

Creating with communities

Arts development plan 2024-2030

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council



Easy to read version of the plan

Welcome



This is a plan to develop the Arts in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County from 2024 to 2030.



We want to thank everyone who helped us to put this plan together.



The Council looks forward to putting this plan into action.



We listened to the views of people across the County before we put this plan together. This is called a consultation.



The Council gives money, called funding, for supports for:

- artists
- arts buildings
- festivals
- exhibitions
- school and community art projects.



Our County has spaces where people can work, learn, and experience the Arts.

For example, theatres, artist studios, a gallery, music and drama groups.

How we created the plan



To make this plan, we had to think about our work, our strengths, and our opportunities.



We had to think about the information from the consultation.



We had to think about important local and national policies and plans.



Over the next 6 years, we want to spend more time on communications and advocacy.



We want to support artists at all stages of their career.

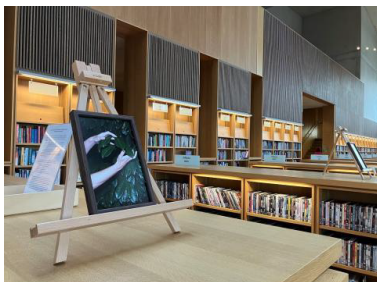


We want to meet the challenges of the Council's Climate Action Plan.



We want to follow the laws on Public Sector Duty.

This will make sure everyone's rights are protected.



During the consultation, people told us that we need more arts spaces and more resources for the Arts Office.



People said that we need more opportunities for artists to learn and work.

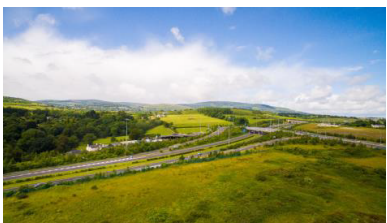


People said that we need to work together with the community.

We need to hear more from children and young people.



People said that we should make sure everyone has an equal chance to take part in the Arts.



People said that we need to spread the Arts across the County.



People said that we need to hold more outdoor arts experiences.



We used all of these ideas to think about the goals for our plan.



We talked to individuals and organisations as we put the plan together.



We used focus groups and surveys to get the views of children and young people.



We had workshops and a survey for artists and arts organisations.



We had an online survey for the public.

Focus area 1

Art on Our Doorsteps



We will make sure that communities across the County can experience arts activities.



These experiences will be accessible.

This means that everyone can take part.



We want people to feel that the Arts are only 10 minutes away.



We want arts experiences in more places so everyone in our community can take part.

Actions:



- Work more closely with early education, schools, and youth groups to have more arts experiences for children and young people.



- Make sure that all parts of the County benefit from Arts Office funding.



- Find new places to show artists' work.



- Grow the County Art Collection and show it in more spaces across the County.



- Tell people about local arts so they know about the experiences available to them.

Focus area 2

Connecting Communities



We will support arts programmes that connect local communities.



The Arts can help people in communities to feel that they belong.



Taking part in the Arts can help us to make friends for life.
It can be good for our mental and physical health.



Children and young people have a right to good experiences in the arts.

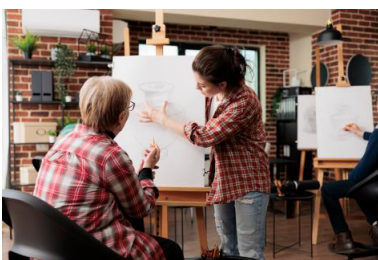
Actions:



- Make sure children and young people see their needs and views are part of the programme of arts activities.



- Have more programmes for older people, disabled people, new people to the County and Country, and the Traveller Community.



- Support artists and arts workers to learn new skills and ways to work with the community.



- Include new and different places and communities in arts programmes and collections.



- Support artists and communities to think about the climate and our environment.



- Work with local services and communities so everyone has equal access to the Arts.



- Have arts and cultural opportunities that help groups in society to connect and work together.

Focus area 3

Empowering Artists



We will encourage and support artists in the County to have good careers in the Arts.



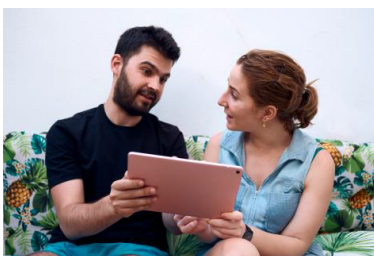
Every community needs artists. They make our lives better.



Artists give us pride in our communities and help us tell our stories.



Having a career as an artist is challenging, so artists need our help and support.



Actions:

- Keep funding and supporting artists. Have accessible application systems.
- Give artists accessible information about the supports available clearly and simply.
- Support local and national organisations for artists so they can meet and work with others.
- Help artists build skills in community, health, education, and climate action.
Help artists build the skills they need to support everyone to be part of the Arts.
- Support small and new arts organisations and companies to find new ways to work in the County.

Focus area 4

Making Space for Art



Artists need space to create.
Audiences need space to experience the Arts.



There is more and more demand for Arts spaces in the County.



We need new ideas for creating and developing artists' spaces.

Actions:



- Look at opportunities for more space for art in the County.



- Have plans across the Council to help people use local buildings as temporary arts spaces.



- Plan for a Community, Culture, and Civic Centre in Dundrum.

Focus area 5

Building Together for the Future



The Council will strengthen its networks and partnerships so more people can take part in the Arts.



The Council will spend money in the right way to grow art and culture across the County.



The County has a network of arts venues, arts organisations, community organisations, education centres, health care providers.



We will work with and support this network to deliver an arts programme that makes a difference.

Actions:



- Partner with education organisations to support the artists of the future.



- Work on wellbeing and arts ideas that are age friendly.



- Work with national organisations to put policies, programmes, and funding schemes in place.



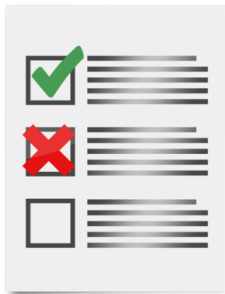
- Speak up about the importance of supporting the Arts locally and nationally.

What will happen next?



We will listen to our communities.

We will ask for feedback and think about better ways to meet their needs.



We will check on our progress to make sure we are getting the best results.

We will change things if we need to.



We will work in partnership across the Council, with the Arts sector, our partners in health, education and community, and our funders.



We will have a work plan for each year.

We will report back to the Council and the wider community.

Contact us



If you have any questions about this plan or would like more information, you can contact us.



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