

Gallery Learning Programme

May-Aug
2024





Room to Explore, Art Exhibition for 0 - 5 year olds

18 May - 11 August

This exhibition features art works by early years artists Helen Barry, Anne Bradley, Jane Hayes and Órla Kelly. The exhibition is curated by Anne Cradden and is designed to be visited and revisited by children and their caregivers and allows for 'Room to Explore'.

Room to Explore Opening Event

18 May, 10.30am - 4pm

Calling all children from birth to five years old and their caregivers to join us for a very special exhibition opening!

Be the first to visit the exhibition, a celebration of the wonder and possibilities of art for the very young. Join artists Helen Barry, Jane Hayes, and Kim Jenkinson for free, drop-in workshops throughout the day.

All children events and workshops are free. No booking required.

All our workshops and events take place in the Gallery and/or Project Room on Level 3, dlr Lexicon in Dún Laoghaire. If you have a question please contact us.

Email arts@dlrcoco.ie or ring us on **01 2362759**.



Kids Open Art Studios

Wednesdays - 22 May, 19 June, 10 and 24 July and 7 August - 1.30-3.30pm

Join our Open Art Studio for kids, special focus on early years for these dates but all ages welcome. If your child likes to paint, draw and make then this is not to be missed. Artists Kim Jenkinson and Fiona Ní Ghliasain will be on hand to help as little or as much as your child would like. Please note that this is not a guided workshop. We provide the space, materials, and support for caregivers to be creative with their children.



Image - King of Sea by Sharon Murphy

Ollie the Octopus' Picnic Party

Friday 5 July: 1-3pm

Saturday 6 July: 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Sunday 7 July: 1-3pm

Join artist and drama facilitator Joanna Parks for this interactive creative play experience for children aged 2 to 5 and their caregivers. This is a child-directed, open-ended play experience. It offers an immersive play environment with a range of sensory-play experiences for children to explore and investigate using all their senses. This is an opportunity for one-on-one interactive play, take time to stop and play with your child. "Ollie Octopus is feeling sad – it's his birthday and he wants to have a picnic, but he needs help getting it together. Come under the waves and help him fish for friends and make sea-inspired playdoh cookies to bring to the party!"

Ollie the Octopus's Picnic Party is part of the Coastal Festival 2024.



Image - Eilis O'Toole

Explore the Natural World with Eilis O'Toole **Saturday 13 July, 10.30am-1pm**

Explore the Natural World through creative play with artist Eilis O'Toole. There will be lots of natural and tactile sensory materials to engage and stimulate imagination and curiosities. This is a messy, fun, creative and social workshop, a feast for the senses where young children and caregivers can play and create alongside each other. Ideal for children aged 18 months to five years, older siblings welcome.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2024

Cruinniú na Óg 2024 **Saturday, 15 June, 10am - 5pm**

Celebrate Creative Ireland's National Day of Creativity for Children and Young People by coming to see 'Room to Explore'. Join artists Helen Barry and Marian Balfe for free drop-in workshops through the day. The Gallery will be open all day for children and caregivers to engage and explore! Funded through Creative Ireland's Cruinniú na nÓg 2024 Programme by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.



Rolling Over Rainbows **Saturday, 15 June, 10am, 11am, 12pm**

Join Helen Barry for these 50-minute workshops for children from 0-4 years. Designed for children to explore and play in a multi-sensory space designed for them. Wobblers, toddlers and independent movers will discover a palette of sounds, textures, movements and art materials to stimulate their imagination and curious nature.



Life-Size Self-Portrait **Saturday, 15 June, 1.30pm, 2.30 pm, 3.30pm**

Marian Balfe will have an exciting array of materials on hand for young artists to construct a life-size collage portrait of themselves, their siblings, and/or their caregivers. Working on a large scale make all sorts of creative choices about what their collage twin might look like.

Adult's Learning Programme

Our Gallery Learning Programme Co-ordinator is Moran Been-noon.

Adult Open Art Studio **Friday 24 May and Friday 21 June, 11am - 1pm.** **Free - no booking required**

Join our Open Art Studio, it doesn't matter if you are new to this sort of thing or a practicing artist, come along. Artist Kim Jenkinson will be on hand to help as little or as much as you'd like, materials freely available



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Demonstration



Rope Making demonstration

Saturday, 25 May, 12pm-1pm. Free but booking required. www.eventbrite.ie

Join visual artist Jinny Ly as she demonstrates creative ropemaking using fine silk threads from 1940s Japan. In the demonstration Jinny will showcase her process using antique materials, and will include a brief background to ropemaking as well as the significance of ropemaking in the artist's practice.

Adult Workshops

Especially for caregivers...

These events are aimed at the adults that feature in the lives of young children. Free but booking required. To book go to www.eventbrite.ie and search for "dlr Lexlcon Gallery".

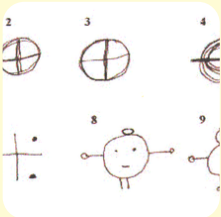


Image - Mary Gallagher

Early Childhood Art: Supporting the Child's Impulse to Draw. Thursday 6 June, 6.30-7.30pm

Similar marks and symbols occur in the drawings of young children from all over the world. This fascinating talk with Mary Gallagher will examine the universal nature of these patterns and illustrate how children follow a path of development through drawing. Allowing the child freedom to follow their own path of exploration in art facilitates the development of processes that are fundamental to creativity and that complement learning in number, literacy, music, movement, and drama.



Helen Barry and Shanganagh Park House Childcare Service Saturday 8 June, 10.30-11.30am

Artist Helen Barry and Early Years Educators will discuss the development of the artworks in 'Room to Explore' and their reflections on what they observed and learned. What impact did this have on the children? A fascinating insight into a six month co-created process between an artist, early years children and early years educators.



Image by Mark Stedman

Get Creative! Ideas to engage early years children with art. Saturday 8 June, 12-1.15pm

A practical workshop for adults to learn more about how to get creative with early years children. Guided by artist Helen Barry and Early Years Educators from Shanganagh Park House Childcare Service. Dress for mess!



Gallery Walk & Talk with curator Anne Cradden and Michael Lanigan Saturday 13 July, 2-3pm

Join Anne Cradden, who curated 'Room to Explore' and culture reporter Michael Lanigan for a casual conversation in the gallery about the consideration in creating the exhibition and making the artwork selection.

More adult workshops in June and July will be available soon. Colour theory and palette creation, The Magic of Monoprint, Exploring distortions - nature through collage, Creativity with plants and paper.