



WELCOME

to Creative Ireland's

Arts and Health Day

TODAY'S AGENDA



Morning

10:00 am Welcome and Policy Updates **Emily Boylan**, Creative Ireland Programme

10:20 am Traveller Wellbeing Through Creativity, **Catherine Abbott**, Arts Council

10:30 am M-Co Scheme Evaluation Presentation, **Colleen Savage**

11:00 am Tea/Coffee

11:15 am Panel Discussion, The Body of Evidence for Arts and Health

Sheena Barrett, Head of Research and Learning, IMMA, **Dr. Trudy Meehan**, Lecturer, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland (RCSI), **Dr. Mirela Conica**, Research Fellow, TILDA, Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and **Justin Laiti**, Fulbright PhD Positive Health Research Scholar RCSI

12:00 pm Slow Art session led by **Lucy Jorgensen** IMMA facilitator

12:30 pm LUNCH

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Afternoon

13:15 pm Dance Performance **Vivian Brodie Hayes**

13:30 pm Social Prescribing **Dr. Louise Kinlen**

2:15pm Health Policy Updates- **Dr. Aleisha Clarke**, Mental Health Promotion Policy Advisor, Health and Wellbeing Programme, Department of Health

2:30 pm Plenary Session and Networking

3:00 pm Close

HOUSEKEEPING

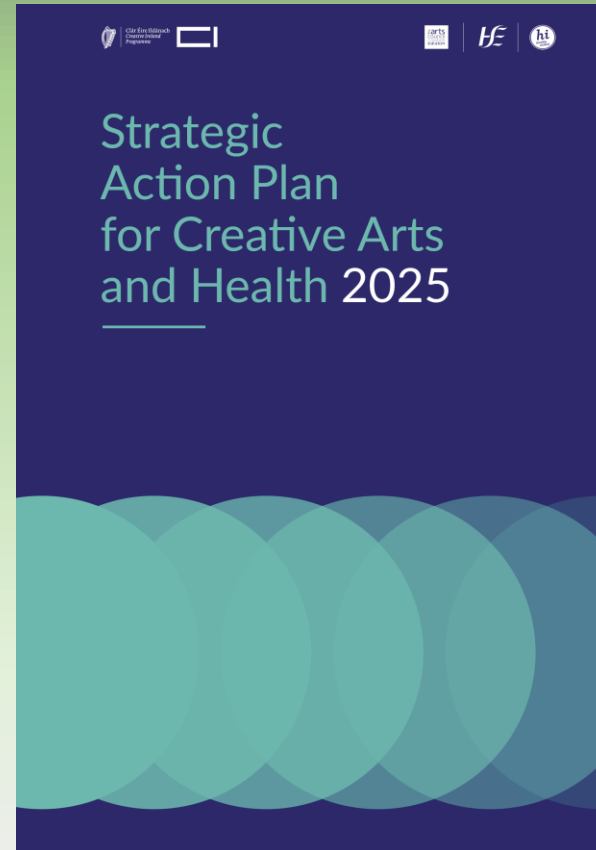
Questions for Panel via roving microphone

Slido comments for Plenary Session

Take note of Fire Exits & Lunch Area

National Creative Arts & Health Working Group –

- Department of Health – Health & Wellbeing
- Department of Communications, Culture & Sport – Creative Ireland
- HSE
- Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon



2025 Updates

- Strategic Action Plan for Creative Arts and Health 2025 published in June
- New Clinical Creativity Module in development with NCAD/UCD
- New TILDA report due in Q1 2026
- Expanding Arts and Health in the HSE work in progress
- New Artsandhealth.ie update in development



Kim Gaffney, The Art of Life

NEW Grant Call

2026 Creative Ireland

Health and Wellbeing In the Community



Creative Health & Wellbeing in *the Community*



IMPORTANT DATES

1st December 2026 Applications Open

In-person Grant Information and Networking Sessions

Belfast: 14th January 2026, The MAC (register by Jan 7th Jan 5pm)

Dublin: 22nd January 2026, Radisson Blu Royal Hotel (register by Jan 15th 5pm)

Each local authority should attend at least one session

Closed for Applications: 27th February 2026, 1pm

Evaluation of Applications March 2026

Applicants notified of outcome April 2026



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	FUNDING
Strand A Creative Ireland & Healthy Ireland 2026-27	€700,000 funding with a maximum of €70,000 per project* *Further allocations in 2027, subject to budgetary allocations
Strand B Shared Island 2026-28	€250,000 funding with a maximum of €90,000 per project

Partnerships Strand A

- Partnerships of at least two local authorities (aligned with Regional Health Authority)
- Settings: Community, HSE community or hospital
- The lead applicants are local authorities, working with HSE and local or National Health Organisations
- Projects should be developed and delivered by the Creative Ireland and Healthy Ireland teams in local authorities, working with cultural and creative partners



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Weaving Worlds Together



Dear Future Me

Strand B Partnerships

Shared Island

- The lead applicant is a local authority in Republic of Ireland
- Arts and Health Projects either North/South or East/West basis aligned to the objectives of the Shared Island initiative
- The projects should enable quality, in-person, engagement between people from both Ireland and Northern Ireland or the wider UK, with at least one project partner based in each of the relevant jurisdictions



Key Policy Guidance:

We are seeking projects that support objectives of:

- Strategic Action Plan for Creative Arts & Health 2025
- The Healthy Ireland Framework,
- For Strand A , at least one Major Health Strategy or Plan in Ireland
- For Strand B, also Northern Irish strategies or plans

Also, where possible please leverage the Irish Social Prescribing services to support equity of access and participation

Projects Sought

Projects that support relevant health strategies such as:

- The Healthy Ireland Framework
- Pathways to Wellbeing: The National Mental Health Promotion Plan 2024-2030
- Stronger Together: The HSE Mental Health Promotion Plan 2022–27
- National Traveller Health Action Plan 2022–27
- The National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025–30

Project Aims

Contribute to at least one of the following

- The core determinants of health
- Playing a critical role in health promotion and improvement
- Supporting positive mental health
- Promoting positive ageing
- Building an inclusive society where every disability is understood and supported
- Prevention and management of chronic disease
- Supporting end of life and bereavement care



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Live Music Performances in Residential Healthcare Settings Scheme 2026



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2026 Live Music Performances in Residential Care Settings Scheme



- 8th December 2026 Launch
- €150,000 available (€100,000 in Creative Ireland funding, €50,000 in Department of Health funding)
- €15,000 available for individual local authority proposal
- Applications Closing 12th February at 1pm
- Information webinar January 12th 2026
- Applications not to be made through Health & Wellbeing LA grant call



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you

