

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

2018 – 2025

An agreement between South Dublin County Council and the Arts
Council based on

An agreement between The Arts Council and County and City
Management Association

Context / Background

- Its purpose is to **highlight the shared strategic priorities** for arts development 8 years setting out a vision and goals for what we can achieve together.
- It has been developed through a **collaborative process** between both organisations, under the overarching national agreement, A Framework for Collaboration (2016 – 2025) between the Arts Council and the County and City Management Association.
- This national agreement reaffirms **the centrality of a strategic partnership** which has been in existence since 1985 and outlines a shared vision for a new era of arts development, striving for equality of access to and engagement in the arts by all those living in Ireland.
- As part of this agreement we commit to developing a methodology for **measuring the social impact of our shared investment.**

Goals of this Agreement

- To achieve a closer and more effective working relationship between the Arts Council and South Dublin County Council
- To provide an overarching framework of values, principles and strategic priorities that will guide and inform the creation of shared strategic actions.
- To demonstrably increase the levels of public engagement in the arts throughout the county
- To improve opportunities and supports for artists and those working in the arts
- To optimise our shared investment in the arts and ensure we are applying resources in the most equitable and efficient way possible.
- To measure the social impact of our shared investment as a means of understanding, learning and empowering further development.
- To effectively integrate the key principles of this agreement into relevant future planning and development strategies of the Arts Council and South Dublin County Council.

Principles

- A shared set of principles will underpin and inform our collaboration at all times. These include a commitment to ensuring:
 - Access to and engagement with the arts for all people and a determination to ensure that the returns on public investment in the arts benefit as many as possible.
 - Value for the work of artists, which illuminates the present, nourishes our understandings of the past and inspires our visions of the future.
 - Diversity of contexts and types of participation that constitute public engagement, most particularly social and cultural diversity.
 - Quality of provision – defined appropriately according to context – so that the best possible artistic outcomes are secured within the wider contexts of cultural value and the public good.

Our Shared Strategic Actions

Supporting Artists

- More artists will be supported through the expansion of the Council's Individual Artist Bursary Award which supports career and practice development for artists of all disciplines.
- More emerging artists, of all disciplines and at whatever stage of their life, will be supported through the expansion of the Council's emerging artists support programme
- New and opportunities for artists through multiparty initiatives, residencies and commissions that will support both artist development and public engagement.
- We will have developed better audiences for and participation in dance and for dance artists to collaborate with key local and national partners.
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- We will have enhanced supports for writers in collaboration with key local and national partners.
- We will create a measurement framework to evaluate the impact of this investment for both artists and public engagement.

Cultural Diversity

- Existing programming are more accessible to new communities, particularly, youth and children's programmes by dedicating additional resources to outreach activities.
- We will have developed a new integrated approach to access, participation and audience diversification with and between the organisations in the cultural hub in Tallaght.
- Opportunities will have increased for cultural and artistic engagement with new communities, with an approach which is equitable and responsive to their skills, interests, needs and priorities.
- We will have supported capacity building, access and engagement through the contracted services of a Cultural Diversity Co-ordinator engaged by the Cultural Hub organisations in Tallaght to work across the strands.
- A new Cultural Diversity Strategic Initiatives Fund will have developed to provide opportunities for artists to work in culturally diverse and intercultural contexts through residencies, projects and commissions and to animate the potential of Cultural Diversity as an exciting creative space that is here to stay.
- We will have created evaluation and measurement methodologies to learn from the social and cultural impact of our investment

Young people and children

- Over the course of this agreement, supported by identified measurement and evaluation tools, we share the desired outcome of:
- We will have strengthened the resources needed to co-ordinate, monitor and evaluate education and participation programmes for early years, children's and youth arts.
- We will have further developed arts and cultural initiatives that respond to the needs of young people through the NOISE Dublin Youth Arts programmes, particularly in Urban Arts.
- We will have further developed Ruaille Buaille Lucan Children's Music Festival which provides exposure to professional and community performances in a number of music genres.
- We will see an increase in opportunities for children from 0-6years and from 7-12 years to participate in the arts.
- A greater number of young people will be engaged in the arts across all age groups and all artforms on a regular basis and that more young people will have pathways to progress towards and engage in professional practice.
- We will design a number of measures to determine the impact of this investment

Remit of this Agreement

- Commitment to working collaboratively in three 3-year cycles over a period of 8 years, beginning in 2018 and up to 2025
- The final agreement was signed off by the Management Team in South Dublin County Council and the Arts Council.
- It is agreed that the agreement is a living document that is subject to monitoring and review, to ensure that our shared goals and desired outcomes are achieved.
- Acknowledgement of current levels of funding (the Arts Council invests €49,500 into these actions and South Dublin County Council invests €93,230 totalling €142,730). There is a commitment to increase resources where possible during the course of the agreement.