
**Galway Culture Company,
Framework for Delivery.**

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Comhlacht Cultúir na Gaillimhe
Galway Culture Company

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Introduction

Galway Culture Company was established to create opportunities to engage with EU and International partners and local place-based programming which honours the relationships and builds on the learnings, outcomes and legacies of Galway's many European and Global designations including Galway's designation as European Capital of Culture, UNESCO City of Film, European Green Leaf, European Region of Gastronomy. The company will work closely with Galway City Council and Galway County Council to deliver a collective creative vision for Galway.

The Galway Culture Company is supported by Galway County Council, Galway City Council and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and is based in Galway City Council.

The Galway Culture Company will complement the work of the two local authorities in Galway by working with the Cultural Units in Galway City and County Councils and will assist in the implementation of both arts plans and the cultural strategy. Through an interagency board and way of working we will drive forward a collective creative vision for Galway.

Brendan McGrath

Chairman

Mission Statement

Galway Culture Company will bring together key agencies and stakeholders to drive forward a collective creative vision for Galway through meaningful partnership and collaboration.

Our Board

To achieve our mission statement of bringing together key agencies and stakeholders to drive forward a collective creative vision for Galway through meaningful partnership and collaboration to better support cultural placemaking, artists, and those working in Culture and Creative Industries, our board comprises local and regional leadership of the following organisations with a role and remit in the support of Culture and creative industries in Galway;

Galway City Council

Galway County Council

Western Development Commission

North and Western Regional Assembly

Galway Film Fleadh

TG4

Enterprise Ireland

Údarás na Gaeltachta

Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board

Atlantic Technological University

Galway City Innovation District

Galway Chamber of Commerce

Industrial Development Authority

Fáilte Ireland

Our board will work collaboratively towards a collective creative vision for Galway and will provide the oversight and governance for the organisation

Company Ethos

The company and its operations is built on partnership and collaboration and at its heart are the principles of;

- Integrity- we work with integrity at all times
 - Diversity-social and cultural diversity
 - Value of and for Artists
 - Access and Engagement in Culture for All
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Sustainability

The 2030 Agenda commits countries to work to fully integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into planning and policy, on both a national and international level. Under Ireland's Second National Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Development Goals, a whole-of-government approach to achieving the SDGs, overseen by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, Ministers retain responsibility for implementing the individual SDGs relating to their functions.

Galway Culture Company will ensure that the SDGs are integrated into our way of working..

Who will benefit from this and how?

Galway Based Organisations and Artists

- New EU Partnerships
- Training and Capacity Opportunities
- Network Opportunities
- Access to open calls
- EU Opportunities

Audiences

- Access to new work
- Access to new projects
- Community engagement

EU and International Partners and Artists

- Access to Galway based artists and organisations
- Galway Based EU partnerships
- Greater knowledge of Galway Culture
- More participation from Galway Cultural Organisations in EU Projects, programmes and calls

Our Way of Working

We will deliver all work in partnership and collaboration with our stakeholders and partners.

Partnership

We believe that progress and delivery can only be achieved through meaningful partnership and respectful collaboration with other key stakeholders in the work that we want to achieve to better support culture, creative industries and place-making.

We look forward to working with our many partners and stakeholders on the delivery of exciting projects, initiatives and most importantly building a strong collective strategic creative vision for Galway.

Place

Our place is Galway. We have called our company Galway Culture Company, in celebration and recognition of who we are and where we come from. We will celebrate our place through our programme but also celebrate our place in Europe and in the world in how we utilise our Networks, and build on our partnerships to ensure a strong cultural recognition of our place.

People and Participation

We want to ensure that our people and their participation in Culture is at the heart of what we do. We will create opportunities for people to engage and participate in exciting opportunities that make Galway the truly exciting place that it is to live.

Strategic Objectives

Following on from the extensive evaluation and monitoring of the European Capital of Culture programme, the following consolidated areas were identified as strategic objectives for development and implementation:

1. Facilitate International and EU Relationships and Funding
2. Support and Develop Place based Cultural Programming
3. Provide supports to the cultural and creative sector

Implementation

The programme is being developed in partnership and collaboration with local, national and EU partners. Over an initial 2 year implementation phase, the Galway Culture Company will embark on a range of projects with partners forming a series of open calls, limited calls and direct invitations which respond to our strategic objectives.

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Strategic Objective 1

Facilitate EU and International Relationships and Funding Building on our many EU and Global designations, Networks and Partnerships

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Value Participation

Budget €300,000

- Actions**
- Create Presentation pathways for Galway based Artists and Organisations
 - Develop funding collaborations with EU Partners
 - Establish EU and International Network Opportunities based on our Cultural Designations

- Outcomes**
- Establishment of Ecosystem of supports for EU and International Funding and Networking to ensure Galway has a more Global status
 - Funding applications progressed in partnership with stakeholders

Strategic Objective 2

Support and Develop place based Cultural Programme. A programme built on partnership responding to our place, our language and our culture.

Value Place

Budget €500,000

Actions

- Create a body of New Commissions and opportunities for cultural organisations and artists responding to place through open calls

Outcomes

- A programme responding to Galway, to its place and its people

Strategic Objective 3

Provide supports to the Cultural and Creative Sector. A series of direct supports to cultural organisations and artists arising from identified needs

Value People and Participation

Budget €200,000

Actions

- Activate the Wavemaker Volunteer Programme
- Develop a Capacity Building Programme
- Build audience Development Projects and Initiatives
- Establish a Monitoring and evaluation programme

Outcomes

- More participation in culture and increased capacity to deliver



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