

10th March 2022

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Grants under the Arts Act Recommendations March 2022

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Enclosed is a report and recommendations for the Grants under the Arts Act.

Grants under the Arts Act: Total Fund Available €20,000.

- The panel met on Wednesday 9th of March 2022
- There were 39 applications received
- A total ask of € 32,785
- The panel recommended the allocation of funding to 31 successful applications, totalling €20,000.

Limerick City and County Council is proud to support, and be associated with, high quality work produced by creative practitioners based in Limerick.

The Council is requested to approve the allocations outlined, amounting to €20,000.

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Dr. Pippa Little,
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Limerick City and County Council

Grants under the Arts Act

- On January 14th Limerick Arts Office announced the open call for applications under the “Grants Under the Arts Act” scheme.
- The closing date for applications was 4pm, Wednesday March 2nd 2022.
- A total budget amount of €20,000 is available in the fund.
- Grants Under the Arts Act funding ranges from €100 to a maximum payment of €1,000.

Criteria for selection

Limerick City and County Council offers grant funding to amateur, community or voluntary groups, or organisations, and individual arts practitioners, which in the opinion of the authority, will stimulate public interest in the arts, promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or assist in improving the standards of the arts.

In the Arts Act, the arts are defined as painting, sculpture, architecture, music, film, drama, dance, literature, design in industry and the fine arts, and applied arts generally. The awards can be used for the professional development of artists, the arts and increasing access and participation in the arts.

Assessment

All Grants under the Arts Act applications are considered by an assessment panel, appointed by Limerick Arts Office, Limerick City and County Council.

The Panel

The assessment panel meet to assess and make recommendations on all eligible applications using the published criteria for assessment. The Grants under the Arts Act 2022 panel met remotely on Wednesday 9th of March, to assess and make decisions on all eligible applications. The panel was composed of:

- Cllr. Kieran O’Hanlon, Chair of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC, Limerick City and County Council.
- Mary Brady is a former Arts Officer for Offaly and Laois County Councils.
- Ceara Conway is an independent Irish contemporary visual artist and vocalist from the Connemara Gaeltacht region in County Galway.

The panel was impressed with the level of requests for funding and the quality of the applications. The panel also recommended that Limerick City and Council consider an increase in future funding, to enable the building of capacity around current provision and to support strategic development. Grant aid is awarded according to the Limerick Cultural Strategy: A Framework 2016-2030.

There were 39 applications for funding, with a total ask of €32,785, of which 31 were successful. The funding available for allocation was €20,000.

Limerick Grants under the Arts Act 2022

Grant Recipient	Municipal District	Awarded
Literature		
Tina O'Toole	Limerick Metro	€ 994
Una Heaton	Limerick Metro	€ 600
Rose Servitova	Cappamore/Kilmallock	€ 556
Michael Potter	Limerick Metro	€ 300
Music		
Limerick New Music Ensemble	Limerick Metro - Adare/Rathkeale	€ 1,000
Yonit Kosovske	Limerick Metro	€ 1,000
St. Johns Brass & Reed Band Limerick	Limerick Metro	€ 600
Edel Meade	Limerick Metro	€ 500
Theatre		
The Northside Misfits Community Drama Group	Limerick Metro	€ 1,000
St. Saviours Community Drama Group	Limerick Metro	€ 1,000
Ann Blake	Limerick Metro	€ 850
Liam McCarthy	Limerick Metro	€ 850
Torch Players	Limerick Metro	€ 750
Cecilian Musical Society	Limerick Metro	€ 500
Traditional Arts		
Blas International Summer School	Limerick Metro	€ 500
Claire Hurley	Limerick Metro	€ 400
Visual Arts		
Gerry Davis	Limerick Metro	€ 1,000
Gavin Hogg	Limerick Metro	€ 750
Gerry O' Mahony	Limerick Metro	€ 750
Finn Nichol	Limerick Metro	€ 650
Glic	Limerick Metro	€ 500
Rachel McDonnell	Limerick Metro	€ 470
Alison Barry	Cappamore/Kilmallock	€ 300
Michelle Hartnett	Limerick Metro	€ 300
Aisling Burke O'Connor	Limerick Metro	€ 300
Marie-Clare Boothman	Limerick Metro	€ 200
Spencer Golemon	Newcastle West	€ 180
Young People, Children and Education		
Limerick Youth Theatre	Limerick Metro	€ 1,000
Emerging Limerick Filmmakers	Limerick Metro	€ 1,000
Kathy Tiernan	Limerick Metro	€ 700
Pallasgreen Youthclub	Cappamore/Kilmallock	€ 500
Total Awarded		€ 20,000

The successful applicants are as follows:

Tina O'Toole

Literature

The IASIL22 conference, a non-profit-making conference run by volunteers, next July includes events at Belltable, Dolan's, King John's Castle, Ormston House and Narrative4. Open to the public, events include literary readings, live music and spoken word, live recording of a Blindboy podcast and a story exchange.

Una Heaton

Literature

A children's book about little stone creatures trapped by a spell under a rocky landscape in the West of Ireland. Three children set off on an adventure to help them and on their journey, they discover that even a little bit of kindness, can have the greatest impact.

Rose Servitova

Literature

To support a writers' retreat to complete her current work-in-progress, the manuscript *Íde*, and to enable travel and research at the National Library of Ireland primary & secondary sources (diaries, letters, books) relating to 'The Big House', domestic service, emigration, Catholicism & domestic abuse in 1930's Ireland.

Michael Potter

Literature

Robert Burns Night 2023 at Dolan's will mark the worldwide festival night celebrating Scotland's national poet. Haggis and sandwiches, neeps and tatties, alongside pipe and violin music, and other Scottish traditions will also feature on the night. This will be the nineteenth year of this event.

Limerick New Music Ensemble

Music

Formerly performing under the name CoMA Limerick, Limerick New Music Ensemble will relaunch as a composers collective, promoting the creation and performance of contemporary classical music in Limerick city and county.

Yonit Kosovske

Music

Rocking is an innovative, imaginative, and interdisciplinary performance made for film that brings together Early Music and Contemporary Dance in a feminist and collaborative exploration of female lamentation and power through Tarquinio Merula's seventeenth century musical masterpiece and sacred lullaby *Canzonetta spirituale sopra alla nanna*.

St. Johns Brass & Reed Band Limerick

Music

To allow the purchase of complete sets of sheet music for recitals in 2022 and the purchase of student sheet music for pupils from St. Patrick's Boys School and St. John The Baptist Boys School, participants in the band's Outreach Programme *First Steps In Music*.

Edel Meade**Music**

To engage with traditional songs from Corca Dhuibhne through participation on the Irish Conversation Course & Singing in the Irish Tradition in Ballyferriter, Co. Kerry in August 2022 for the purposes of her professional development.

The Northside Misfits Community Drama Group**Theatre**

The Northside Misfits have written an original play entitled, *The Rose of Ballynanty*, highlighting social divides of class and gender. The show is booked for performance in the Belltable on May 13th 2022.

St. Saviours Community Drama Group**Theatre**

St. Saviours will stage the world premiere of their self-penned comedy, *#whodunnit?* in Belltable in March 2022. The play is set in 1970's Limerick, featuring Danus Clothing Factory, Cruises Hotel and many more iconic Limerick landmarks.

Ann Blake**Theatre**

To culturally engage the wider public and LGBTQ+ community by staging a performance of the internationally acclaimed multi award winning show *The Morning After The Life Before*, as part of Limerick Pride Festival in Dolans Warehouse.

Liam McCarthy**Theatre**

To develop *The Kiss* a new play about one woman's love and obsession, set within a rapidly changing urban environment. To support an early career playwright (Liam McCarthy) to collaborate with an established director/dramaturge (Joan Sheehy) and a performer (Eimear Ó Riordan) on the development of a new text for theatre.

Torch Players**Theatre**

Torch Players will present two productions at the Belltable this year, *Doubt* by Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize Winner John Patrick Shanley and *Oleanna* by David Mamet.

Cecilian Musical Society**Theatre**

The Cecilian Musical Society are proposing to deliver high quality Amateur Musical theatre to the Limerick community, enabling members to express their talents in an environment that is as close to professional as possible and to continue to entertain Limerick audiences.

Blas International Summer School**Traditional Arts**

It is the aim of the Blas Summer School to continue its series of public events and strengthen its cultural connection with Limerick City. They intend to achieve this by bringing one of their public evening concerts into a city centre venue.

Claire Hurley**Traditional Arts**

Research and develop traditional Limerick Lace techniques with the goal of reinterpretation as wearable art pieces. The collection will be exhibited at a Limerick venue to inspire interest and curiosity about this amazing local art form.

Gerry Davis**Visual Arts**

To prepare for an upcoming group show, based on the poetry of WB Yeats, for Hamilton Gallery, Sligo running in May and June. The show will also travel to the Beijing Contemporary Art Fair in 2023.

Gavin Hogg**Visual Arts**

To attend this year's London Art Fair taking place in April and to visit London art galleries, gaining first-hand experience of the artwork they represent and their style of presentation.

Gerry O' Mahony**Visual Arts**

To create new landscape work plein air in rural/coastal regions and creating digital images for use on return to studio for exhibition during 2022/2023. The work will combine studio work (acrylic and mixed media on board) with watercolour works created plein air and a gold leaf & watercolour series transferred into giclee prints.

Finn Nichol**Visual Arts**

Over the next year, Finn intends to produce an ambitious multimedia video that engages contemporary anthropogenic concerns. Currently in research and development, this funding supports the production stage of the project.

Glic**Visual Arts**

An interdisciplinary exhibition of collage art pieces made using cassette tapes, their boxes, and found/second-hand collage materials. There will also be a musical soundscape for the exhibition using audio samples from the tapes themselves. The exhibition will take place in June of 2022 in Spacecraft Studios.

Rachel McDonnell**Visual Arts**

To develop her glass practice in the area of printmaking. Exploring the possibilities of glass using various printmaking techniques such as vitreography, intaglio and fused glass relief printing.

Alison Barry**Visual Arts**

This grant supports her development of a new body of work continuing an exploration of Rural Ireland and the changing seasons for a solo exhibition at Friars' Gate theatre, in Kilmallock Co. Limerick, which is scheduled for November 2022.

Michelle Hartnett**Visual Arts**

To create a video compilation, using YouTube as an exhibition platform, of Michelle reciting impromptu poetry inspired by what she sees, hears, senses and feels of life in Limerick city while exploring different settings in the city backed by original music by Brian Hartnett.

Aisling Burke O'Connor**Visual Arts**

Artist's bursary to support the creation of a follow-up exhibition in 2022 of paintings & multimedia to further explore responses, emotions & realities of life emerging from the pandemic. Researching thematic elements of perspectives spatial frequencies, the artist aims to communicate the universal experiences of their community in Limerick.

Marie-Clare Boothman**Visual Arts**

A gesture-drawing workshop, in a park in Limerick city, to celebrate National Drawing Day on Monday May 16th 2022. Members of the public will be invited to bring their favourite drawing media and draw from observation of a live mime artist who will assume a series of expressive poses.

Spencer Golemon**Visual Arts**

Funding for a project called *Settlement*, based around taking language relating to Limerick's history as a Viking settlement and appropriating it to invoke feelings of comfort/safety at home, but simultaneously unease and entrapment.

Limerick Youth Theatre**Young People, Children and Education**

To write, rehearse and film comedy sketches in various locations in Limerick, under the mentorship of Myles Breen. The sketches will be screened during 2022.

Emerging Limerick Filmmakers**Young People, Children and Education**

Emerging Limerick Filmmakers will purchase a multitrack field recorder and engage with local professionals to deliver two masterclasses on sound recording and sound mixing.

Kathy Tiernan**Young People, Children and Education**

The aim of this project is to gather young teenage artists under one roof for an afternoon of engagement with their peers and introducing each person to a wider audience. A day to celebrate individuality and connectivity and promote a positive sense of wellbeing.

Pallasgreen Youthclub**Young People, Children and Education**

Pallasgreen Youthclub in conjunction with LCETB, under the auspices of the Local Creative Youth Partnership, Ballyhoura Development Co. and Pallasgreen Templebraden Community Council propose to create murals depicting aspects of the area's folklore, history and social life as seen through the eyes of the youthclub members.