



A little hello from Creative Places Edenderry.

A little later than planned, this newsletter comes with a new face behind the scenes! I'm Phoebe, and I've recently taken over as Creative Places Co-ordinator for Edenderry while Seonaid is on maternity leave.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know the community and continuing the brilliant work that's been developed over the past few years.

There's lots happening over the coming weeks, including our **An Drochaid – Bridging Words** poetry workshops, **Dagago Hart Artist Residency** and events as part of **Hullaballoo Offaly Children's Arts Festival**. Have a look below for the latest dates and details!

I hope to see all of you at an upcoming event soon, and I'm really looking forward to meeting more of the community over the coming months. Please feel free to get in touch anytime at info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie.

Mise le meas,
(Best wishes)

Phoebe

Creative Places Co-ordinator, Edenderry

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September Highlights



Culture Night on September 18th

Congratulations to everyone who took part in Culture Night across Edenderry on the 18th of September! From painting in the library with Kate Furlong, to a concert with Eden Chorale, and a fabulous international event at the GAA, the town came together for a brilliant evening of creativity, culture and community.

A huge thank you to everyone who organised, participated and came along. It was wonderful to see so much happening across Edenderry!



Watercolour Workshop with Mairead Mc Guinness

As part of Máiread McGuinness's CP Artist Commission, *A Field Guide to Edenderry*, participants came together on the 12th of September in the polytunnel at the Community Garden for a relaxed and informal watercolour workshop. Through conversation, observation and creativity, the group explored the natural world around them and captured their surroundings in watercolour.



Edenderry Community Forum

The Edenderry Community Forum took place on 30th September in Edenderry Library. The Forum is open to everyone and meets each month to share updates and discuss what's happening with Creative Places. It's a friendly, informal space to have a chat, meet others and share ideas about creativity in the town.

Everyone is welcome, so come along and join us at the next one on November 4th.



A Visit from Creative Lives

On the 9th of September, we were delighted to welcome Dan Brown, Place Director from Creative Lives, to Edenderry to see the fantastic work happening across the town and to meet our new Co-ordinator, Phoebe, on her very first day! Jenny Bergin showed Dan and Phoebe some of the creative activity happening around Edenderry before they popped into Eden FM for a lovely chat about all things Creative Places.

[Have a listen to the interview here!](#)

What's on in Edenderry



Teen Music and Poetry Workshops

Our Artist in Residence, Dagogo Hart, is running a series of weekly workshops exploring poetry and music for young people aged 12–17 at Edenderry Library. If you know a young person who may be interested contact info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie



An Drochaid – Bridging Words

Geraldine O'Neill will be leading a series of poetry workshops for adults at Edenderry Library on the 10th and 17th of October at 11am, as part of our European Presidency project "An Drochaid". These workshops are a great opportunity to get creative, meet others and explore poetry in a friendly and welcoming setting. No previous experience is needed! Email: info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie



Hullabaloo!

Hullabaloo OffalyChildren's Arts Festival is back with a bang this mid-term, bringing a fantastic programme of workshops, performances and creative activities for children and families across Edenderry.

You can check out the full list of events [Here](#) or pick up a copy of the programme in the Library. We are looking for volunteers to help with the festival, so if interested, please get in touch!



Artsist Collective

We are currently planning our next meeting of the Edenderry Artists Collective. The group meets once a month, bringing together local artists and creatives to chat, share ideas, make connections and support one another. Whether you're an established artist or just getting started, all are welcome! if your interested in joining, please get in touch.



Youth Music Exchange

On the 19th of October, five young musicians from Creative Places: Edenderry will travel to Capri nca in Italy for a ten-day international youth music exchange. Supported through Erasmus+, the exchange will bring the young people together with other young creatives from Italy, Sweden, Portugal, Romania and Spain for ten days of music, creativity and cultural exchange.

Funding and Opportunities

The Cloncreen Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

The Cloncreen Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Year 4 is now open for applications! More information available [here](#). Deadline the 9th of November 2026.

Arts Capital Investment Fund (Up to 15'000€ for community and voluntary groups)

Department of Culture, Communications and Sport has launched a new call out capital equipment funding to community and voluntary groups for the purpose of increasing community participation in the arts. [More Information](#). Deadline 5pm on 18 December 2026.

Creative Lives Awards

The Creative Lives Awards celebrate the grassroots creative groups that enhance people's lives in villages, towns, and cities across the UK and Ireland. [More information](#) . Deadline 31st of December 2026.

Have a news story or a creative idea?

If you run a creative group in Edenderry, are planning an event, or have any other creative news you'd like to share in the next edition of the newsletter, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you and help spread the word! info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie



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