

Clare Arts Office

Current Artists in Schools Panel 2020 - 2023

The artists on this panel are qualified to work in Arts and Education 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 Artist's 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	Artist's Profile on Clare Arts Office website	Description/Website
Zara Starr Madden	Theatre	theunlimiteddream@gmail.com	https://clarearts.ie/people/zara-starr-madden/	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.
Astrid Adler	Theatre	artist@astridadler.com	https://clarearts.ie/people/astrid-adler/	A Professional artist with mime skills. Astrid trains body awareness, imagination, improvisation and expression, devising vibrant group shows . http://www.astridadler.com/
Sarah Fuller	Puppetry	dogandstringtheatre@gmail.com	https://clarearts.ie/people/sarah-fuller/	Dog and String Theatre Company offer a broad range of workshops in many aspects of puppetry; Shadow puppetry, Rod puppetry and mask making . Puppetry and play and visual arts and many more to suit the age and abilities of the group. http://www.dogandstring.com/
Tommy Baker	Puppetry	tommy@yourmanspuppets.com	https://clarearts.ie/people/thomas-baker-your-mans-puppets/	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/
Rachel McManus	Performance Art	www.rachelmacmanusart.com	https://clarearts.ie/people/rachel-macmanus/	Rachel Macmanus is an artist living and working in Ennis, Co Clare, Ireland. Rachel works through painting, drawing and live performance art. https://www.rachelmacmanusart.com/
Ruth Marshall	Storytelling & Story making	https://ruthmarshallarts.weebly.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 Svennson	Dance	www.mariasvensson.com	https://clarearts.ie/people/maria-svensson/	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. She has extensive experience working for leading arts organisations and educational sectors. www.mariasvensson.com

Marcella O Sullivan	Dance	cella@outlook.ie https://www.facebook.com/marcella.osullivan		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.
Brian Fleming	Music Drumming	bodhranfleming@gmail.com http://www.brianfleming.ie/	https://clarearts.ie/people/brian-fleming/	A renowned percussionist and theatre practitioner Brian will introduce children to traditional percussion from around the world, from bodhran and bones to West African and Caribbean drumming. Lessons are 'hands on' and Brian can bring drums for up to 30 participants. He is particularly interested in projects that lead to a performance or recording, by the participants. www.bigbangfestival.com
Brid O Donoghue	Music Traditional	bridodono@yahoo.com http://www.allcelticmusic.com/artists/Brid%20%27Donohue.html		Brid will teach tin whistle and flute as well as music appreciation (teach children about traditional musicians from their locality, listen to their recordings, etc.)
John Lillis	Music Podcasts		https://clarearts.ie/people/john-lillis/	John Lillis is a renowned musician and music producer, he has an extensive practise in engaging young adults in song composition . music composition and music technology. https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/lifestyle/culture/a-question-of-taste-dj-and-music-producer-mynameisjohn-838057.html
Slavek Kwi	Music Electronic Contemporary	slavek_kwi@yahoo.co.uk	https://clarearts.ie/projects/slavek-kwi-2020-2021/	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	https://fionalinnane.com/	https://clarearts.ie/people/fiona-linnane/	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/
Frank Golden	Creative Writing	https://www.frankgolden7.com/		Frank Golden is a renowned author and lecturer at the Burren College of Art. Teaching Philosophy. My aim is to get writers to generate writing. I strive to foster an environment within which students forge compelled works, invent, lie, subvert, interrogate, and are reflective, informed, expansive workshop participants. A component part of the process demands delving into conceptual and practical aspects of writing, the formal devices that contain the sense-making process. https://www.frankgolden7.com/

David Donohue	Storytelling and Creative Writing	https://www.poetryireland.ie/education/writers-directory/david-donohue		David has worked with groups of up to 100 children in a theatre setting but is equally happy to work in classrooms or combined classrooms in a school or library setting. His sessions usually begin with his reading a short excerpt from one of his books followed by his spelling & pronouncing the names of the children in the audience backwards. https://www.poetryireland.ie/education/writers-directory/david-donohue
Ann McBride	Ceramics		https://clarearts.ie/people/ann-mcbride/	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/
Hannagh Arnup	Ceramics	https://www.instagram.com/ballymorrispottery/	https://clarearts.ie/people/hannah-arnup/	Ballymorris Pottery . Hannah delivers ceramic projects either individually or in groups. http://ballymorrispottery.com
Susanna Anker	Textile Art Crafts Heritage	http://www.heritageinschools.ie/heritage-expert/profile/susanna-anker		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
Dee Deegan	Visual Art & Science	dee@galwayartacademy.com	https://clarearts.ie/people/dee-deegan/	Dee Deegan (BAAD, BAFA (Hons), hDip, MACP) is a Galway based Artist Teacher with specialised experience in Printmaking and Photography. Dee has worked as a lecturer in Contemporary Art at Galway Mayo Institute of Technology and has taught in several second level schools . Her current area of practise engages students on art and science & art and engineering projects. https://deirdredeegan.weebly.com/about.html
Evelyn Sorohan	Visual Art (STEAM)	https://www.evelynsorohan.com/		My work reflects my dual roles as a teacher and artist. It is built on the values that accompany both disciplines. I gather, sort, cut, mould and melt plastics. I view plastics as the negative environmental imprint created by our contemporary society. I reconstitute this free material and deliver STEAM based visual art projects that engage children on the subject

				of the environment through the arts. https://www.evelynsorohan.com/
Chelsea Canavan	Visual Art	http://www.chelseacanavan.com/about/		Chelsea is a visual artist interested in understanding narratives and shared experiences. She often collaborates with other artists, communities and groups on issue-based themes that are affecting them. The outcomes are participation based and influenced directly from those she works with. They manifest as multi-media works, participatory events, workshops, dialogues and collaborative performances in the context of society, education and cultural heritage. To date, her work has been supported by the Arts Council of Limerick, Creative Ireland, and Creative Europe. Instagram @inisciuin
Carmel Madigan	Visual Arts	carmelmadigan.com	https://clarearts.ie/people/carmel-t-madigan/	Carmel delivers projects using Mixed media, including 3 D construction, collage, fibre, paint, inks, paper making and moulding paper pulp, natural and recycled materials, mural painting, exterior and interior work. Creative garden design, IT graphic design. Carmel's art work is held in several national and corporate collections and exhibited in Europe and USA as well as Ireland. http://www.carmelmadigangallery.com/
Nathalie El Baba	Visual Art	https://creativearts.ie/about/	https://clarearts.ie/people/nathalie-elbaba/	El Baba has a vibrant and engaging arts and education practise . She works in Paint, Mosaic, Glass, Papier mache , Masks, Puppets and Parade Props to devise small and large scale indoor and outdoor art works.
Marie Connole	Visual Art	http://www.marieconnole.com/	https://clarearts.ie/people/marie-connole-2/	Marie is a contemporary artist with a national and international practise. She delivers workshops with any age group in making murals, mosaics and sculpture. he is also delivers book making and animation projects. http://www.marieconnole.com/
Ruth Wood	Visual Art	https://ruthwood.carbonmade.com/	https://clarearts.ie/people/ruth-wood/	Ruth Wood has a contemporary arts practise, she works collaboratively and creatively with children / young adults in a visual context. Her projects include the curation of artists school visits and responding to national art collections.

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	http://www.martinaclareary.info/	https://clarearts.ie/people/dr-martina-cleary/	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
Ana Colomer	Visual Art	artwithana@gmail.com	https://clarearts.ie/people/ana-colomer-2/	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 inspired projects. https://www.anacolomer.com/
Nicola Henly	Visual Art	http://www.nicolahenley.com/	https://clarearts.ie/people/nicola-henley/	Nicola has extensive experience of working with N.S's in Clare over the last 20 years with the Artists in Schools Scheme, The Crafts Council. She is also on the artist's panel of The Irish Museum of Modern Art. Nicola specializes in a variety of print and fabric/textile related media: screen print, Tie-dye, mono print, lino print, Batik etc. www.nicolahenley.com
Shona Mac Gillivray	Visual Art	https://clarearts.ie/people/shonamacgillivray/	https://shonamacgillivray.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/

Tara Keegan	Visual Art	https://keegantara.wixsite.com/visual-artist	https://clarearts.ie/people/tara-keegan/	Born in Brisbane, Australia, Keegan has spent much of her life in Ireland where she currently resides and works in Co. Clare. She received a BA in Sculpture & Combined Media from the Limerick School of Art & Design in 2017 and an MA in Social Practice & the Creative Environment from LSAD in 2018. Tara delivers socially engaged projects that explores ideas and themes through a wide variety of mediums and art processes. See link for examples of public and education projects. https://keegantara.wixsite.com/visual-artist/workshops-collaborations http://www.lsadgraduates.ie/tara-keegan
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.
David O Rourke	Visual Art	https://davidorourkeart.ie/about/	https://clarearts.ie/people/david-orourke/	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.
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 .

