

25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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

**Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Allocation Recommendation**

**A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,**

The Strategic fund for Culture and Arts was developed by Limerick City and County Council to facilitate culture and arts organisations and practitioners, in leveraging funds from national and international sources.

The percentage available from the Limerick City and County Council Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts is 10% of the successful national or international award, to a maximum of €5,000, to fund elements of the projects specific to Limerick.

The following applicants have been successful in leveraging funding from the Arts Council and the approval of Limerick City and County Council is requested for the award of 10% of the Limerick elements of their projects totalling €7,500.

External Award	Applicant	External Award Amount	LCCC Strategic Award
Arts Council Culture Night Late	Sionna Festival	€12,500	€1,250
Arts Council Culture Night Late	Top 8	€12,500	€1,250
Arts Council Bursary Award R.1	Niamh Brown	€20,000	€2,000

Arts Council Creative Places Award	Ballyhoura Development CLG	€30,000	€3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>€7,500</b>

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Etain McCooey  
Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Co-ordinator

### **Sionna Festival – Arts Council Culture Night Late**

Sionna Festival will showcase local and national talent across electronic, hip-hop, and visual arts in the iconic setting of King John's Castle for Culture Night. The main stage will have music performers, while the courtyard will have visual arts installations and live art. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of this series for Culture Night.

### **Top – 8 Arts Council Culture Night Late**

Top- 8's aim is to nurture Ireland's ever growing vibrant Street dance and hip-hop scene. For Culture Night, they will present a series of showcases in The Church in John's Square, of the rich culture of neo-Irish-Afrolism through dance, music, and movement. Their event will continue in the Commercial Bar until late with Scratch DJs, Beatboxing, and Breakdancing.

### **Niamh Brown – Arts Council Bursary Award Round 1**

Niamh Brown is a curator in Ormston House, and this bursary will provide them with the opportunity to research and develop work with an artist, and also receive mentorship from national and international curators. This bursary will significantly help develop her professional development and practice.

### **Ballyhoura Development CLG – Creative Places Award Strand 3**

The Creative Places Research and Development Award will allow Ballyhoura Development CLG to develop a plan for Kilfinane to create a dynamic and vibrant sustainable artistic and creative community in the Ballyhoura region that both serves and is supported by all in the community. They will develop communication tools, research rural arts sector, access, and participation to develop tangible outcomes to progress this project further.