

Summer Undergraduate Research Programme 2021

Project Number & Title:	<p>Project 2</p> <p>Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on the Arts in Co. Louth</p>
Project Details	<p>Since March 2020 the COVID-19 has resulted in the cancellation of most physical cultural events nationally and as result had had a devastating impact on the arts, artists and the cultural sector. Many cultural organisation and Arts Centres across Ireland have responded positively and rapidly by creating and implementing a range of initiatives, schemes and programmes to support artists, with many activities taking place in an online format as well as numerous off site formats, including radio, newspapers, vacant shop windows, public spaces etc.</p> <p>The main aim of this project is to ascertain the impact of COVID-19 on artists working in Co. Louth and gather information on the supports that have been put in place for artists. It will highlight challenges faced by artists from different backgrounds and different areas of the county and acknowledge how artists and the industry has adapted over the past twelve months. The researcher will engage with a range of artists based in Co. Louth who work across a variety of art-forms. The researcher will utilise a variety of research methodologies including surveys and interviews in order to gather the data. Surveys will consider topics such as funding, support programmes for artists, digital programming, engagement of audiences, implications for the future, mentorship programmes, desire for upskilling to support an artist’s development in the creative industries, and the potential for sustainable employment in the Arts post-COVID-19.</p> <p>Upon completion of the gathering of the data, students will analyse and present in a variety of formats, suitable for a number of audiences. The results will help inform further supports which may be offered to artists living in</p>

	Co. Louth by cultural institutions in the county and/or Co. Louth Culture Team.
Profile of Candidate	The undergraduate student will have a strong background in humanities, data analysis and/or informatics.
Project Supervisors	<p>Supervisory Team:</p> <p>Dr Adèle Commins, Dr Ronan Lynch, Dr Daithí Kearney</p> <p>Industry Partners:</p> <p>Sarah Daly, Executive Director, Creative Spark Collette Farrell, Director, Droichead Arts Centre Paul Hayes, Director/CEO An Táin Arts Centre Mary Capplis, Acting Arts Officer, Louth County Council</p> <p>All enquiries to adele.commins@dkit.ie.</p>
Duration	6 weeks
Number of Positions Available	1
Amount Awarded (per candidate)	Weekly stipend of €150 (tax free)

<p>How to Apply</p>	<p>Each applicant should submit the following documents by email to mary.matthews@dkit.ie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CV including academic transcripts• A 300 word statement as to why you are a suitable candidate for this project. <p>Please state clearly in the subject line of your covering email the abstract title and project reference number.</p> <p><i>An applicant may apply for more than one programme, but each application must be made separately.</i></p>
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