

Roscommon Creative Conversations

Short creative engagements between artists and older participants in a nursing home health centre or a household during Bealtaine Festival 1st to 31st May 2022

Sessions can be in person, by phone, by post or by Zoom and will range from 15-45mins. Book before April 19th. Email artsofficer@roscommoncoco.ie or Telephone (09066) 37271. Places are limited. Choose from the following options.

Creative Gardening with Catherine Kelly Desmond, Visual Artist

Catherine will share drawings through a series of letters or interactions discussing the artist's and participant's interest in gardening and nature. Watercolour pencils can be provided if the participant wishes to enhance the drawings.



The Language of Flowers with Catherine Fanning, Visual Artist

Catherine will engage with the participant on the subject of flowers and create a bespoke artwork in response to their conversation. The finished artwork, mixed media on canvas will be framed and given to the person.



Creative Club with Jessamine O'Connor, Writer

Jessamine will engage with residents and encourage them to write, talk and read as part of a small group. The objective is to stimulate conversation, creativity, and an appreciation of their own life's experience. The outcomes may include a selection of individual writing, or a group collaboration piece, or simply to have had an enjoyable meeting over several weeks



Exploring Creativity with Emma Brennan, Multi-Disciplinary Artist

Emma will have a creative exchange with the participant, sharing her insights into the creative process and exploring ways to get in touch with one's creativity.



French Poetry & Memories with John C. Ryan, Writer

John will share some poems by Luis Ruiz which he has translated and talk about childhood memories in general, with the participant sharing some of their own memories of an Irish childhood whether in poetic form or free prose.



'Let's Start a Revolution' with Therese Hanley, Musician

Therese will bring a gramophone into a nursing home or health centre and play some 78rpm records. Participants can indulge and escape into this nostalgic world. Therese will be encouraging the participants to recall their experiences of this music and how it makes them feel.

