



Clár Éire Ildánach  
Creative Ireland  
Programme  
2017-2022



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

## OPEN CALL

### ***Sowing a Seed: Archives to Art***

[Galway County Council Archives](#) invites registration of interest from within the arts and crafts community for participation in an initiative entitled *Sowing a Seed: Archives to Art*.

Galway County Council Archives holds a unique and varied collection of archives preserved for historical, cultural and evidential purposes, spanning from the 17<sup>th</sup> century up to the present time. Its collection includes local authority archives from Galway County Council and various defunct local authorities, such as the Poor Law Board of Guardians and Rural District Councils. It also holds collections of personal papers, landed estate papers and material from various private individuals and organisations.

The archives come in a range of media, shape, size and formats. Most aspects of the social, political, commercial and cultural history of County Galway are represented within the collections.

Artists are invited to delve into a selection of archives, exclusively selected by the archivist, to explore, interrogate and reinterpret. Participation in the project will result in the creation of a contemporary artwork, utilising the archives as inspiration and processes intrinsic to individual creative practices.

Items include:

1. G00/4/46: A simple, but attractively, drawn map, dated 1722, with a slight colour tinted border, detailing lands of the Kelly of Castlekelly estate, referred to in a 1755 lease.
2. GS01/5: A beautiful 1775 leather bound volume with 32 hand coloured maps and descriptions, by Charles Frizell Junior, of the estate of Richard St George Mansergh St George, Headford. Available online at [www.galway.ie/digitalarchives](http://www.galway.ie/digitalarchives)
3. GP1/10: A hand-written personal letter from [Francis] Nugent of Pallas to Mrs Georgina Lawrence, of Lawrencetown, c.1858, regarding the pre-mature birth of his grandson.
4. GS11/02: Plans and drawings, some with slight colour tint, dating from 1830 to 1866 of the County Galway Gaol and County Town Gaol (Galway City): available online at [www.galway.ie/digitalarchives](http://www.galway.ie/digitalarchives)

The project will culminate with a group exhibition of work presented in October 2018. A catalogue will be produced to mark the occasion of this pilot initiative. *Sowing a Seed: Archives to Art* invites curiosity, bridging history, archives and community through contemporary imaginings.

This project is made possible through Creative Ireland funding.

-----

## Registration of Interest

Participation in this initiative is determined through invitation. Up to six participants will be invited from the Open Call process based on the expression of interest, merit of artistic practice and feasibility. Please register your interest via email to [archivist@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:archivist@galwaycoco.ie) by submitting a **single PDF attachment** that includes the following:

1. A completed Registration Form
2. CV (2 pages)
3. Examples of previous work in the form of up to 6 images which should be captioned with title, dimensions, materials/ medium or up to 2 web-links to video / multimedia.

Download the Registration Form [here](#).

**Please note the closing date for the receipt of completed Registrations Forms is 9 am Monday 18th June 2018. Late submissions will not be accepted.**

## Criteria for Eligibility

- Applicants from within the arts and crafts sector are welcome with particular suitability to those working in the disciplines of ceramics, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, textiles, paint and photography.
- Registration Forms must be submitted completed in full before the stated deadline.
- Applicants must be available to attend an induction to the archives collection on 29th June (location to be advised).
- Expectant date for completion of new artwork through invitation is **Wednesday 19th September 2018**.
- Applicants must reside in Galway County Council's administrative area.

Further information about Galway County Council Archives may be found [here](#). Queries and general enquiries relating to this open call may be directed to Joanna on 086 877 4710.

### **Notes for Selected Participants:**

- The Archives will acknowledge receipt of all Registration Forms.
- Invitations for participation through the Open Call process will be issued by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- Selected participants are required to complete a Galway County Council Supplier Set-up Form (if not already a registered supplier).
- A stipend will be available to the successful participants.
- An Introduction to Archives workshop will take place on 29 June 2018.
- The deadline for completion of new artwork is **19th September 2018**.
- The Archives will professionally document the project.
- The Archives will oversee the production of a catalogue.
- The Archives reserve the right to photograph works and to use these for publicity purposes, unless the artist expressly states the contrary in writing. Copyright of all work remains the property of the artist.
- A specialist will support the development and curation of the exhibition.
- An exhibition of work will be presented in **October 2018**.