**South Dublin County Council Arts Office – programme updates**

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**Bursaries and Awards**

**The Annette Halpin Memorial Award**

Lara Jardin Fleming, 24 from Rathfarnham was awarded the Annette Halpin Bursary Award 2025. She received €1000 towards rehearsal space, session musicians’ fees, and mastering costs for her second single ‘Small Talk’. You can listen to her first single ‘Gabriela’ on Spotify.

The Annette Halpin Memorial Bursary Award has been running for 16 years. It is an award is for young musicians, composers, singers, producers living in South Dublin County Council’s Administrative Area.

The award is funded by South Dublin County Council and the Halpin Family and was established to celebrate the legacy of Annette Halpin, a singer / songwriter from Tallaght widely known for her role in community activism and community development who passed away in 2009

**Arts Office Available grants**

* *Community Arts Award*: Amateur, Voluntary and Community Arts organisations are invited to submit applications to be considered for grants of up to €3000. The scheme will primarily grant aid groups based and performing in the County but also performing at events outside the County. Groups performing in, but not based, in the County will also be eligible to apply for support under the Scheme. The activity that can be funded includes training, event subsidy, professional support, materials, project delivery and presentation. Further details on sdcc.ie or contact [cbaker@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:cbaker@sdublincoco.ie) for further information.

**Creative Ireland South Dublin Programme**

Preparations are underway for **Cruinniú na nOg 2025** which will take place on the 7th of June. Cruinniu na nOg is Ireland’s National Day of Creativity for Children and Young People. There was an open call for applications and the selection of projects took place recently. Arising from this is an 8 week music & DJing programme in the Park Community centre for 9-12year olds, beginning after easter and run by musician Nick Stanley. We’ll have full details on the creativeireland\_southdublin socials and The Park Community Centre

**Creative Ireland Mural Award**

Clubs/organisations are welcome to apply to the Creative Ireland Mural Award which is now open. Organisations applying for funding must:

* They must involve the community in the co-design.
* There must be participation with the artist.
* Identify a site for the artwork
* Identify and confirm an artist to design and produce the Artwork.
* Confirm permission for an artwork at the proposed site.
* Demonstrate a clear purpose for the artwork i.e. to engage with the community, to highlight a topic, to visually enhance the site.
* Provide a clear project plan and budget

**Closing date for the Mural award is the 18th April.**