

# Creative Schools Bridging Workshop for Artists & Creative Practitioners



Roscommon County Council Arts Office is delighted to partner with **Creative Schools** on training for artists interested in **working in school settings**, delivered by Joanna McGlynn Creative Schools Regional Coordinator.

## Workshop Overview

Creative Schools in partnership with Roscommon Arts Office present a bridging workshop for artists and creative practitioners with an interest in furthering their potential to work in schools.

This professional development workshop is designed to support artists who wish to expand their creative practice to include working in schools and educational contexts. It is especially suited to those emerging into this field, with little or no experience.

The content is designed to provide artists with an overview of the arts in education landscape, including Creative Schools and the broader range of opportunities available at both local and national level. The approach is both informative and practical, modelling practice.

The focus will be on preparing artists to get school ready, understanding the basic requirements for working in this context. It will include practical tips such as planning, costing and communicating workshops and best practice guidelines such as drafting memorandums of understanding and including the voice of young people. Key principles underpinning the Creative Schools programme (Creative Habits of Mind and Voice of Children and Young People) will be referenced in support of artist professional development.

- **The session will be held on:** Tuesday 23/04/2024, 10am – 2.30pm.
- **Location:** Loughnaneane Suite, Roscommon County Council.
- **More information:** <https://www.roscommoncoco.ie/coco/en/services/community/arts-office/artists-professional-development-training-and-opportunities.html>

This is free to attend, with limited capacity.

Interested artists/practitioners are required to submit an Expression of Interest in advance. Closing date for expressions of interest is **Monday 08/04/2024**.

Expression of Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/rZAYLT6xX5Ax6jSu6>

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## Who is this for?

This is a continual professional development workshop aimed at:

- **Emerging artists** with an expressed interest in developing their practice to work in schools / educational contexts
- **Newly arrived artists** with little or no knowledge of the Irish arts in education landscape
- **Established artists with no experience of working in schools** but with an expressed interest in developing their practice in this area

It is open to participants in all artforms inclusive of but not limited to visual arts, drama, performance, music, writing, poetry, circus, dance, traditional arts, streets arts, digital media arts, opera, film & craft.

Priority will be given to those with little to no experience of working in educational settings.

This workshop is kindly supported by Roscommon Arts Office and is open to practitioners who reside in Roscommon County Council local authority area.

## Facilitator Bio

The workshop is presented by Joanna McGlynn, Regional Coordinator for Creative Schools (Galway / Mayo / Roscommon) in partnership with Roscommon Arts Office.

For almost two decades, Joanna has designed and delivered a wide range of creative programmes for both primary and post primary level. From once-off workshops to artist in school residencies, her experience spans across artforms and curricula.

Joanna has worked extensively with multiple art organisations and service providers in Ireland throughout her freelance career including Architecture At The Edge Design Labs, Artlink (Donegal), Arts Council, Clifden Arts Festival, CREATE, Creative Places Tuam, Fidget Feet (Limerick), Galway County Council, Galway Public Libraries, LUXe (Donegal), National Concert Hall (Dublin), Office of Public Works, South Inishowen School Completion Programme, The Playhouse (Derry) and TULCA Festival of Visual Arts. & was a Creative Associate on the Creative Schools programme 2018 - 2023.

In addition to her work in education, Joanna has a socially engaged arts practice, stemming from a visual arts background. Projects are context specific, developed in response to the immediate physical environment with a sensitivity to communities of people, place and interest. They are realised through processes of participation, co-creation and collaboration.

Joanna holds a Masters in Social Practice and the Creative Environment from Limerick School of Art and Design and a Degree in Fine and Applied Art from the University of Ulster, Belfast.

## About Creative Schools

Creative Schools is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme Creative Youth Plan, to enable the creative potential of every child. Creative Schools is led by the Arts Council in partnership with the Department of Education and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (<https://www.artscouncil.ie/creative-schools/>).

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