

"THE COLOURS OF LIFE" A GROUP ART EXHIBITION

Mary Carmody

Mary is a local artist. Her art journey began five years ago. For Mary "Art is when you hear a knocking from your soul, and you answer". She enrolled in an art course at Abbeyleix Further Education & Training Centre. Mary credits her art tutors for their mentoring, patience and understanding. She describes the experience as "the dipping of my toe into the myriads of colours and techniques" that she encountered through landscape, still life and portrait drawing.



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Mags Coyne



Mags is a Laois artist. Throughout her life, she has explored her creativity through gardening, crocheting, and reading. She has been taking art classes periodically throughout the years. Mags was encouraged by fellow artists to take her painting further and she enrolled in the Arts, Craft & Design programme at Abbeyleix Further Education & Training Centre. She was empowered by the experience and is currently participating in the Advanced Art programme (Level 6) in Abbeyleix FETC. Her painting style is influenced by nature, landscapes and local scenery. Mags has a keen interest in the use of combined materials as a form of artistic expression. Mags says, "art is my escape without leaving home and is also a reminder that I have a soul".

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Odette Harrington

Odette lives in a rural area in Co. Laois. She enjoys gardening and growing vegetables. She entered the world of art following her retirement. She graduated from the Art programmes at Abbeyleix Further Education and Training Centre in June 2024. The recurrent themes in her work are rural life, identity and family connections. She finds inspiration from nature, historical stories and folk art. Odette is now concentrating on experimenting with the challenges of creating ceramics at home.



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