the 1800's to life for new audiences through a programme of historical talks, musical performances, workshops and walks aimed at preserving the Joyce collection through practical application.

St. Saviours Community Drama Group

St. Saviours Community Drama Group Community Group have written a short film during lockdown showing, through storytelling, memories of the arrival of the first television on Carey's Road. They plan to shoot this film in 2021 in UL Access Centre and on location, at Carey's Road.

Strand 3. People, Places, Networks: Enhancing our local cultural and creative infrastructure:

A total of approximately €10,000 was available under this strand, with grants of up to a maximum of €4,000 awarded. There were six applications to this Strand, one of which was successful in obtaining funding. The balance of the award fund was transferred to Strand 1.

Grant Recipient	Grant Awarded
Ormston House	€ 4,000
Total Awarded	€ 4,000

Ormston House

Ormston House has partnered with historian Sharon Slater (National Heritage Hero 2017) and Victoria Brunetta from the award-winning Piquant Media, to create "100 Women of Limerick". This collaborative resource publication tells the story of Limerick women and their outstanding achievements in the arts, activism, business, education, politics, science and sports.

Strand 4. Creative Engagement Initiative: Creative and Cultural Activities and Wellbeing

A total of €12,000 was available under this strand, with grants of up to a maximum of €6,000 to be awarded. There were three applicants to this strand with one being successful. The balance of the award fund was transferred to Strand 1 (€1,310) and Strand 2 (€4,900).

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Down Syndrome Limerick	€ 5,790
Total Awarded	€ 5,790

Down Syndrome Limerick

Many members have medical conditions and have had to cocoon for the last year due to Covid-19. This project will feature a showcase of Down Syndrome member's photos, taken by them, reflecting their lockdown experience. Once compiled, a virtual exhibition will be created to allow them to share their lockdown experience with their fellow members and with the public.