

CAVAN MONAGHAN YOUTH ARTS BURSARY

Press Release

We are delighted to announce the 6 recipients of the Cavan Monaghan Youth Arts Bursary for 2024!

The bursary scheme is designed to support young people from Cavan and Monaghan to participate in short youth arts projects in collaboration with a professional artist and within youth work and non-formal education settings, nurturing their creative development and encouraging them to find their voice through a youth arts process. The scheme also aims to support professional artists to develop their collaborative experiences working with young people and youth workers.

The scheme is managed by the National Youth Council of Ireland and funded by Cavan Arts Office Cavan County Council, Monaghan Arts Office Monaghan County Council, Cavan Monaghan Education Training Board Youth Services and the Local Arts and Education Partnership (LAEP) as part of their support for the Cavan Monaghan Youth Arts Hub.

"We aim to forge new interactive partnerships between artists and creative youth workers so that they can start new project initiatives with our young citizens in non-formal education settings, allowing them the time and space to explore new areas of arts engagement and new methods of practicing creative art forms." **L.A.E.P. Cavan & Monaghan and Cavan Monaghan ETB Youth Services**

In 2024, we are delighted to fund the following projects:

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Teach na nDaoine Family Resource Centre: With worker Michael Bravender, young people from diverse and marginalised backgrounds will work with artist Sinéad Berry to experience the process of art in a mindful and inclusive way that supports young people's creativity and exploration of mark making, landscape sketching, watercolour and t-shirt design.

Monaghan Foróige Clubs & District Council: Young people from Foróige Youth Clubs in Monaghan will work with photographer Manuel Lavery, Regional Youth Officer Erica Reade and voluntary youth club leaders to explore photography, photo editing, filters and media literacy and consider how we and others portray ourselves in the online world.

Iontas Theatre, Arts & Community Resource Centre: Young people from diverse backgrounds will be welcomed to Iontas for a summer camp designed to help them connect and express themselves creatively, with opportunities to explore ceramics and pottery with artist Brenda McGinn, paper art, eco-art and nature with artist Pauline Clarke and creative street art and collage with artist Michael Stafford.

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Bounce Back Youth Service (West): Led by youth worker Michelle Conolly and artist Niamh McPhillips, young people aged 10-13 will work together to make puppets using recycled materials, developing their puppetry and storytelling skills and using their imagination and creativity to make a short performance for family and friends.

Teach Oscail Family Resource Centre: Led by youth worker Patrick Fryers and artist Paul McKiernan, the young people will create a mural in the town to represent young people in the community, developing skills in traditional painting, graffiti, woodwork and mounting and building their individual and collective confidence in their own creativity.

Foroige Cavan Town UBU Youth Project: Led by youth worker Colette Greene and artists Anna Wierciach and Raquel Montero Calero, young people aged 10-12 will explore puppetry and theatrical storytelling, learning puppet construction techniques, character development, storytelling and performance to support their self-expression, collaboration and confidence.

