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Arts Programme Update



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Artist Bursary Programme 2026

Individual Artist Bursary 2026

Purpose of the Award

The annual **Individual Artist Bursary** supports artists at all career stages and aims to strengthen the local arts sector and expand cultural capacity in South Dublin. This bursary was very competitive and we received **59 applications** for the award. A multidisciplinary panel met in late May and awarded a total of **13 bursaries**.

Bursary recipients in this ACM area are:

David Lunny, Visual Arts, €4500

The bursary will support the development of new sculptural work by advancing techniques across photography, collage, drawing, and sculptural processes, with a focus on themes of memory, ecology, and landscape. It will also provide two dedicated studio days per week, enabling consistent production, experimentation

Jason Branagan, Theatre, €3000

An award-winning short-filmmaker who is seeking to develop his theatre practice by developing a new play. The bursary will enable him to work with dramaturg and playwright Lee Coffey over two months, to complete a first draft of the new play.

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Brian Kirk, Literature, €5000

The bursary will enable him to: The bursary will allow dedicated time for writing and editing new poems with a view to publication of his third poetry collection, 'Black Cat Almanac', by Salmon Poetry in 2027/28.

Sinead Curran, Visual Arts, €4500

To maximise the opportunity of a residency at IMMA in June/July, which has been offered to the 'Roots for the Future' collective. To allow the time and space to be fully immersed for duration to work in the studio at IMMA, take advantage site engagement, meet with other artists onsite, and work with the collective.

Noel Fortune, Music, €5000

To collaborate with Japanese-Irish artist Amano Miura to create an Irish-language work for vocalist and large jazz ensemble. This would build off sketches for the final movement from his jazz suite "Salud", with lyrics inspired by the theme of solidarity across cultural boundaries.

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Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Artist Practice Bursary 2026

Purpose of the Award

The South Dublin County Council **EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) Artist Practice Bursary 2026** supports professional artists from under-represented backgrounds, living in South Dublin County Administrative area to develop their artistic practice and professional careers. The bursary enables artists to focus on practice development, research, professional development, or the creation of new work. The award recognises the barriers faced by many artists and aims to support inclusive participation in the arts.

This year, the EDI Artist Practice Bursary has been awarded to:

- Bobbi Byrne - €5,000
- Tierra Porter - €5,000
- Caitlyn O'Reilly - €1,000

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Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Project Bursary 2026

Purpose of the Award

This award supports an artist working in socially engaged practice to develop and deliver an intercultural arts project in South Dublin County. The award provides €15,000 to research, develop, and realise a project that engages diverse communities and reflects the cultural diversity of South Dublin.

This year, the EDI Project Bursary has been awarded to:

Débora Adachi and Kata Varnyu - €15,000

This project bursary will enable artists Débora Adachi and Kata Varnyu to engage with children aged 8–12 from diverse backgrounds in exploring identity, culture, and belonging through creative expression. Across workshops and cultural visits, children will share stories, languages, and traditions, using food as a starting point for artistic exploration. Through illustration, storytelling, drama, and research with families, participants will collaboratively create artworks and performances shaped by their experiences.

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Annette Halpin Memorial Award 2026

Purpose of the Award

The Annette Halpin 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. It 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.

The bursary recipients for 2026 are

- Michael Afam - €1,000
- Niall O'Brien - €1,000

South Dublin Live

South Dublin Live is a vibrant programme of performances across all art forms, bringing people together in local spaces across South Dublin County to connect through culture and creativity, while providing a platform for artists to present their work. South Dublin Live 2026 is a programme of indoor and outdoor events, taking place between **30th May** and **18th September 2026**.

Fri 19 – Sun 21 June 2026
Féile SEO BEO 2026 in Áras Chrónáin

A weekend festival celebrating Irish language and culture through live music and performance, including the Rob Strong Band and the Donal Kirk Band.

Thurs 9 July 2026
Feathered Friends in Áras Chrónáin

Freshly Ground Theatre presents an immersive theatre experience for children and families that encourages audiences to participate, play, and use their imagination. Led by storyteller and bird enthusiast Mr Feathers, audiences help invent a brand-new species of bird, brought to life through live illustration and collaborative storytelling.

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Féile Pobail - Community Festival
19/06/2026 go 21/06/2026

Muirgen - Kiera Dignam - Colm Gavin
Éire & Cú Chulainn - Lisa Murray - Barry Currvan
Rob Strong Band - John Lynch - Kate Dineen
Donal Kirk Band - Keenan Flannery
Alternative Entertainments - SubSounds
Ceoltóirí Chrónáin - Seisiúin Ceoil
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