

Clare Arts Office

Current Embrace Panel 2020 - 2023

The artists on this panel are qualified to work in Arts and Disability settings for once-off and medium-term quality arts projects with young children. Supporting artists' development and the Artists' Panel is a priority area of The Clare Arts Office.

The Arts Office highlights the [Artists' Panel](#) as a vehicle for the development of artistic practice in Co Clare, and showcases best practice on its online resource. It also offers professional development opportunities to members of the panel as part of this work.

| Name | Discipline | Email | Description/Website |
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| Zara Starr Madden | Theatre | theunlimiteddream@gmail.com | Zara Starr is an actress, theatre practitioner and choreographer with over 15 years of experience in Youth Theatre and working with communities teaching acting, singing and dance www.theudm.com |
| Jenny Walsh Bassett | Theatre | bannertheatreco@gmail.com | Banner Theatre Company can produce and stage exciting multi-media events/performances & films covering the entire process from scriptwriting to editing. |
| Marie McNamara | Theatre | Mariecnamara97@gmail.com | General drama. Forum theatre – addressing issues, specific or general. She has worked with Headway Ireland (ABI), Schizophrenia Ireland - Women's Group. |
| Astrid Adler | Theatre | artist@astridadler.com | Professional artist with mime skills. Astrid trains body awareness, imagination, improvisation and expression, devising vibrant group shows . http://www.astridadler.com/ |
| Sarah Fuller | Theatre | dogandstringtheatre@gmail.com | Dog and String Theatre Company offer a broad range of workshops in many aspects of puppetry; Shadow puppetry, Rod puppetry and mask making and visual art . Devising and scripting a show, Puppetry and play and many more to suit the age and abilities of the group. http://www.dogandstring.com/ |
| Tommy Baker | Puppetry | tommy@yourmanspuppets.com | The ideas behind our workshops and shows are to inspire and fire up the imagination, to ask the “what if’s” and take nothing for granted – and hopefully sometimes they show different perspectives of how people live and who we are. Puppetry is a way of sharing stories about life; it nourishes our emotional intelligence and childhood spirit. http://www.yourmanspuppets.com/ |

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| Ruth Marshall | Storytelling & Story making | ruth.a.marshall@gmail.com | Ruth Marshall is a poet, author, storyteller and heritage expert. She trained in storytelling at The School of Storytelling, Emerson College, UK. https://ruthmarshallarts.weebly.com/ |
| Maria Svensson | Dance | maria.m.svensson@gmail.com | Maria's national and international practise is inspired by Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company and their technique called 'Poetic Movement'. The company takes the perspective that dance has a similar relation to our everyday movement in the same way that the poetic use of language has to our normal, everyday speech. www.mariasvensson.com |
| Maureen Murphy | Dance | obrienjohn1964@gmail.com | Maureen Murphy has over 20 years dance and choreography experience. Her workshops include teaching participants to perform specific dance pieces choreographed to popular music and devising themed productions that include singing and dance. |
| Marcella O Sullivan | Dance | cella@outlook.ie | Marcella teaches voice, theatre and movement using the following forms. Gymnastics, hip – hop, creative dance, jazz dance, drama. She is trained as a special needs assistant. |
| Slavek Kwi | Music | slavek_kwi@yahoo.co.uk | Slavek is a sound artist and composer, he facilitates projects that engage with children and young adults through instrument making, sound and music. He has extensive experience working with individuals with special needs and with national organisations such as Helium Arts and Poetry Ireland. www.artificialmemorytrace.bandcamp.com |
| Fiona Linnane | Music | fionalinnanecomposer@gmail.com | Fiona Linnane is a composer, conductor and teacher. Music for movement and collaboration with choreographers/dance artists but open to other projects. Bachelor of Music Degree and a Masters in Music Technology. https://fionalinnane.com/ |

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| Ann McBride | Ceramics | ann@designkey.ie | Ann McBride is an acclaimed contemporary ceramicist. Artist, illustrator and ceramic designer, Ann has had a strong career in graphic design. Her ceramic practice and love of print has provided her with a new creative energy. https://mycreativeedge.eu/profile/ann-mcbride-ceramic-design/ |
| Susanna Anker | Textile Art | susannaanker@hotmail.com | Susanna Anker has 20 years experience in textile art and wool crafts. She is a heritage expert with a particular interest in medieval textile practices. Her workshops include spinning wool, weaving, making natural dyes, knitting, crochet, wool fleece pictures, dry-felting, wax batik and card. http://www.heritageinschools.ie/heritage-expert/profile/susanna-anker |
| David Balfe | Visual Art | david.balfe@hotmail.com | David facilitates painting, mosaic and sculptural projects. He likes to engage with groups with the intention of producing large scale work, murals, garden sculptures, etc. He works in a collaborative process with groups. |
| Veerle Claeys | Visual Art | veerleclaeys@eircom.net | Delivers workshops in creating art works using natural materials, for example willow sculptures, felting and garden design. |
| Martina Cleary | Visual Art | martinacleary16@gmail.com | Martina is a contemporary visual artist with 17 years' experience in art education, working with all levels from pre-school up to adult education. She has worked as a teacher, workshop facilitator and lecturer in a variety of contexts including people with a wide variety of learning needs & requirements. http://www.martinacleary.com |

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| Maeve Collins | Visual Art | maevehybrasil@gmail.com | As a multi-disciplinary artist, Maeve includes art facilitation, teaching, community participation & body movement as strands to her work. She is currently interested in the place of creativity in rural communities and where alternative spaces/works present themselves through shared participation. http://www.maevecollins.net/ |
| Ana Colomer | Visual Art | artwithana@gmail.com | Ana facilitates workshops in Puppets, multimedia installations, set design, painting, facilitating and creative thinking. She has also facilitated “messy play” workshops for younger participants and codo-dojo media based projects. https://www.anacolomer.com/ |
| Sioban Fawl | Visual Art | siobanfawl@hotmail.com | Siobán runs group workshops in stained glass mosaic; individual pieces e.g. mirrors and group projects. Her workshops are participant focused and led. Creativity at the individual’s comfort level and beyond are explored. |
| Shona Mac Gillivray | Visual Art | shonamacg@gmail.com | Shona MacGillivray has extensive experience facilitating workshops in animation, visual arts and multi media projects. In 2019 she was awarded the Clare Arts Office In- House Residency with St Anne’s Special School, Ennis. She also facilitates workshops with groups to create props and installations for parades and community events. https://shonamacgillivray.com/ |
| Timothy Noonan | Visual Art | timothy.john.noonan@gmail.com | Timothy is a ceramicist with an MA in Social Practice and the Creative Environment, a BA Hons – Ceramic Design and a H. Dip. Adult & Community Education. He has worked with Enable Ireland as an art teacher. |

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| David O Rourke | Visual Art | orourkedavido@gmail.com | David O Rourke is a multi disciplinary artist who devises and facilitates innovative projects across mediums. His work includes installations, murals, sculptures and 3D printing. Dip Art & Design; BA Sculpture; Cert Web Design; Diploma Psychology. |
| Jayne Romer | Visual Art | jahneromer@yahoo.ie | General Art & Craft projects / Mosaic & Stained Glass / Clay / Painting / Driftwood craft. Jayne's workshops are client focused & led – fostering & exploring each individual's creativity at their own pace and in a relaxed & fun atmosphere. |
| Adrian Rynne | Visual Art | drnryne@yahoo.ie | Facilitates all types of art & crafts – eg: printmaking, painting, ceramics, sculpture and all arts & crafts. Adrian can deliver workshop through sign language. |
| Catriona Sheedy | Visual Art | caitrionasheedy@hotmail.com | Catriona Sheedy facilitates various types of workshops including expressive art, developing skills and exploring painting, printmaking, drawing, 3D/textured work, plaster casting, collage, felting and design. http://csheedy.net/ |
| Tatjana Simakova | Visual Art | yourmindtherapy@gmail.com | Tatjana delivers supported workshops in Ebru art - painting on water (or Marbling) aimed at helping concentration; Zen tangle - drawing structured patterns; Painting; Arts & Crafts . |
| Dyan Smith | Visual Art | dyansmithartist@gmail.com | Dyan delivers both indoor and outdoor projects including plaster casting; wire/sheet metal working; clay modelling (the figure, sculpture, clay - pictures), mosaics; textiles/wall hangings; murals; linocut prints; flag/banner making; painting and wood carving. |

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| Andrew St Ledger | Visual Art | stledgerwood@gmail.com | Teaching basic wood carving, creating collaborative wood sculptures, working with other artist's media. Exploring Irish Tree Lore and mythology; raising awareness of the importance of native trees and how forests work. |
| Jonathan White | Film | seanchasprod@gmail.com | Jonathan White is a film maker and documentary maker who explores local history, personal stories with groups as well as intergenerational projects such a recent creative story telling project. He has produced numerous work for TG4 and RTE |
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