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WELCOME

to the 11th edition of the **Alternative Kilkenny Arts (AKA) Fringe Festival**

This year's programme celebrates the breadth and diversity of artistic practice across County Kilkenny, bringing together artists working in visual arts, craft, literature, music, and live performance.

Spanning all corners of Kilkenny, including Urlingford, Castlewarren and Thomastown, the festival offers exhibitions and events that showcase the richness of Kilkenny's cultural landscape. With so much happening across the county, the greatest challenge is often deciding what to attend. We encourage audiences to take their time, explore at their own pace, and support local artists, venues, and communities wherever possible.

We extend our warm congratulations to all arts and cultural initiatives taking place across the county this August, recognising the dedication, collaboration and vision that underpin them. Collectively, these endeavours sustain Kilkenny's dynamic cultural landscape and deepen its relationship with the communities they serve.

The Alternative Kilkenny Arts Committee

- Aoife, Asia, Kevin, Liselott, Oisín, Orla, Shane and Tom



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Breathe Rainbow Arts and Craft Collective

1st floor, The Bank, Rose Inn Street, R95 Y672
06 - 16/06 | Monday - Saturday 12pm - 6pm,
Sunday 2pm - 6pm | Launch: Wednesday 5
August at 6.30 pm

This year's 11th festival will showcase an exhibition with an impressive lineup of painters, woodworkers, and crafters. Many of the artists presenting their work have been part of Arts Week for more than 30 years, bringing decades of creativity, craftsmanship, and community tradition to the festival.



Quay Notes 2 Irish Composers' Collective

Canal Square, Dukesmeadows, Kilkenny
09/08 | 9pm - 10.30pm | Free

As night falls along the quay, a live ensemble will perform to animated films against the backdrop of Kilkenny Castle. Music, light and colour will dance across the river and transform the city into an open-air cinematic experience.



Heritage at Risk

Bishops Palace, Church Ln, Gardens, Kilkenny,
R95 X264 | 15/08 | 11am - 3pm

Interactive workshops invite participants to explore Heritage at Risk through hands-on creative activities focused on landscape, ecology, and environmental change, encouraging collaborative reflection on vulnerable natural and cultural environments.

KILKENNY CITY: AIM (ARTISTS IN MOTION) SHOWCASES

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Experimental Analogue Film: Showcase Juana Robles and Michael Higgins

1st floor, The Bank, Rose Inn Street, R95 Y672
14/08 - 16/08 | 12pm - 6pm Friday - Saturday,
2pm - 6pm Sunday

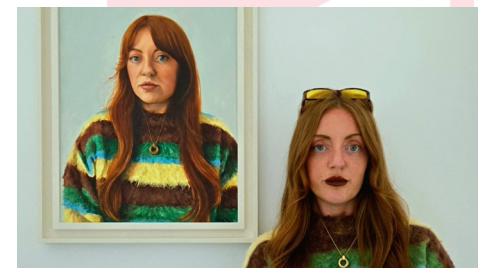
AIM presents a 16mm film loop installation developed in an experimental film workshop led by Juana Robles and Michael Higgins. Created through hands-on, process-driven experimentation, it emerges from participants' exploration of cameraless analogue filmmaking techniques and the materiality of celluloid film. The installation is exhibited in the Bank Space.



Live-Coding Labs: Showcase Patrick McGlynn / Dr. Mindflip

1st floor, The Bank, Rose Inn Street,
R95 Y672 | 07/08 | 8pm - 11pm

AIM presents a selection of works-in-progress from the Live-Coding Labs facilitated by Patrick McGlynn (AKA Dr. Mindflip). Over three weeks, participants experimented with creating live electronic music and visuals through code, developing playful, process-driven performances. This relaxed showcase brings together their emerging experiments and improvisations in the Bank Space.



Youth Self Portraiture: Showcase Jade Butler

1st floor, The Bank, Rose Inn Street, R95 Y672
06/08 - 16/08 | Monday - Saturday 12pm -
6pm, Sunday 2pm - 6pm | Artist Talk Tuesday
11th August at 7pm

AIM presents a selection of artwork created by young participants in workshops facilitated by Jade Butler in Ossory Youth. Developed through guided exploration and close observation, these self-portrait studies highlight emerging artists as they investigate identity, expression, and representation through paint.

KILKENNY CITY: CRAFT

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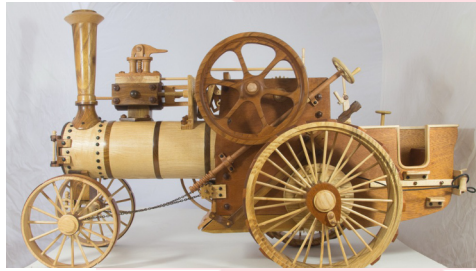
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Ten Days Made St Mary's Art & Craft collective

R95 YT68 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10.30am - 6pm
Launch: Friday, 7 August from 4pm

A welcoming 10-day Collective of local artists, crafters and makers sharing, exhibiting and selling their creative work in the vibrant setting of Presentation Primary School, Kilkenny City, as part of AKA Fringe. Free customer parking onsite.



Woodturning Exhibition Southeast Woodturners

Presentation Primary School, Parnell St.
R95 YT68 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10.30am - 6pm

A group of the Southeast's leading Woodturners exhibiting at Kilkenny Arts Festival since 1991. Drop in to visit the finest exhibition of Woodturning, talk to makers and and maybe pick up a unique handcrafted item not available anywhere else!



Athena Made presents 'Gathered Works' Athena Brownrigg

R95 YT69 | 07/08-16/08 | 10.30am - 6pm
Launch: Friday, 7 August from 4pm

Artist, crafter and workshop facilitator Athena Brownrigg returns for the ten days of AKA Fringe with 'Gathered Work', an exhibition of her handmade creativity, in Presentation Primary, Parnell Street.



Pottery Open Studio & Seconds Sale Lydia Smith Ceramics

46 Green's Hill, Newpark Lower, Kilkenny,
R95 EH6E | 15/08 | 11am - 6pm

Come and have a nose around Kilkenny's newest pottery studio; Lydia Smith Ceramics, now based in Green's Hill, Kilkenny City. There'll be lots of beautiful pots available to buy. Meet Lydia and learn about the amazing world of ceramics and try your chance at the pottery tombola!



Kilkenny Potters Market Irish Potters

The Parade, Kilkenny R95 V8WE | 09/08
10am - 6pm

The Kilkenny Potters Market showcases the work of 26 potters and ceramicists from all over the country, celebrating some of the best contemporary ceramics made in Ireland. View a wide variety of styles, making techniques and ceramic materials on the Kilkenny Parade.



BLUE Made in Kilkenny

Mayfair Library, Parliament Street, Kilkenny
R95 N23R | 08/08 - 31/08 | 10am - 5pm Mon,
Wed, Fri, Sat. Tue and Thur 10am - 8pm
Launch: Sat 8th of Aug at 12.30 pm with
speaker Mary Gallagher

BLUE brings together the makers of MADE in Kilkenny in a shared exploration of one theme across diverse materials. Ceramics, baskets, jewellery, furniture, blankets, candles and more respond to BLUE in unique ways, evoking landscape, memory and mood.



Blacksmith Art Irish Artist Blacksmiths Association

Butler House Garden & Castle Yard R95 YY43
06/08 - 16/08 | 9am - 6pm daily

Step into a world where creativity meets craftsmanship at The Blacksmith Artists exhibition, celebrating the timeless art of Blacksmithing. This unique event showcases the remarkable works of talented blacksmith artists who transform raw metal into works of art.



Back Home Patrick O' Reilly

Butler House & Garden, 16 Patrick Street,
Kilkenny - R95 YY43 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 9am - 6pm

'Back Home' a sculpture exhibition by acclaimed Kilkenny artist Patrick O'Reilly in the garden of Butler House. Exploring memory, connection and human experience, O'Reilly's imaginative works combine emotional depth with philosophical reflection, showcasing one of Ireland's most celebrated contemporary sculptors.



Flight Aisling Holden

Cleeres, Kilkenny, R95 YR61 | 06/08 - 16/08
12pm - 12am

A selection of porcelain plates, hand thrown on the potter's wheel and decorated with black porcelain slip, depicting native Irish birds.



Ryan's Bar - Friary Street -

The Home of Music

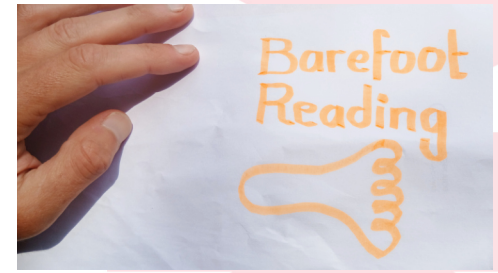
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Barefoot Reading Darren Francis Caffrey

Castle Park (The hill) R95 YRK1 | 13/08
1pm - 2pm | No booking required

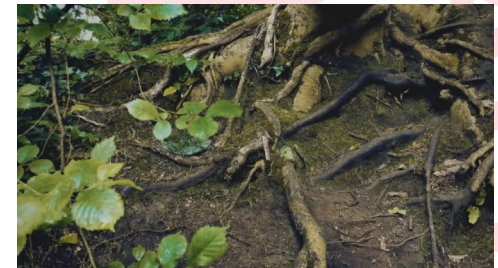
Join us on the hill that overlooks the wildflower part of the Castle Park. We will read without shoes or socks, offering each an opportunity to ground into the earth and share what is received. Bring your own work or simply speak the words you carry.



Under a Shared Shadow: Stories of Violence Across Two Nations Dr Monika Jurkiewicz

The Book Centre, Kilkenny R95 Y9TA | 08/08
6pm - 7.30pm | Free event

Dr Monika Jurkiewicz explores systemic violence and feminism in contemporary Argentine and Irish crime fiction, showing how bestselling authors use the genre to confront urgent social issues and illuminate the realities shaping communities today.



Rooted in Writing Showcase Denise Dowling and Monika Jurkiewicz

Home Rule Club, R95 T382 | 07/08
7pm - 9pm | Free event

Join us for a celebration of new literary voices as emerging local writers take the stage. Developed through the 'Rooted in Writing' literary workshop, this event showcases a rich mix of original works of poetry, short stories and essays.



Soap Box City Open Mic/Spoken Word - Kilkenny Writers Forum

Billy Byrnes Gastro Bar & Venue, 39 John St. Upper, Kilkenny R95 K091 | 11/08 | 2pm - 4pm

Kilkenny Writers Forum present 'Soap Box City' at Billy Byrnes - Back Room. This year's theme is 'JOURNEYS'. Come and listen or share from 2 - 4 (sign up from 1.30pm). We can't wait to hear what you have to say!



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Weaving Together Words and Melodies

Kate Mc Donald, Ruth Lydon, Sandrine Dunlop

Wild Flower Cafe, Butler Gallery, John's Quay, Kilkenny, R95 YX3F | 06/08 | 7pm - 9pm | €15 | Eventbrite.ie or at the door

A collaborative performance of music and poetry with Kate Mc Donald, singer-songwriter, Ruth Lydon, harpist and composer and poet Sandrine Dunlop.



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Cosy Garden Session KCCI Kilkenny Cultural Community Initiatives

The Involvement Centre, Collier's Lane, off High Street, Kilkenny, R95 EC8E (yellow gate entrance) | 08/08 | 3pm - 5pm | Free

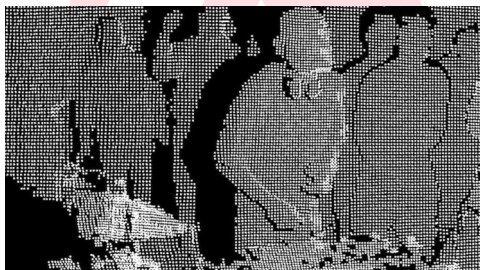
Join us for an uplifting community celebration of music and creativity featuring live choir performances and interactive arts and crafts activities. A welcoming, family-friendly experience bringing people together with participation, colour and shared cultural connection.



The Church of What's Happening Now (free improv and noise trio)

14/08 The Hole in the Wall, High Street, Kilkenny | 8.30pm and 11pm, doors 7pm | €15
15/08 Rothe House, Parliament Street, Kilkenny | 3pm | Free Entry

The Church of What's Happening Now is a new collaborative free improv trio comprising Matthew Nolan on electric guitar alongside Jamie Davis on drums/percussion and Damien Lennon on bass/bass VI from the Dublin-based group Zeropunkt.



Oíche Chlub blackMarbleSound();

1 Bateman Quay, Kilkenny | 08/08 | 11:30pm - 3am | Early bird admission €10 | General release €15 + booking | Eventbrite.ie

Kilkenny Electronica: Oíche Chlub invites you to a new concept club night centred around privacy in the digital age. Featuring dancefloor focused local vinyl selectors, the night will capture and archive anonymised abstractions of the dancefloor. Limited numbers. We live in public.



Star Comedy Democrats and Guests Star Comedy Democrats, Porcelain Eyes and Grum Gallagher

Bollards Bar, 31 St Kieran's St, Kilkenny, R95 HY76 | 15/08 | 7.30pm - 11.30pm | €7 online or €10 on the door | powertik.com

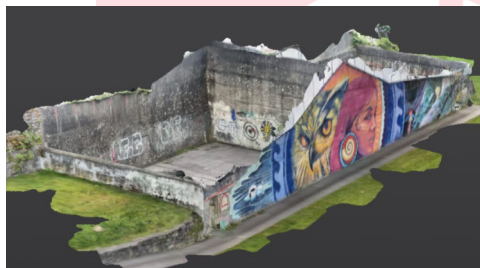
An evening of alternative rock music featuring three dynamic acts. 'Star Comedy Democrats' bring their unique blend of lush harmonies and powerful riffs. 'Porcelain Eyes' with their hard hitting rock and melodies, creating an unforgettable mood and 'Grum Gallagher' unleashing raw and gritty rock.



Open Air Concert on The Parade Lady Desart Choir

The Parade | 15/08 | 2pm - 3pm

The Lady Desart Choir presents a lively open-air performance. Founded in 2017, the seventy-five-member ensemble is now a beloved part of Kilkenny's cultural life and will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a Carnegie Hall performance in January 2027.



Kilkenny Electronica: Echoes in the Alley blackMarbleSound(); & [SPIT]

Michael St. Handball Alley | 08/08 | 8pm - 11pm | €14 | Book via eventbrite.ie

Kilkenny's newest electronic music festival soft launches this year at the AKA Fringe with a first time electronic art music performance in the handball alleys on Michael Street.

KILKENNY CITY: FILM & LIVE PERFORMANCE



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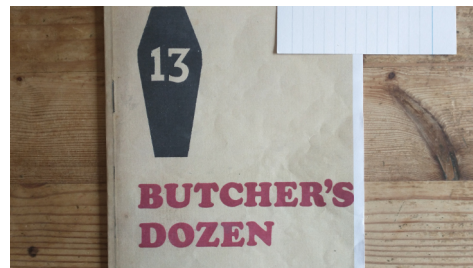
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'Pestilence' (Debut Film Screening) Fionn Bowes-Fitzpatrick (in association with Cult Collective Kilkenny)

Hole in the Wall, Kilkenny, R95 TY30 | 07/08 - 08/08 | 8pm - 9pm | €10

Kilkenny, AD 1349; The plague has struck. The Doctor has vanished! Who's to blame? Will it even matter? Don't miss the premiere of 'Pestilence', the debut film from Kilkenny native Fionn Bowes-Fitzpatrick, starring some of our finest local talents.



Butcher's Dozen by Thomas Kinsella, a rehearsed reading Playactin' Kilkenny

Ryans, Friary Street, Kilkenny | 07/08 and 14/08 | 8pm - 9pm | Free

A rehearsed reading with related material of Thomas Kinsella's epic poem Butcher's Dozen about Bloody Sunday 1972.



Lit Up Bare Bones

Willie Duggan, 25-26 Hebron Business Park Hebron Rd | 08/08 - 09/08 | 2.30pm - 3.45pm and 6.30pm - 7.45pm | €13 (incl. Booking Fee) Eventbrite.ie

Written by Antoinette McCarthy, Caroline Sutherland, Dymna Heffernan, Frances Micklem, Gerard Blanch and Helena Duggan, LIT UP will move 30 audience members through six locations for brief encounters with Goldfish Gods, Old Flames, Home Truths, vengeful passions and a tooth-brush duel.



The Quiet Land by Malachy McKenna and The stones will speak by Terence McDonald
Lake Productions Kilkenny

Thomastown Concert Hall, R95 PX56 | 12/08 and 13/08 | 8pm nightly | €18 | Eventbrite.ie

Two elderly farmers, Eamon and Nashee, meet at a gate on a remote hillside - old friends, old rivals, old neighbours. Their conversation is a throwback to a gentler time. But there's nothing gentle about today's conversation as they are forced to confront each other with some heartbreaking truths.

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Pause your Pace - Kilkenny public art walking tour
Adventures in art

Meet outside the Butler Gallery R95 YX3F
08/08 and 15/08 | 2pm - 3.30pm | €15
Eventbrite.ie

Slow down. Pause your pace and discover public art in Kilkenny city.

**SHOWS AT
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Discover unforgettable nights at the award winning Set Theatre Kilkenny, a multi award winning live music and comedy venue in the heart of the city. Part of Langtons hotel, and designed by David Collins Studio, Set offers a unique blend of style and intimacy with world-class acoustics. Hosting top Irish and international acts year-round, like Kingfishr, Amble, Lyra, Neil Delamere and so much more. It features two bars and a heated courtyard. Whether you're after great music or a night of laughs, Set Theatre delivers electric performances in an unforgettable setting. Scan the QR code or visit www.set.ie for our full listings

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The Body as an Instrument
Trisha Norton

Koru Wellness, Unit 3G, Castle Yard, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 K662 | 08/08 | 11am - 12.30pm | €35 | Eventbrite.ie

A mindful movement and breathwork workshop to breathe, express and be with the instrument of your body. During the 1.5hr workshop, you'll be guided gently through practices that ease the mind then open the body up to allow you to express and move as an expression.



The Art of Life: Breathe, Move, Eat, Be
Trisha Norton

Koru Wellness Unit 3G, Castle Yard, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 K662 | 09/08 | 10am - 12pm
€49.50 | Eventbrite.ie

Join us for a mindful morning of breathwork, gentle movement, nourishing food, and community. An opportunity to slow down, reconnect, and cultivate wellbeing through the simple practices that sustain us.



Wired Irish Crafts

Studio 3B, The Castle Yard, Kilkenny,
R95 R654 | 09/09 and 16/09 | 2pm - 4pm
€85 | wiredirishcrafts.ie

Join us for an immersive workshop learning the delicate nuances of candle making in the heart of Kilkenny. Under the guidance of experienced artisans, you'll select eco-friendly soy wax and vegan fragrances to create a candle that's uniquely yours. Enjoy a relaxing and informative experience, complete with a glass of Prosecco. Tea/Coffee and local treats provided.



Handbuilding - Taster Workshop Lydia Smith Ceramics

46 Green's Hill, Newpark Lower, Kilkenny,
R95 EH6E | 13/08 | 2pm - 4pm | €65/person
lydiasmithceramics.com

A two-hour introduction to traditional pottery handbuilding techniques as you create a mug, cup or bowl. Professional potter Lydia will guide you through the steps using pinching and coiling techniques. The classes are small (4 people per class) and allow each student to receive tuition on technique and form.



Throwing on the Potter's Wheel - Taster Workshop Lydia Smith Ceramics

46 Green's Hill, Newpark Lower, Kilkenny,
R95 EH6E | 12/08 | 2pm - 4pm | €65/person
lydiasmithceramics.com

A two-hour introduction to throwing on the pottery wheel. Professional potter Lydia will guide you through the steps to create your own functional pottery. The classes are small (4 people per class) and allow each student to receive tuition on basic technique and form. Suitable for beginners aged 16+.



Intuitive Paint & Sip (Rose Tea) Trisha Norton and Karen Clancy

Koru Wellness, Unit 3G, Castle Yard,
Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 K662 | 06/08 |
7.30pm - 9pm | €39.50 | Eventbrite.ie

Begin with a heart-opening rose tea ceremony, before exploring intuitive painting in a supportive environment. Guided by Karen Clancy and Trisha Norton, you'll be encouraged to trust your creativity and leave with a unique abstract canvas painting.

KILKENNY CITY: VISUAL ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

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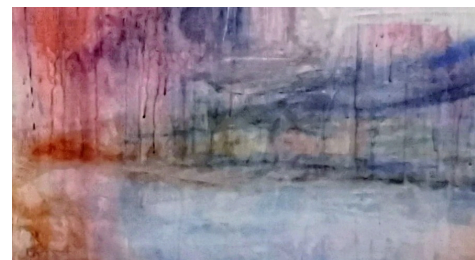
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Fragmented Realities Vicki O'Donoghue

Art Gallery shop, 1st floor mezzanine Dunnes
Stores | 06/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 5.30pm

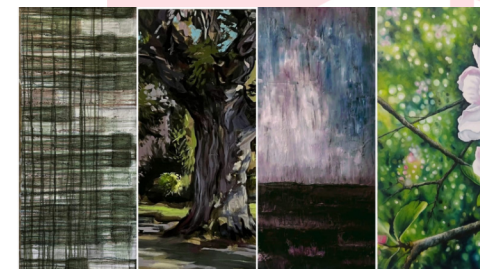
O'Donoghue's work explores themes of herd mentality and the polarised world. Are we defined by the groups we join, or by the moments that we break away? Her narrative uses animal, environmental, and primal influences to answer these questions.



An Chéad Tine Art Gallery Group Exhibition Group Exhibition of Irish Artists

An Chéad Tine Art Gallery, '1st floor
mezzanine Dunnes Stores | 08/08 - 16/08
11am - 6pm | Launch: Friday, 7 August 6:00pm

A dynamic group exhibition bringing together contemporary Irish artists whose diverse practices explore identity, landscape, memory and materiality. Through painting, sculpture, photography, and mixed media, the exhibition offers a compelling dialogue between tradition and experimentation.



An Cheád Tine Studio Exhibit 2026 An Cheád Tine

De La Salle House, The Parade, Kilkenny
R95 TYP9 | 9/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm | Launch:
Sunday, 9 August 2pm

An Cheád Tine is proud to announce their 4th Annual Studio Exhibition, curated by founder Mary Doyle Burke. You are invited into the studio spaces of the historic De La Salle building, to experience a diverse array of work from the resident artists.



On the Wall Gráinne Quigley Lambert

Mayor's Walk, The Parade, Kilkenny
R95 TYP9 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 9.30am - 5pm

A collection of artwork inspired by the castle wall along the Mayor's walk in Kilkenny city.



Art at the Wall Patricia Keely Murphy

Mayor's Walk, The Parade, Kilkenny R95 TYP9
06/08 - 16/08 | 9.30am - 4.30pm

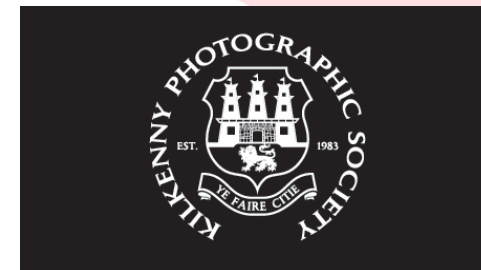
Life happens! Trisha's paintings capture the continuous movement of life, the everyday that transpires and invites the viewer to reflect on their lives and memories.



Kilkenny Gallery Festival Exhibition Kilkenny Art Gallery

Kilkenny Art Gallery Group exhibitions: 25
Patrick Street and 45 High Street | 06/08 -
16/08 | 10am - 6pm

Paintings and sculpture from artists including Ani Mollereau, Blaise Smith, Mick Mulcahy, Jade Butler, Blaise Butler, Paula Minchin, Patrick Cahill, Dave West, Jamie Dunne, William Grace, Francis Tansey, Laurence O'Toole, Julianne Guinee, Sylvia Parkinson-Brown, Derval Freeman, Carol Ann Waldron, Brock Butler and Kate Beagan.



Kilkenny Photographic Society Annual Exhibition Kilkenny Photographic Society

MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre
07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 6pm Saturday -
Wednesday, 10am - 8pm Thursday, Friday
Launch: Saturday, 8 August 7pm

Members of Kilkenny Photographic Society invite you to their 41st Annual Exhibition.



Dragonly Art Karmen Pavlek Vujcic

Mayor's Walk, The Parade, Kilkenny R95 TYP9
08/08 - 09/08 | 11am - 6pm

The making one-of-a-kind, highly detailed polymer clay sculptures of dragons and other fantasy creatures.



Arts Market of Neurodiverse Young People Neurodivergent Art & Wellbeing Association Kilkenny

Mayor's Walk, The Parade, corner of the
Parade and Rose Inn Street, Kilkenny,
R95 HN22 | 07/08 - 15/08 | 11am - 5.30pm
Launch: Friday, 7 August 4pm

Showing and selling prints of the art works of teens and young people on the autism, ADHD and wider neurodivergent spectrum and also their family members.



The Surrealist, the Imaginative and the Illustrator Collective Chloe Costelloe, Naomi Smith-Butler, Jackie Heary

Oxfam, 48 High St, Kilkenny, R95 V4P8
06/08 - 16/08 | 9.30am - 5pm Monday -
Saturday. 12pm - 5pm Sunday

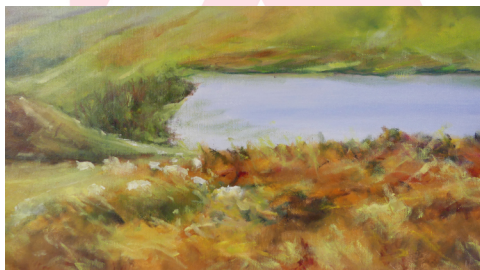
In the shop window, come see the collected works of the Surrealist (Naomi), the Imaginative (Jackie) and the Illustrator (Chloe); united commercially, via Nostalgia Café, and artistically. Facilitated by Suzanna of Oxfam Kilkenny.



The Unexpressed Eoghan O'Driscoll

Langtons Tea Room, John St. Kilkenny | 06/08 -
16/08 | 9am - 8pm | Launch: Thursday 6
August at 6pm

An eclectic mix of paintings with different influences from Matisse to Pollack - all new work.



Recent Paintings in Oils and Watercolours Sheila Foley

Friary Hall, Friary Street, R95 TR85 | 06/08 -16/08 | 11am - 6pm (Late opening Fridays till 8.30pm) | Launch: Friday, 7 August until 8.30pm

Exhibition of recent paintings in Oils and Watercolours.



Oil and Watercolour Paintings Mary Gaine

Friary Hall, Friary St., Kilkenny. R95 TR85
06/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm (Late opening
Fridays to 8.30pm) | Launch: Friday, 7 August
until 8.30pm

An exhibition of landscapes, seascapes, flowers and local streetscapes in oils and watercolours.



Oil paints and Stained Glass Mosaics Frances Walsh

Friary Hall, Friary Street, Kilkenny, R95 TR85
06/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm | Launch: Friday, 7 August until 8.30pm

Exhibition of Oil Paints and Stained Glass Mosaics by local artist Frances Walsh



Reflection Fionna Quigley

St. Canice's Neighborhood Hall, Butt's Green
R95 VK7X | 06/08 -16/08 | 10am - 4pm
Monday - Friday. 11am - 4pm Saturday -
Sunday

Fiona Quigley is a contemporary painter, with an appreciation for the natural world, highlighting the interactions between geological structure and flora to evoke a sense of the timeless.



Brushstrokes St Canice's Neighbourhood Art Collective

St Canics Neighbourhood hall, Butts Green,
R95 VK7X | 06/08 -16/08 | 10am - 4pm
Monday - Friday. 11am - 4pm Saturday -
Sunday

A group exhibition celebrating artists of all ages, abilities and nationalities from Kilkenny. Meeting weekly to experiment, explore, and play with a wide range of art materials, this exhibition showcases their collection of work created throughout the year.



Wild Softness Marie Langton

Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Ormonde St,
Kilkenny R95 Y5CX | 07/08 - 16/08 | 11am -
5.30pm

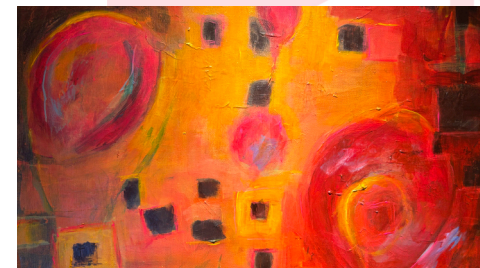
Large studies of bog cotton, peonies and landscapes exploring mood and colour in our environment.



Behind The Curtain Colette Jackson

Essie May Studio, St Kieran's Street, Kilkenny
R95 KNY3 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 12pm - 5pm

A vibrant exhibition where imagination, memory and inner vision take form across paintings.



Dreaming Ellen Duggan

Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Ormonde St,
Kilkenny R95 Y5CX | 06/08 - 16/08 | 10am -
6pm

Ellen leans further into her contemporary work, exploring the landscapes of her dreams.



Amuigh Faoin Spéir Marie Cleere

The Lodge, Barrack Lane, John's St, Kilkenny, R95 K65V | 06/08 - 16/08 | 10.30am - 5.30pm

A collection of plein air paintings capturing natural light and the surrounding environment, focusing on wildlife and the natural world. Cards and prints available.



Artist's Studio Portrait Darren Francis Caffrey

An Cheád Tine Studios, De La Salle House, The Parade, Kilkenny R95 TYP9 | 08/08 - 09/08 and 15/08 - 16/08 | 12pm - 2pm Saturday and Sunday | €40

Take home an original artist's work on canvas! Come to the artist's studio, Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 2 and sit for a portrait. You can even book your time through instagram!



The Places That Hold Us Geraldine Walsh

Geraldine Walsh Art, The Castle Yard, The Parade, Kilkenny R95 K859 | 06/08 - 16/08 10am - 5pm | Launch: Thursday, 6 August 3pm

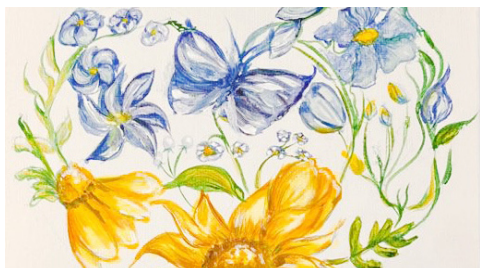
The Places That Hold Us' explores themes of home, memory, comfort and belonging through atmospheric landscapes and quiet moments of stillness. Blending familiar domestic elements with open natural spaces, the paintings reflect on the emotional connections we carry with us.



Coloured Pencil Art Kim Shaw

Presentation Primary School, Parnell St, Kilkenny | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10.30am - 6pm Launch: Friday, 7 August 4pm

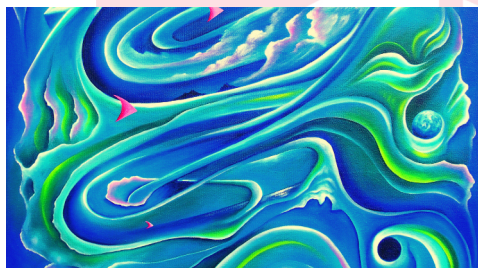
An collection of original coloured pencil paintings, prints and cards incorporating still life and nature.



Togetherness - Community Art Exhibition Art Togetherness Kilkenny

The Food Court, MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre, Kilkenny, R95 W8RH | 06/08 - 16/08 10am - 6pm | Launch: Thursday, 6 August 6-8pm

A collaborative community art exhibition bringing together artists, workshops and public participation. 'Togetherness' invites visitors to connect through creativity, shared experiences and inclusive artistic activities during the Alternative Kilkenny Arts Festival.



The Art of Contemplation Tony Oakey

Clubhouse Hotel, 22 - 23 Lower Patrick St. R95 PX68 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm

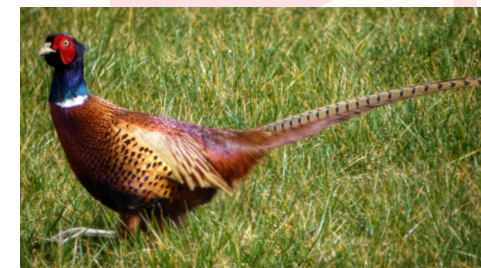
New paintings and prints inspired by the surreal and colourful world around us. Tony is a professional artist from Piltown, Co. Kilkenny whose work is collected worldwide. You can view more of Tony's work at his San-Pitz studio and @www.tonyoakeyart.com



Moments of Movement Artist Collective

Coffee Date Cafe, 1 Dean Street, R95 VX92 06/08 - 16/08 | Wed-Fri: 8am - 4pm, Sat-Mon: 9am - 3pm | Launch: Thursday, 6 August from 5-7pm

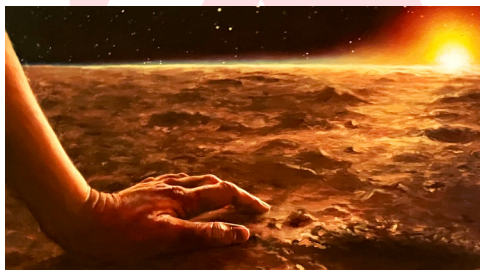
Art capturing movement, energy and moments as they happen. Through different materials and creative styles, we explore rhythm, change, and connection — catching life in motion and turning passing moments into something playful, visual and alive.



Life Through a Lens Seamus Meaney

Kytellers Inn (Outside), Kieran's Street | 06/08 - 16/08 | 12pm - 6pm

A view of life through a lens; architecture, floral, fauna, portraits plus much more.



Never the Same - Same as Everything Else Jana Sonntag

Club House Hotel, 22 - 23 Lower Patrick Street, R95 PX68 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5pm

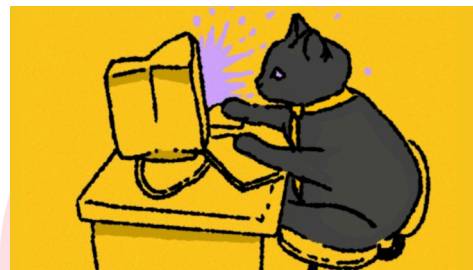
Paintings and drawings exploring reality, perception and boundaries.



Wild Quiet Jacinta Crowley - Long

Rothe House, 16 Parliament St, Kilkenny
06/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm | Launch: Thursday, 6 August

Exhibition of oil paintings by award-winning artist Jacinta Crowley-Long, celebrated for her evocative rural, canine and equestrian themes. Her work combines impressionistic realism with rich colour and movement.



Cats Exhibiting Games Cats Making Games

Maker Space, Mayfair Library - R95 N23R
13/08/ and 15/08 | 13/08: 5.30pm - 8pm and 15/08: 10am - 5pm | Launch: Thursday, 13 August 5.30 - 8pm

An exhibit by the local game development club 'Cats Making Games'. We're a collection of Kilkenny residents who meet up regularly to chat, work on games and show each other projects. Come to the library to check out the range of games being made.



Where the Arch Inspires Jamie Dunne

Butterslip Lane, Kilkenny, R95 A030 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 5pm - 9pm, Monday - Saturday, Sunday 1 - 8pm

Petronella Restaurant is pleased to present an exhibition of recent works by plein air painter Jamie Dunne in their unique medieval setting.



Local artist original works Judy Rhatigan

Bollard's bar, 31 St Kieran's St, Kilkenny, R95 HY76 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 7pm

Bollards backroom invites you to share in the visual delights of Judy and friends. Kilkenny-born, Judy's paintings reflect the history, passion and shape of her home town and county in bright vivid colours.



Orchestral Dance Marley Irish

Hibernian Hotel, 1 Ormonde Street, Kilkenny, R95 WTK3 | 06/08 - 16/08 10am - 6pm

Marley's use of palette knife depicts the graceful sway of all movements in her people-themed Orchestral Dancers and floral, vibrant landscapes.



The Road Home Eugene Conway

Butler House & Garden, 16 Patrick Street, Kilkenny - R95 YY43 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 9am - 6pm

Butler House presents 'The Road Home', new paintings by Kilkenny-based realist Eugene Conway in collaboration with Gormleys. Eugene's atmospheric landscapes capture rural Ireland's quiet beauty through shifting light, weather and everyday scenes, revealing the rhythms of life.



An Cumha Nua

St Patrick's Parish Centre, Bohernatounish Rd, Loughboy, Kilkenny, R95 RF97 (Beside Loughboy Shopping Centre) | 07/08 - 09/08 10am - 6pm | Launch: Friday 7 August 4 - 7pm

A collective of emerging artists connected through our time at Grennan Mill Craft School. Exploring themes of memory, heritage and nostalgia through often unexpected lens, this exhibition is not to be missed! Featuring a vibrant mix of fine art and craft mediums including printmaking, ceramics and textiles. The KK1 city bus drops you right outside our door!

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Nav's Colorful World CrossRoads Art by Navodita

Market Cross Shopping Centre, R95 V32A
08/08 - 09/08 and 14/08 -15/08 | 11am - 6.30pm

A display of colorful paintings and crafts, inspired by the influence of visual arts during my childhood. My artistic style is a vibrant mix of mandala designs, henna art, floral patterns and my recent interest in subconscious flow art. Every piece is made with love and care by the little girl inside me who was forever fascinated by colours.



The Power of Colour Elwira Bernaciak

Market Cross Shopping Centre, R95 V32A
06/08 - 15/08 | 11am - 5pm

Discover BELwira Art: 'The Power of Colour' by Elwira Bernaciak, featuring striking mixed media where surrealist abstraction and vivid energy collide. Through bold palettes, Elwira captures the colourful fragments of existence in a celebration of life-affirming pigment.



Not in Fashion Anna gallery with friends yellow cottage art group

Market Cross Shopping Centre, R95 V32A
06/08 - 9/08 and 13/08 - 16/08 | 12pm - 5pm

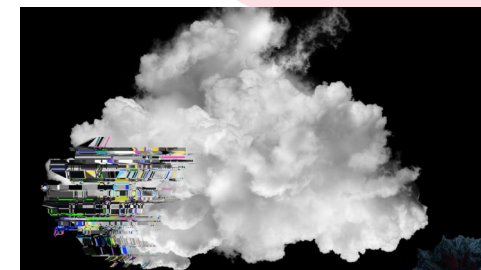
Today's art competes with itself in surprising forms and themes, sometimes seeking applause in ugliness, because it's supposed to shock?!... but in spite of this, we look for beauty in simple combinations, in the beauty of architecture and nature, in the images we see every day.



Artist Amalgamation Ptryk Loszakiewicz

Market Cross Shopping Centre, R95 V32A
06/08 - 09/08, 13/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 5pm

The art exhibition of Ptryk Loszakiewicz and family including paintings, drawings, Manga, ink and pencil. [youtube.com/@PtrykLO](https://www.youtube.com/@PtrykLO)



Focal Onset Jonah Anderson

Market Cross Shopping Centre, R95 V32A
14/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm

Jonah explores the lived experience of epilepsy through digital art and hand illustration, using layered imagery to examine memory, perception and the embodied experience.



Group Art Exhibition Drink & Draw Kilkenny

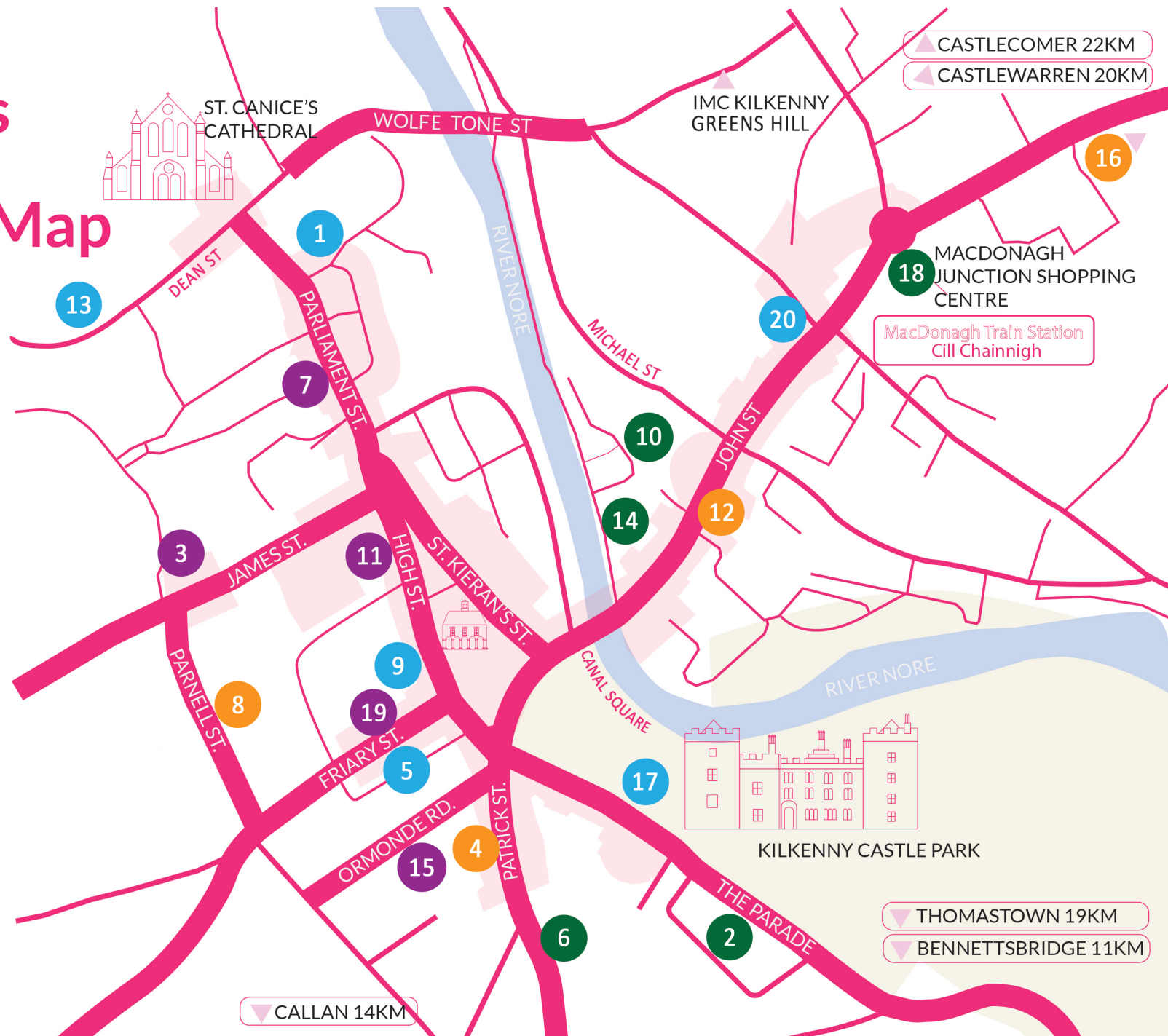
Market Cross Shopping Centre, R95 V32A
08/08 - 09/08 and 15/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 5pm

An exhibition of drawings, paintings and mixed-media works by a Kilkenny-based artists' collective celebrating 13 years. Founded to connect creative people through informal drawing and artistic pursuits, the exhibition features Virginia Black, Kevin King, Isobel Gorman, Maciej Borowik, George Grimble and Charlotte Laycock.



Alternative Kilkenny Arts (AKA) Festival City Map

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Megumi Ceramics

Thomastown Scouts Den, R95 E406 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 6pm

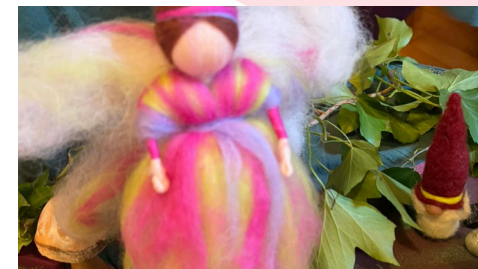
Megumi is a Japanese ceramic artist based in Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny specialising in making animal figurines (especially cats!) along with cups, plates and bowls for everyday use. Each of Megumi's pieces are hand-shaped and imbued with a unique and distinctive personality.



Perfectly Imperfect Sonja Guenther

Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56 (in front) | 14/08 - 15/08 | 10am - 6pm

Sale of ceramic seconds, experimental works, older stock, spares from commissions and all sorts of weird and wonderful bits and bobs!



Needle Felting - Fairies and Gnomes Sanja Segon

Thomastown Men's Shed, R95 D996 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 6pm

Handmade woollen fairies and gnomes crafted with needle-felted wool. Each is unique, inspired by nature and imagination, folklore and quiet moments of wonder. Perfect for those who love slow craft and a touch of magic.



Ice and Fire Sonja Guenther

Thomastown Library, R95 XPW8 | 07/08 - 15/08 | library opening times: 10am - 5pm
Monday - Saturday. Wednesday 10am - 8pm
Launch: Saturday, 8 August 3.30pm

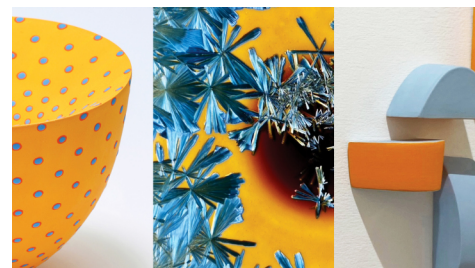
Exhibition of new ceramic works inspired by the landscapes of Iceland; glacial lakes, flowing lava, mossy roofs, black beaches and basalt columns.



Rainbow Art and Craft Collective

Thomastown Community Hall, R95 PX56
07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5pm

Rainbow Art and Craft bring together an experienced group of artists and craftspeople with a diverse range of creativity. Come along to view screen printed fabrics, stained glass, felting, crochet, visual art and football illustrations!



The Clay Studios Summer Exhibition Grainne Watts, Gus Mabelson, Tina Byrne

Clay Studios Gallery, Ballyreddin, R95 A5W7
08/08 - 31/08 | 10am - 6pm

An exhibition of contemporary ceramics in the gallery space at the Clay Studios, Ballyreddin, Bennettsbridge showing the latest work by renowned ceramic artists Grainne Watts, Gus Mabelson and Tina Byrne.



Rewir3d Conor Malone and Glenn Gibson

Glenn Gibson Sculpture, Castlecomer Craft Yard, R95 K40E | 01/08 - 18/08 | 11am - 5pm

Exhibition of sculptures made from wire, exploring themes of connection and consciousness.



Whispers of the Meadow Evelina Frankowska

Market Street, Thomastown, R95 R923
07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5pm

Paper mache and dried flowers arrangements.



The AKA aims to give audiences the best festival experience. Please scan the QR code below to complete our brief audience survey for this year's festival.



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Born That Way Éamon Little/Curious Dog Films

Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56
| 07/08 | 8pm | Q&A after the screening | €10
Book via eventbrite.ie

As Patrick Lydon's life ebbs in Callan, he reflects on an extraordinary life trailblazing the development of Camphill, an alternative approach to living, sharing life in community with people of diverse abilities with a vision needed now more than ever.



Living Colour Éamon Little

Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56
15/08 | 8pm | €10 + booking fee (proceeds to a family in Gaza) | Book via eventbrite.ie

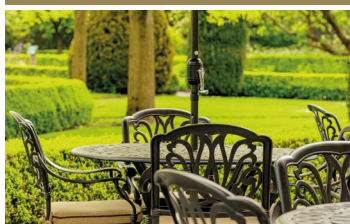
Living Colour features a painter taking ages to climb into a van, a chatterbox stone carver with the shakes, a dream-painter, an artist staring into fires, a smart-ass satirical animator and the collective of other artists - all sharing Callan's KCAT studio. Q&A with Catherine Marshall



Peter Brabazon and Bríd Lyons

Fennellys, Bridge St., Callan R95 WK80
08/08 | 7.30pm - 10pm | €15 | [Eventbrite.ie](https://eventbrite.ie)

Songwriters Peter Brabazon and Bríd Lyons come together for a double headline show in the beautiful courtyard in Fennelly's of Callan. Peter's music is an original mix of folk, rock and blues. Bríd is a folk singer-songwriter with Irish traditional influences.



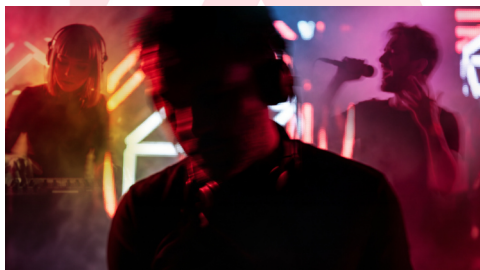
THE GARDEN TERRACE at Butler House

Summer dining with a view of Kilkenny Castle in the oasis that is the walled garden of Butler House.

The Garden Terrace at Butler House
serving daily from 11am. No need to book!

Cream Tea served 11am - 9pm
Garden View Lunch Menu served 12pm - 3pm
Evening Menu served 3pm - 9pm
House Bar serving Drinks & Nibbles 12pm - 11pm

Butler House, 16 Patrick Street, Kilkenny City
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KINETIC

The Kilo 1977 (DJ Set), RobotRock (Live Set), Tanoki (Live AV Set)

The Powerhouse, Mill Lane, Callan R95 X227, Co. Kilkenny | 15/08 | 8pm - 11pm | €15 (plus booking fee) | Eventbrite.ie

KINETIC fuses live electronic music by RobotRock, dynamic audio visuals by Tanoki and a DJ set by Kilkenny legend The Kilo 1977. Featuring stomping big beats and reworked dance classics, immersive visuals, this night is guaranteed to get your body moving!



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Demonstration

Margaret Becker

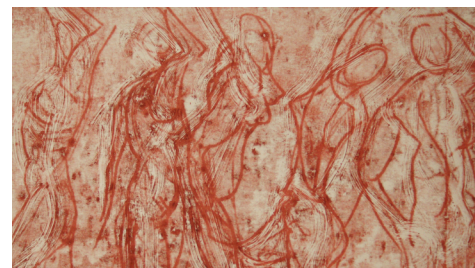
Castlewarren Village Studios, R95 AK84
15/08 | 3pm - 4pm | Free

Margaret Becker will demonstrate how a leaded stained glass panel is made using the traditional techniques.

YVONNE ROSS

JEWELLERY

1st floor, 19 Rose Inn St, Kilkenny, R95 VXD0
yvonerossdesigns@gmail.com
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Kitchen Table Mono Print workshop

The Rohan Collective

Thomastown Scout Den, R95 XY04 | Saturday, 15 August | 11am - 1pm | €30 | Eventbrite.ie

Join Michael and Kate from the Rohan Collective to explore the possibilities of printmaking at home. All materials provided, all skill levels welcome, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



Leabhar na Clai: The Book of the Hedgerows

Kasia Kaminska with The Acorn Project

Hedgerow Exhibition Site, Graine Native Tree Nursery, Kilkenny, E41 ET86 | 06/08 - 16/08
10am - 5pm

Leabhar na Clai: The Book of the Hedgerows, by Kasia Kaminska and the Know Your Hedgerows Cooperative Enquiry, explores hedgerows as living archives of ecology, culture and memory. Exhibition accompanied by workshops; visit the website for details and registration.

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Alannah Walklett | Anna Poremska
Bennettsbridge Art Group | Brid Lyons
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Ciah O' Neill | Clodagh Holahan
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Emerging Artists of Geraldine Walsh Art
Evelina Frankowska | Gabriela Nava Romero
George Vaughan | Graham Gosling
Helena Fitzgerald-Cody | Ian A Mannion
Indhumathi Kamaraj | Julia MacConville
Kay Roche | Kieron Ryan | Lee Shanahan
Liam Gogan MacConville | Linn Gallery
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The Rohan Collective Presents The Rohan Collective

Faglioni's Proper Pizza, behind Tabu restaurant, Thomastown R95 EH33 | 06/08 - 09/08 and 13/08 - 16/08 | 12pm - 6pm | Launch: Sunday, 9 August 4.30pm

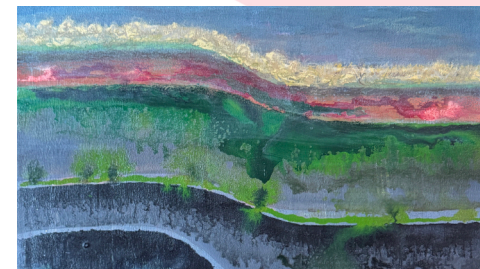
A collective of five whimsical creatives from the rural southeast exhibit their latest works of photography, print and paint.



Fine Art Flower Photography Anna Poremska

1 Marshes Street, Thomastown, R95 DP98
06/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5.30pm

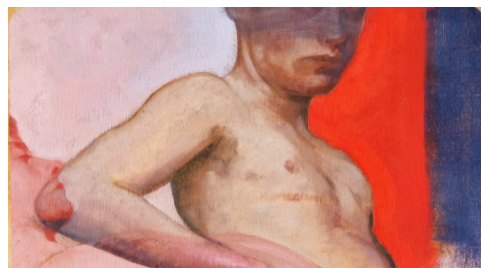
A flower photography exhibition showcasing the delicate beauty and intricate geometry of blooms through my lens.



Compression Polly Donnellan

Thomastown Men's Shed, R95 D996 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5.30pm

An exhibition of mixed media paintings.



LOOK AT IT THIS WAY... Abe Gittins Harris, Tania Slaughter, Harry Harris

The Old Library, Marshes Street, Thomastown, R95 XPWS | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5pm

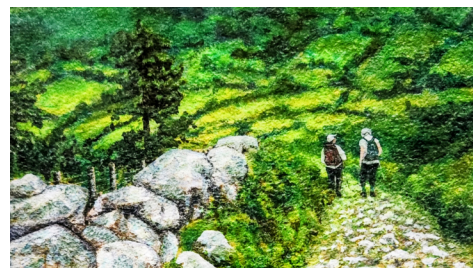
View the work of Tania Slaughter who plays with the forms and traditions of colourful naive art, Harry Harris whose work toys with the link between popular culture and religious iconography and Abraham Gittens-Harris who paints human and animal forms with elements of abstraction and texture.



The Old Gods of the Undertown Wayne De Paor

Tābú Restaurant Garden, Thomastown, R95 EH33 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 4pm - 8pm

This exhibit explores the primal energy behind creation through psychic automatism. Fusing graffiti and occult motifs, it prioritises movement over form to channel the hidden spirits of the subconscious and the raw velocity of the unseen.



Textured Terrains Helen Ahern Art

Thomastown Men's Shed, R95 D996 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5pm

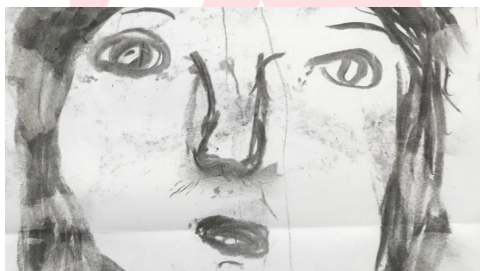
Helen Ahern paints with acrylics and mixed media on her own hand-made paper made from recycled paper scraps. Her paintings are inspired by the wild Irish landscape and combine realism with elements of abstraction.



Landscapes Paul Conran

Thomastown Men's Shed, R95 D996 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm | Launch: Saturday, 8 August 4pm

Landscape paintings



Outsider Art - Charcoal Expressions Maureen Oberlin

Thomastown Men's Shed, R95 D996 | 07/8 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm | Launch: Saturday, 8 August 3.30pm

Maureen's fourth festival appearance; living with cerebral palsy, she draws human faces with intense passion and growing international acclaim.



The Stroke of a Brush Vlado Balaban

Thomastown Men's Shed, R95 D996 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5pm

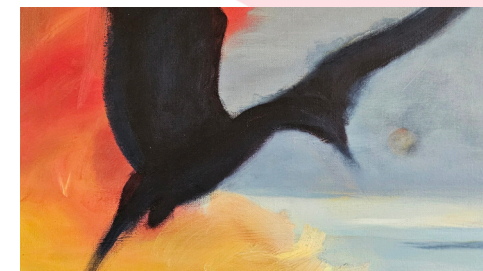
Vlado Balaban is a painter at KCAT Art Centre, Callan. After a stroke changed his life, Vlado learned to paint with his left hand, bringing colour and expression to his work.



Moody Blues and Greens Micheal O Fearghail

Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56
07/08 - 16/08 | 10.30am - 5.30pm

All new work - an exhibition of original landscape paintings in acrylic and watercolour; mountains, lakes, coastal scenes, rural. Peaceful wall art for your home or office.



Beginning Anew Trí Éan Beag Artist Collective— Raine Tunstead, Lorraine Murphy Dooley & Tia Vellani

Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56
06/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 5pm

Enjoy new art by Trí Éan Beag (3 Little Birds): three lively, inspiring, very different artists. Discover the stories that inspired the work and what goes on behind the scenes in the studio. Paintings, photographs, mixed media and assemblages.



Exhibition of Contemporary Textile art Doreen Fitzmaurice

Thomastown Men's Shed, R95 D996 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 5pm

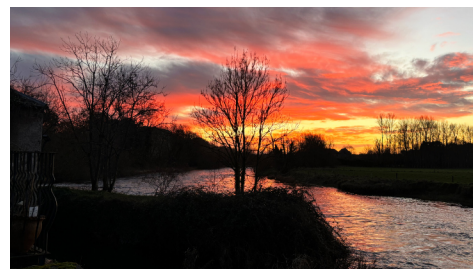
An exhibition of art works using tapestry, weaving, felting and mixed media with pop-up demonstrations and workshops.



Putting the Cat Among the Onions Helena Fitzgerald-Cody

Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56
07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 6pm

Helena's Exhibition is a juxtaposition of conventional and unusual. Her artwork represents an exploration of patience, in her paintings and prints and also in the unusual mixed media art pieces that highlight recycling, sustainability and the alchemy of nature.



Celebrating Nature in Thomastown Gabriela Nava Romero

Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56
07/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm

Mexican-born Gabriela, has lived in Thomastown for many years, where she has developed an appreciation for her surrounding environment. Working as a volunteer in the Upper Paddock Biodiversity Garden has influenced her photography and love of nature.



Pocketful of Stories Alannah Walklett

Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56
08/08 and 12/08 | 10.30am - 12pm and 2pm - 3.30pm | €10 | eiliswalklett@gmail.com

Join 12-year-old artist Alannah for a creative storytelling workshop using handmade story stones. Kids aged 6-12 years will make stories, books, pouches and keepsake stones to take home.



Sketch Me! Saidhbh  n Walklett

Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56
07/08 - 16/08 | Pop up. No set times |   1/  2

Sit for a playful portrait by 8-year-old artist Saidhbhin in her handmade mini photo booth. Pop in a coin and take home a one-of-a-kind festival sketch!



Entwined - Life Stories Kay Roche

The Lindsey Room, Thomastown Community Centre, R95 PX56 | 08/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 6pm

Kay explores connections in our lives and how they are richly entwined. She uses textiles, paint, found and repurposed objects that challenges the viewer to reflect on their own life stories.



The Negative Space Rennie Buenting

Thomastown Scouts Den, R95 E406 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 5pm | Launch: Saturday, 8 August until 7pm

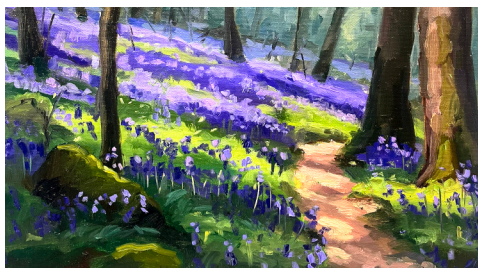
Rennie uses the intentional empty areas that surround or separate forms, as an important part of the composition. This allows the rest of the composition to stand out more clearly, giving the artwork tension and room for interpretation.



Light on the Landscape - Part II Debra Bowden

Thomastown Scouts Den, R95 E406 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10.30am - 5.30pm | Launch: Saturday, 8 August from 6pm

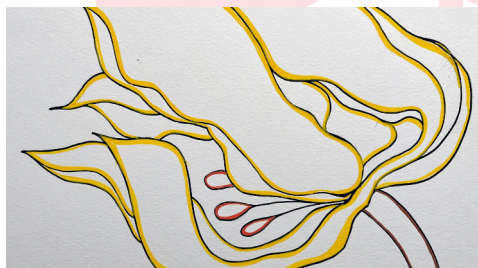
This series of small-scale paintings from Counties Kilkenny and Kerry, are an emotional response to the fleeting moments in nature and the constant cycle of change in the universe.



Flourish Exhibition Emerging Artists of Geraldine Walsh Art

Thomastown Community Hall, R95 PX56
07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 6pm | Launch: Friday, 7 August 6pm

'Flourish' celebrates emerging women artists of Geraldine Walsh Art, tracing their journey from first brushstrokes to confident expression through a collective exhibition of oil paintings.



Responding Clodagh Holahan

Thomastown Community Hall, R95 PX56
07/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 6pm | Launch: Friday, 7 August 4pm

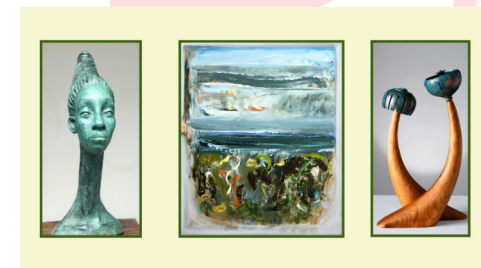
Clodagh has been running art sessions in Kingsriver, exploring nature. This exhibition reflects and responds to the clarity of vision of the Kingsriver's artists.



Between Scenes TOSHIE ART

Thomastown Scouts Den, Chapel Lane, R95 E406 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10.30am - 5.30pm
Launch: Saturday, 8 August 6pm

These oil paintings explore Kilkenny's historic depth and contemporary everyday charm. 'Between Scenes' captures the peaceful moments connecting past and present, featuring a selection of recent works.



The Secret Garden at Grennan Mills Cahir Arts, Linn Gallery and Berkeley collections

Mill Street, Thomastown, R95 VK23 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 5pm | Launch: Sunday, 9 August 3pm

Cahir Arts and Linn gallery showcase a selection of fine art, sculptures and high-end craft. See over 200 works of art in the unique setting of Grennan Mills.



Happy Animals Marzena Dziedzic - Rzeszutko

Marshes Street, Unit 1 Thomastown, R95 DE9F
07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5.30pm

Marzena expresses her love for nature through art; sharing her animalistic clocks, floral paintings and nature-inspired ceramic work.



Half/Light Lee Shanahan

Thomastown Library, R95 XPW8 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5pm (closed Sundays) | Launch: Saturday, 8 August, 3.30pm

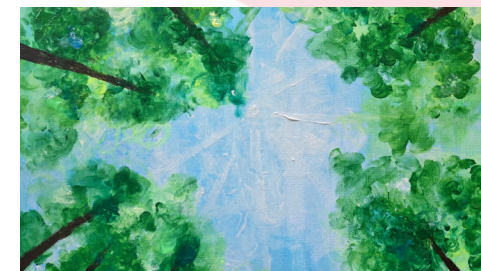
A selection of narrative and figurative paintings combining moments of quiet reflection with the lyrical and uncanny. Half/Light will lead you into an environment that is startlingly new but remarkably familiar to us all.



Sown Margaret Becker, Stephen Vaughan, Michèle Sweetman, Amelia Peart

Castlewarren Village Studios, R95 AK84
09/08 - 16/08 | 2pm - 6pm | Launch: Sunday, 9 August 4pm

An exhibition with artists Stephen Vaughan (Etchings), Michèle Sweetman (Screen prints), Amelia Peart, (Oils on canvas) and Margaret Becker, (Stained Glass panels). The exhibition takes place in four separate spaces in the venue.



Light within Light Brenda Tuite

Kilfane Demesne, Thomastown, County Kilkenny, R95 T6D0 | 06/08 - 09/08 and 13/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 4pm

Nature enjoys its own company in ways humans can in turn enjoy and be in joy. It's a relaxed reciprocation of admiration and ease.



Recollection Rebekka Tomal

Thomastown Library, R95 XPW8 | 07/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5pm Monday - Saturday. Closed Sundays | Launch: Saturday, 8 August, 3.30pm

In her paintings Rebekka explores the ambivalence and fragility of human connection. Using her father's family photographs, she creates a space between reality, memory and imagination.



Sail Away Brigid Teehan, Ian Mannion

Truffle Fairy Chocolate Shop & Yard, Thomastown R95 F593 | 06/08 - 16/08 | 10am - 5.30pm | Launch: Saturday, 8 August 5.30pm

Mixed media paintings, prints, photographs plus an outdoor installation invite you to think differently about how we live, what we consume and what we allow to flourish. This exhibition is both critical and hopeful—critical in its attention to the residues and distortions of consumption, hopeful in its embrace of growth, diversity and renewal.



Ionad Lachtain Community Wallhanging Exhibit Ionad Lachtain, Marie Cleere, Phyllida White

Ionad Lachtain, Freshford, R95 XA31 | 08/08 - 09/08 and 15/08 - 16/08 | 12pm - 4pm

An exhibition of the 'cartoons' which are the basis of the ongoing Community Wallhanging Project celebrating nature and biodiversity across our landscape.



BRUSHSTROKES Bennettsbridge Art Group

The Community Hall, Bennettsbridge, R95 YA24
07/08 - 16/08 | 11am - 5pm | Launch: Friday, 7 August 7pm with Trini Kenny

Bennettsbridge Art Group has established itself firmly in the Kilkenny Arts Week calendar. This exhibition features a wide range of work including an exploration into Gelli Plate Printing, opening up new horizons.



MIXED MARKS BridgeArt

Macra Hall, West Street, Callan, R95 RW22
07/08 - 16/08 | 2pm - 5pm | Launch: Friday, 7
August 5pm

Art exhibition by the members of the BridgeArt
Group, Callan.

Threshold Brigid Teehan

The Green House Window Gallery, Bridge
Street Lower, Callan, R95 H2F6 | 06/08 -
16/08 | 24 hours

An installation influenced by the permaculture
principle that the edges—where ecosystems
meet—are sites of greatest activity and fertility.
In this window space the private and the public
intermingle. art itself functions as a living
system, responsive to place and community and
always in the process of becoming, rather than
completion.



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