

Arts Grants 2017

To: An Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Kilkenny County Council

In approving the 2017 Budget Elected Members have provided an allocation of €21,500 for the assignment of Arts Grants in 2017.

Such provision recognises the provisions of the Arts Act 2003 whereby individual local authorities may provide financial assistance for the purposes of;

- stimulating interest in the Arts
- promoting knowledge and/or appreciation of the Arts
- enhancing standards in the Arts

The expression “the Arts” means creative or interpretative expression (traditional or contemporary) in whatever form and includes in particular visual arts, theatre, literature, music, film, literature, dance and Multi-disciplinary events.

The Arts Office advertised the 2017 Arts Grants process in December 2016 with deadline for receipt of applications of 30th January 2017. The following represent the categories of applicants to which grant allocations can be awarded;

- **Groups and Organisations promoting the Arts**
- **Individual Artists – all art forms - to enable them to pursue their practice, to develop within their chosen discipline and deliver projects.**

A total of 38 applications were received to a total value of €102,663.

To assist with the assessment of the applications an assessment panel was convened on 9th February 2017 to assess the grant applications. The assessment panel included;

- Sheila Jordan, Community Arts Development Worker and
- Sinead Barden, Arts Administrator and former Arts Officer with Wexford County Council and
- Mary Butler, Arts Officer

Having reviewed the submissions, the assessment panel have recommended a total of 25 of the applications be awarded a grant as set out on the attached Table.

It is recommended that the funds be allocated as outlined in the attached table and that the elected members of Kilkenny County Council approve the allocation of €21,500 to the 25 applicants

Mise le meas,

Simon Walton,
Director of Services

Mary Butler,
Arts Officer.

Recommendations

No	Organisation Name	Category	Grant For	Discipline	Amount Sought	Full Project Cost	Recommendation
1	Susie Lamb	Individual	To undertake a week long theatre re-staged performance of 'Horas' in the Complex Live Arts Centre, Dublin 7.	Theatre	€1,095	€5,215	€800
2	Clogh Writers	Groups	To help facilitate literary workshops / readings in the local community and to enable the group to work towards a new publication.	Literature	€1,500	€2,000	€900
3	The Unity Singers	Groups	The group are celebrating their gold jubilee in 2017 and hosting a Gala Concert in St. Mary's Cathedral on 27th May.	Music	€1,500	€8,500	€800
4	Rian Coulter	Individual	Develop a body of visual art work for exhibition that encourages reflexive input from the public audience through creative and critical thinking drawing exercises.	Visual Arts	€900	€1,480	€700
5	Helena Gorey	Individual	Time and material to work full time for a short period to assist in the development of new work for a forthcoming exhibition.	Visual Arts	€1,500	€5,000	€1,000
6	KCAT	Group	Stripy Men, a play exploring the GAA and its place in contemporary Irish society using dance, storytelling, two hurleys and a microphone.	Theatre / Multi-disciplinary / Arts Participation	€1,440	€2,000	€1,000

7	Kilkenny Photographic Society	Groups	Secondary School Transition Year Photography Competition.	Visual Arts	€688	€1,460	€500
8	Muireann Mulrooney	Individual	Offered a place on the prestigious Opera Works programme at the English National Opera, London. This enables applicant to train in one of the world's leading opera houses.	Music	€1,500	€10,000	€1,000
9	John Morton	Individual	To make a short film 'Way Back When In Kilkenny', a modern reworking of the Kilkenny cats myth.	Film	€1,270	€5,470	€1,000
10	Niamh Moroney	Individual	Funding to support international tour of 'Pulled'	Theatre	€2,500	€9,557	Not recommended In receipt of an Artlinks Bursary Award
11	Saidhbhin Gibson	Individual	Taxidermy weekend course at West Dean College, England, instructed by Rose Robson.	Visual Arts	€770	€1,020	Not recommended In receipt of an Artlinks Bursary Award
12	KATS Theatre Group	Groups	Development acting and technical workshops for membership Spring and Summer. One act plays Autumn 2017. Participation in one act festival Winter 2017.	Theatre	€4,000 / €5,000	€10,000	Not recommended The application lacked sufficient supporting material
13	St. Mary's Art & Craft Collative	Groups	Arts and Craft Exhibition during Kilkenny Arts Festival 2017 to showcase local artisans.	Visual Arts	€1,500	€7,500	€250
14	Kilkenny Uilleann Pipers	Groups	The provision of piping tuition for beginners and	Music	€1,620	€3,450	€750

			advanced pupils and two reed-making classes				
15	Thursday Night Art Group	Groups	To fund professional artistic mentoring fees for groups continued development with the aim of mounting an exhibition in St. Luke's in Autumn	Visual Arts	€600	€750	€500
16	Kilkenny Musical Society	Groups	To help stage the 44th annual production 'Parade' at the Watergate Theatre.	Theatre	€5,000	€52,500	€1,000
17	TASK - Studio Space Initiative	Group	To assist in providing a residency for local artists to work in under construction studio and gallery space in collaboration with participants of TASK	Visual Arts	€2,000	€2,400	€800
18	Nuala Roche	Individual	Dramaturgy and Physical Theatre workshop to reach high standard of writing and stagecraft for first play at the Watergate as part of AKA Fringe.	Theatre	€710	€1,120	€710
19	The Abracazebra Theatre for Everyone	Group	Inclusive theatre performance for Callan Festival 2017 with the group of Camphill Community residents, co-workers and volunteers.	Theatre	€1,500	€2,000	Not recommended Incomplete application
20	The Historical Harp Society of Ireland	Groups	Public concerts in Kilkenny City of historical harp music and song.	Music	€863	€5,506	€700
21	Recovery Project	Groups	Basic supplies for art group and for a trip to IMMA.	Visual Arts	€1,800	€2,160	Not recommended lacked ample supporting material
22	The	Groups	Run a group facilitated by a	Visual Arts	€1,000	€1,300	€600

	Involvement Centre		local textile artist Sheila Cantwell called 'The Memory of Cloth Project'.				
23	St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band	Groups	To purchase percussion equipment to improve the quality of music. Percussion was identified as a weak point in band competition.	Music	€8,486	€8,486	Capital equipment Ineligible
24	Thomastown Community Centre	Groups	To purchase stage lighting for a new build of a set theatre within the historic concert hall, Thomastown.	Theatre	€4,000	(5,000)	Capital equipment Ineligible
25	Blackstack Print Studio	Groups	Collaboration with Edelle Nolan (Head of Arts and Health in Kilkenny) to provide print work by our members for St. Luke's Hospital.	Visual Arts	€2,096	€2,620	€1,000
26	Darren Caffrey	Individual	To develop his practice by opening up his research to include public display within a local setting.	Visual Arts	€1,550	€2,050	Not recommended Application lacked ample supporting material
27	Cartoon Saloon	Individual	To develop the editing software skills of editor Richard Cody, through investing in a programme called Avid.	Film	€€1,500	€2,410	Not recommended Commercial body
28	Brendan Casey	Individual	Opportunity to complete 'Through the Woodlands', a gothic coming of age novel exploring the beauty and terror of childhood.	Literature	€1,200	(1,500)	Not recommended
29	Paraic Leahy	Individual	To source and purchase high quality wood for painting on and high quality framing, also buying time to work in studio	Visual Arts	€1,490	€2,790	€500 Consumables

			and have resources to create more ambitious work.				
30	Devious Theatre Company	Group	To stage Little Deviations: Volume 2, a showcase for developing plays from 6 local playwrights and new directors.	Theatre	€1,380	€4,320	€1,000
31	Callan Workhouse Union	Group	Home Makers will develop an innovative design programme and a new arts-led phase of Nimble Spaces and support inclusive design based workshops to further explore ideas of 'home' and 'homemaking'.	Multidisciplinary	€2,000	€3,850	€1,000
32	Music in Kilkenny	Group	To present concerts of the highest international standard in Kilkenny.	Music	€3,000	€27,200	€1,500
33	Alison Comerford	Individual	Support for fees in studying Masters of Music in Viola Performance at Manhattan School of Music, New York.	Music	€2,200	€40,200	€1,000
34	Trasna Productions	Group	To fund publication documenting the photographic work of Gypsy Ray in Camphill, Ballytobin.	Visual Arts	€2,100	€3,000	Not recommended
35	Monkeyshine Theatre	Group	A season of theatre workshops for 8-18 years designed to engage participants in Monkeyshine's processes, cultivating skills, talents and enthusiasm, activating collaboration and artistic expression.	Theatre	€1,500	€2,300	€1,000

36	Camerata Kilkenny	Group	For Camerata Kilkenny and David Power Uilleann Pipes to record a CD on the RTE Lyric FM Label which will be promoted in Ireland and internationally.	Music	€3,000	€30,498	€1,500
37	The Group	Group	To publish an anthology in September 2017 dedicated to Tom Hunt, our deceased member and friend.	Literature	€1,500	€3,850	Late Applicant
38	Tunde Toth	Individual	DEENVIEW Print Project (Phase 2): inclusive, collaborative, participatory project exploring personality, identity, the sense of self - through self-portraiture, print making, film and exhibition.	Visual Arts	€1,900	€4,600	Late Applicant