



Age & Opportunity and Louth & Meath Arts Offices announce the successful recipients for the Age & Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Residency Awards.

The awards, in partnership with Age & Opportunity, aim to support professional artists aged 50+ to develop their practice, by creating time and space to think and reflect on their work and to bolster their peer network. The awards were opened for applications in May and two artists (one based in Meath and one in Louth) have been selected to receive a funded week-long residency in the Tyrone Guthrie Centre including a stipend.

Dr. Tara Byrne, Arts Programme Manager at Age & Opportunity, said: “Creating meaningful opportunities for artists in later career stages is a key priority for Age & Opportunity. We are delighted to help bring these residencies in Louth and Meath to life as one of its founding partners.”

Louth County Council Arts Office is delighted to announce Úna Curley as the Louth winner of the 2026 Louth/Meath Age & Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Award. When asked about the award, Úna commented: “I am so delighted to receive this award from Age & Opportunity and Louth County Council. Artist awards are very precious at any time but with so many 'young and emerging' awards, this Age & Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Award 2026 feels extra special to me. Annaghmakerrig House is beautiful and the staff are so welcoming and supportive to the artists. As a professional artist based at Bó Studios, space to explore and reflect is essential and the timing of this award is perfect.”

Louth County Council Arts Officer Moya Hodggers commented: “Supporting artists at all stages of their careers is vital, ensuring consistency and sustainability both for the artist and for the community who benefit from their work. Partnerships like these between local authorities and national bodies are so important to provide collaboration and networking opportunities for artists and we are delighted to support this initiative again.”

Meath County Council Arts Office has announced Ina Olohan as the Meath winner of the 2026 Louth/Meath Age & Opportunity Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Award. Ina commented: “I am delighted to be the recipient of a Residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre. It has been an aspiration of mine to take time out to reflect on my arts practise and to engage with my work in a dedicated artist retreat environment. I am very grateful to Age & Opportunity, Meath County Council and the Meath Arts Office for this opportunity.”

Meath County Council Arts Officer Gerardette Bailey commented: “Meath Arts Office are delighted to continue this important partnership with Age & Opportunity, Louth Arts Office and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre. Supporting artists at all stages of their careers is a core objective of the Meath County Arts Development Plan. Partnerships like these provide professional artists aged 50+ with the space and time to continue to develop their practice as well as providing valuable networking and collaboration opportunities in the wonderful setting of the Tyrone Guthrie Centre.”

About the Artists



Úna Curley is a socially engaged visual artist, facilitator, and Creative Director of Rush Not Studio and Gallery in Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan. Working across textiles, print, photography, sculpture, and participatory arts, her practice explores community, heritage, sustainability, and well-being. A graduate of the National College of Art and Design (NCAD) with a Bachelor of Design in Textile Art & Artefact, Curley has exhibited widely throughout Ireland and has led numerous community-based arts projects, including the Louth Community Tapestry Project, Threading the Táin, and the Brigid 1500 initiatives. She is a founding member of Art as Exchange (AAEX), a collective dedicated to promoting artists' well-being through collaboration and public participation.



Ina Olohan is a mixed media artist based in Kells, Co. Meath. The images she creates are the result of weaving together different processes - print, photography, stitch and collage - to create layered artworks with a strong narrative element. Ina studied Textile and Surface Design at NCAD (B. Des. Hons) and Fibre Art at Ballyfermot College of Advanced Education. She is a qualified teacher and worked as an art educator for many years. In addition, Ina has studied the therapeutic potential of art making and art-based research. She works in her home studio and is currently exploring various print techniques and experimenting with eco-friendly dyes and inks.

About Age & Opportunity

Age & Opportunity is the national organisation working to enhance wellbeing for older people through participation in sport and physical activity, arts and creative engagement, personal development, community collaboration and active citizenship. We envision a society where all older people can be active, visible, creative, connected and confident about ageing.

Age & Opportunity Arts is a dedicated programme which supports the participation and representation of all older people in cultural and creative life in Ireland. We do this work

by supporting and resourcing artists, arts audiences and arts organisations and encouraging involvement in arts activities by people all over Ireland. We also aim to raise the standard, knowledge-base and visibility of the arts and older people sector. About the Tyrone Guthrie Centre

About Tyrone Guthrie Centre

Based in rural County Monaghan, The Tyrone Guthrie Centre is a cross-border organisation that offers time away, space to work, and opportunities for collaboration and networking for artists and 'other like persons' that facilitates the development of their practice across all art forms. Annaghmakerrig House, otherwise known as the 'Big House', is situated in the quiet countryside of County Monaghan, and together with the self-catering cottages, studios and performance spaces, as well as the lake and forests, gardens, and fields, The Tyrone Guthrie Centre is a place where creativity flourishes amid the many pressures and distractions of contemporary life.