



Welcome to the Laois Arts Office Newsletter

Welcome to our Laois Arts Office Newsletter. We look forward to sharing details of our upcoming programmes and projects planned for the coming year. We are happy to promote events in our newsletters throughout the year. Please email brief details and a quality image to arts@laoiscoco.ie.

Next edition due out in November.

The Arts Office team comprises of Muireann Ní Chonail, Arts Officer, Monica Flynn, Assistant Arts Officer and Oisín Neeson, Clerical Officer. We are always interested in hearing from the public with arts related queries and happy to offer advice when we can.

Muireann Ní Chonail
Arts Officer

LEAVES

FESTIVAL OF WRITING & MUSIC





6–9th November 2024
**Celebrating Writing and Music
in Laois**



A Festival of Music and Literature!

Leaves is the annual celebration of writing and music run by the Arts Office and the County Library Service.

The festival returns to a host of venues throughout County Laois from November 6-9 with an inspiring and engaging programme of readings, workshops, films, panel discussions and live music.

For further information on events and times, please visit
www.leavesfestival.ie/

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Brigid and Conleth at Dawn - Lia Laimböck

Finscéal – The Legend of St. Brigid in Words and Images

The Laois Arthouse, Stradbally, Co Laois, are delighted to present the exhibition, Finscéal – The legend of St. Brigid in words and images, bringing together a collection of artworks and performance from local, national, and international artists.

Curated by Orla McDonagh, artists were invited to explore what the legend of St. Brigid means to them and is presented in poems, stories and through the media of paint, copper, textiles, embroidery, and wood carving.

The opening night on the 4th November will be hosted by Muireann Ní Chonail with opening remarks by Pádraig Fleming, Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council.

The exhibition runs from Monday 4th November, to Saturday 30th November.

Tuesday – Friday: 1pm - 4pm (entry through Laois Arthouse)

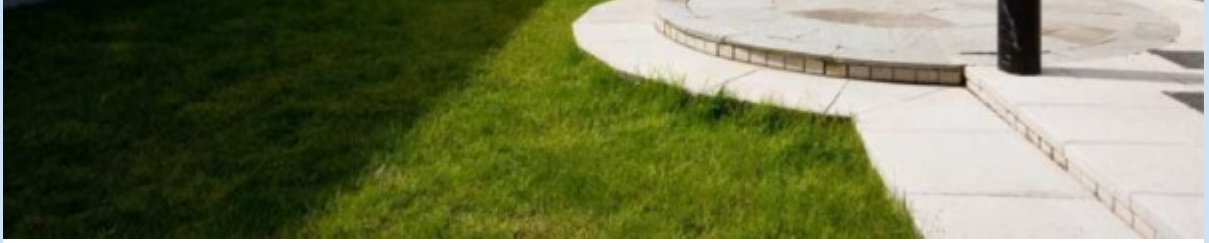
Tuesday & Thursday: 5.30pm - 8pm (entry through Library)

Saturday: 10am - 1pm (entry through Library)

Sunday: 17th Nov 11.30am - 1.30pm (entry through Laois Arthouse)

The Laois Arthouse & Gallery, Stradbally, Co. Laois, R32 KWX3





Laois Arthouse, Stradbally. **Studio Open Call – Autumn 2024**

Two Artist's Studios Available at Laois Arthouse, Stradbally, Co Laois.

Laois Arthouse provides studio / workspaces for professional artists/writers/musicians working on projects.

Two studios without accommodation at of a fee of €250 per month (each) are available for periods of up to six months.

License agreements may be extended, beyond the six-month period, at the discretion of Laois County Council.

Studios are available to view by appointment. Facilities include an exhibition space, kiln, garden, public library and WIFI. Kiln fees are extra, and the artist must prove their competency in usage.

There is a competitive selection process. Selection panel includes Local Authority representatives, an external curator, and an independent artist.

Closing Date for receipt of completed expressions of interest and application forms is 5pm, Friday 22nd November 2024.

For further information please contact Laois Arts Office, E: arts@laoiscoco.ie / P: 057 866 4033.

CULTURE NIGHT 2024



ONE NIGHT FOR



On September 20th, Laois came alive with a vibrant celebration of arts, culture, and local talent!

The unforgettable evening featured an array of fantastic events spread across the county. Check out some highlights to relive the magic.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Laois Arthouse, Stradbally, Co Laois.
Open Call for Exhibition Proposals 2025 - 2026

Laois County Council Arts Office is delighted to invite proposals for its 2025/2026 visual art exhibition programme for Laois Arthouse, Stradbally, Co. Laois. The callout is open to professional artists, curators, and arts groups to apply.

The aim of the programme is to provide opportunities for all to engage with the visual arts as creators, spectators, and participants. Artists applying should be open to the mediation of their work to the public.

Eligibility:

Proposals are welcomed for solo, two-person, or group shows and from artists at all career stages. We welcome applications from artists who are from or work in County Laois as well as those nationally or internationally. Each exhibition is approximately 4 weeks in duration.

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to participate in a maximum of two paid public engagement events, for example an 'in conversation' or a workshop. The specific details of this public engagement will be mutually agreed between the successful applicant and Laois Arts Office.

What we offer:

- A contribution of €250 is available to support the Exhibition
- Marketing material and PR
- Independent curatorial advice (if required)
- Exhibition Launch (if appropriate)

The indoor space has an exhibition hanging system and exhibitors are expected to install their own work – with guidance/assistance where required.

Commission on Sales: Laois Arthouse retains a 20% Commission on sale of art works.

Facilitated Gallery Visit for interested applicants

The Arts Office will host site visits by appointment to introduce the space and answer any specific questions. To book a place for this, please email arts@laoiscoco.ie or T: 057 866 4033. Images and dimensions of the gallery space below.



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