



Artist Residency Opportunity

Creative Places, Edenderry

April 2026

Creative Places, Edenderry is a 6-year, community-based project to connect, create and develop artistic and cultural activities that will enhance community engagement and spirit in the area.

Creative Places, Edenderry is led by [Creative Lives](#), a registered charity established in 1991. We champion community and volunteer-led creative activity, and work to improve opportunities for everyone to be creative. In particular, we celebrate and promote people expressing themselves creatively with others, recognising the benefits this can bring.

Creative Places, Edenderry is supported by Arts Council of Ireland/An Comhairle Ealaíon, Offaly County Council, Municipal District of Edenderry, and Offaly Libraries. You can read more about the Creative Places projects across Ireland here: [Creative Places - The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon](#)

Creative Places, Edenderry aims to work with people of all ages and backgrounds to create a richer, more inclusive and cohesive creative community in the town and surrounding area. Over the course of the last four and a half years, there have been opportunities for professional artists, non-professional artists, community groups, and individuals to take part. The project is owned and developed collaboratively by the people of Edenderry, with sustainability at the heart of every workshop, event and activity that we run.

- The Creative Places, Edenderry approach is rooted in Socially Engaged Art Practice and Community Development Principles.
- We are currently in Year 5 of the project and there has been lots of interesting work, events, projects activities, Seed Funding Grants and Artist Commissions delivered to date. Here are the links to our website and social media pages: [Creative Places: Edenderry](#)
[@cpedenderry](https://www.facebook.com/cpedenderry)

We are currently pleased to be able to offer:

- 1 Artist Residency Opportunity of up to €6,000

Please note: The artist fee has been set in line with Arts Council of Ireland expectations and reflects the scope and duration of the opportunity. The fee is intended to cover artist time (including planning, delivery and engagement) and all materials. Artists are responsible for their own tax affairs.

What we are looking for

A professional artist with a connection to, or interest in, Edenderry and the surrounding area. You should have a creative/cultural idea you would like to implement in the locality.

The Artist Residency will run from July - December 2026.



Eligibility

- Be a professional practising artist.
- Demonstrate experience of socially engaged practice and/or community-based work.
- Have, or be willing to obtain, Public Liability Insurance (if successful).
- Have any relevant safeguarding policies and Garda Vetting in place (if required for your brief).

Please submit:

- A covering letter outlining your suitability for this opportunity
- An up-to-date CV
- A detailed project proposal
- Any supporting materials (video/audio/pictures etc.)

We want to know about your:

- Artistic practice - please outline your work to date, demonstrating your approach to socially engaged art practice and how you utilise community development principles.
- How your project proposal responds to the aims of Creative Places, Edenderry.
- Community engagement - how you will work collaboratively with people in Edenderry, ensuring inclusive and meaningful participation.
- Your connection to, or interest in, Edenderry and the surrounding area.
- How you will deliver the project within the timeframe and available budget.
- You will be expected to clearly outline your proposed timetable for the residency, stating how many hours per week/month you will be in Edenderry (a minimum of 10 hours per month if you do not live in the Edenderry area). We would also like the successful Residency applicant to work in collaboration with Edenderry Library, established local creative groups, and existing Creative Places, Edenderry projects and activities. Please discuss this with our Creative Places, Edenderry Coordinator, Seonaid Murray, by emailing info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie.

Applications are open until Thursday 4 June 2026 at 5pm

For an informal conversation, please contact: Seonaid Murray, Creative Places, Edenderry Coordinator at info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie

There will be an in-person information session at Edenderry Library on Thursday 16 April, 10.30-11.30am, and an online Zoom information session on Thursday 7 May.

Please send completed applications to Lindsey Jackson at lindsey@creative-lives.org.

If shortlisted, you will be invited to an interview with our Community Panel in June 2026.



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