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

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1. **Arts grants for approval**

**Orchard Lodge Trad Group**

Orchard Lodge Trad Group has applied for an Arts grant for an event subsidy towards performance and rehearsal costs of the group which performs in Orchard Lodge every fortnight from 11am to 1pm. Orchard Lodge is an Age-friendly meeting centre in Clondalkin village.

Orchard Lodge Trad Group consists of seven members who are amateur musicians that provide music performances for users of the centre.

The Arts Office recommends that a grant of €600 be allocated to Orchard Lodge Trad Group towards the cost of rehearsal and performance costs.

**Gaelscoil Na Camóige**

Gaelscoil Na Camóige has applied for an Arts grant for a project that will bring a professional stotyteller and musicians to the school for a performance and workshops over two weeks that draws on the National Folklore Schools Collection from 1937 and the concept of ‘Nightvisiting’, telling the old stories and singing the old songs.

The Arts Office recommends that a grant of €1700 be allocated to Gaelscoil Na Camóige Group towards the cost of bringing a professional stotyteller and musicians to the school for a performance and workshops

***Arts Report***

* **Creative Ireland:**

*The artist in collaborative practice awards are open for applications, this initiative seeks to support creatives to develop collaborative practices and engage with South Dublin communities in co-creating an artwork around the theme of* ***Leaving it Better:****Building partnerships and collaborations with creative individuals and organisations who value sustainability, legacy, and the enactment of positive community development in their work. There are two award strands: a research and development award of €5000 and a project award of €10000. Deadline for applications 22/5/2025 @ 6pm via submit.com*

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**- Cruinniu na nÓg**

Cruinniu na nÓg the national day of creativity for children will take place on Saturday 7th June, with 40 events across the county there is something for children of all ages. Full listings are available through the council website or cruinniu.gov.ie Contact Eithne Swaine for more information eswaine@sdublincoco.ie