

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

### **Arts grants to be approved:**

#### **I Mandala, Indian Theatre Group**

I Mandala, is a theatre group from the Indian Community in Ireland that explores the concepts of roots, identity and dreams. The group is seeking funding for a show 'Higuita' which will take place in the National Basketball Arena on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2025. Following training and rehearsals at Tymon Bawn Community Centre, thirty community artists will be performing in the play.

I Mandala, was founded in 2013 and gave its first performance at the Civic Theatre in 2014. The performers are community members who work in different industries but have a strong interest in performing. Professional theatre director Sasidharan Naduvil, an Indian theatre expert with more than 35 years of experience has been invited by I Mandala to direct the show.

The Arts Office recommends that an Arts grant of €3000 be allocated to I Mandala to engage professional support and towards the presentation of 'Higuita' in the National Basketball Arena.

#### **Tallaght Choral Society**

In reference to the application submitted, Tallaght Choral Society has applied for an event subsidy grant in regard its annual programme where events will be held in May in Terenure College Chapel and in Galway Cathedral, and Kilkenny in September.

Tallaght Choral Society is an amateur choir of around 100 singers based in Tallaght. It has been in existence for 60 years.

The Arts Officer recommends a grant of €1000 be allocated to Tallaght Choral Society's programme 2025 under the Arts Act Grant 2003 to support the presentation of a number of concert events.

#### **Killinarden Sister Shed**

Killinarden Sister Shed has applied for an Arts grant towards a programme of copper art workshops over a period of four weeks led by artist John Farrell. There are twelve members in the group, who are engaged in art focused activities. At the end of the four-week programme, each member will have completed 2 pieces of art.

The Arts Office recommends that a grant of €550 be allocated the Killinarden Sisters Shed towards the cost of a four-week copper art programme with a professional artist.

### **St Muirín's Writers Group**

St Muirín's Writers Group has applied for an Arts grant towards a programme of monthly writing workshops over a period of ten months led by a professional creative writing facilitator.

The group is hosted by St. Dominics Community Centre, Avonbeg, Tallaght. There are currently ten members in the group, who are engaged in creative writing activities. The group is open to new members and has been actively promoting the opportunity to participate in the local community. At the end of the programme, the group hopes to publish a chapbook of their writing.

The Arts Office recommends that a grant of €2500 be allocated the St Muirín's Writers Group towards the cost of a four-week copper art programme with a professional artist.

## **ARTS OFFICE – AVAILABLE ARTS 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](http://sdcc.ie) or contact [cbaker@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:cbaker@sdublincoco.ie) for further information.

### **Youth programmesThe Night Belongs to Us**

The Night Belongs to Us is a performance events programme for young musicians and DJs aged between 14 – 18. It has returned in 2025 with monthly events in The Civic Theatre, Áras Chrónáin, and Griffeen Youth Centre in Lucan. As of 15<sup>th</sup> April, 238 young people have attended 6 events featuring 47 performers, all aged between 14 and 18. The Night Belongs To Us was established through funding from the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media's Night-Time Economy



Pilot Youth Initiative. It is now funded by South Dublin County Council Arts Office and managed by a partnership of NOISE Music and Alternative Entertainments.

**NOISE Music** runs free DJing, songwriting, music production, and performance programmes for young people aged from 11 to 18 around South Dublin County.

The latest term of their main Tallaght programme, which is based in Tallaght Library, will finish on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. They have an established group of 10 young DJs, some of whom are now receiving regular bookings as DJs outside of their participation in NOISE and The Night Belongs To Us events. This group will return in July for a 6-week summer programme, where they will participate in beat-making and music production workshops.

NOISE Music's Creative Places MacUílliam group, which is managed in partnership with TCA, will recommence on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. They will be preparing a music and dance performance as part of the 2025 Cruinniú na nÓg event in Parthalán Place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

NOISE Music and Killinarden Community Centre Youth Project have agreed to work in partnership and develop a project for young people in the area which will be announced in May.

### **Public Art**

#### **IN CONTEXT 5 – Connect, SDCC's public art programme under the per cent for art scheme Strand 2 – open for applications**

South Dublin County Council is inviting proposals from Artists, in any discipline, for 4 new Public Art commissions with a focus on climate action, environment, tackling the urgency of climate change, and champion sustainability and / or biodiversity in the context of South Dublin County.

Imagined as a series of dynamic and ambitious public art commissions, IN CONTEXT 5 aims to gather temporary communities around inspirational ideas. Artists proposals are invited for temporary public art projects and no permanent works of art are envisaged.

Artists should take into account that South Dublin County Council administrative area is formed by multiple cultural backgrounds and stories of its people. It is a place for experimentation and new forward thinking that respects the foundations upon which it has been built. Its future is made up of the individual and community life stories of the people who have chosen to live there. Its outward face is made up of the pride that people find in the local communities that they have built. Every INDIVIDUAL is part of OUR story.

### **Ongoing**

*Sophie Von Maltzan - Rooting Resilience:  
Cultivating Community Nature in Killinarden  
through the Arts*

This socially engaged environmental art project is an innovative partnership that brings together the Killinarden Community Centre, with young people from the Killinarden Community Youth Council, socially engaged environmental artist Sophie Von Maltzan, and South Dublin County Council Arts and Community departments. Through Sophie Von Maltzan's socially engaged approach, the community will collaboratively create nature-based, site-specific, and meaningful art installations and events that are creative, interactive and playful. Through creativity and collective action, it aims to cultivate both community spirit and a thriving natural environment. It will take place over the next year.

Sophie is currently working with groups who utilise the Community Centre including the Women's Shed, Men's Shed and they youth programmes.

