

Local talents shine at showcase 2024

SHOWCASE 2024 at the RDS, from 21-23 January, is where Louth's finest creative entrepreneurs are making big waves. This year's contingent from Louth are truly showcasing local talent and Irish creativity, bringing a vibrant mix of tradition and innovation.

Sarah Mallon from Local Enterprise Office Louth explains "Showcase is a fantastic opportunity for local creatives to get in front of global buyers. We all know that people buy from people, and Showcase provides the chance for makers to meet buyers face to face, forge relationships and talk about their products. We are delighted to support 3 incredible makers as they step onto a global stage, highlighting their talent and Louth's creative gems."

New to Showcase 2024 is Fiona Lynch of Almond Rose Design, with a really innovative

and creative new product offering. Celebrating the way that animals communicate with humans on a daily basis, Fiona has created a large range of pet cards to celebrate the big (and little) occasions in life. All cards are designed in-house, printed in Ireland on sustainably sourced card paper with eco-friendly inks. A visit to Fiona's website almondrosedesigns.ie will reveal cards for every occasion including Good Luck, Get Well, Love, Sympathy, Wedding cards and much more, there's even pet cards as Gaeilge!

Visual artist Caóilfionn Murphy O'Hanlon, of Cushla of Gullion, creates stunning wall art and home accessories from her base in Dundalk. Founded in 2014, textile artist Caóilfionn is inspired by the land, legends and lore of her surroundings. Her quirky, nostalgic



Representing Louth at Showcase 2024 are local makers Caóilfionn Murphy O'Hanlon of Cushla of Gullion, Fiona Lynch of Almond Rose Designs and Caroline Duffy of Caroline Duffy Designs. They are supported by LEO Louth.

and vibrant prints, gifts and homewares bring the rugged Irish landscape into homes across Ireland and the world. Cushla of Gullion's stunning work has been exhibited and exported internationally and is designed and made in Ireland. Visit cushlaofgullion.com to see her work.

Caroline Duffy of Caroline Duffy Designs is showcasing her stunning hand printed floral artwork at Showcase for

the second year running. Her collection includes a range of striking art prints, silk dresses, kimonos, scarves and woven blankets. Her signature style is instantly recognisable and has garnered significant media and buyer interest in the past year. View her collection on carolineduffydesigns.com

Sarah Mallon concludes "Showcase 2024 is not just a display of products; it's where creativity, sustainability,

beautiful materials and incredible makers come together to remind Irish and international buyers how local talent can make a global splash. Visitors will find unique, handcrafted Irish products, each with its own story. From exquisite jewellery to bespoke textiles, and so much more, Showcase 2024 is the highlight of the year in Ireland's craft sector and we are thrilled to offer 3 local makers the chance to be part of it."

Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Notice Of Planning Application To An Bord Pleanála For Approval Of Coastal Protection Works

Pursuant to Section 177AE(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Louth County Council hereby publishes this notice of its intention to carry out coastal protection works at three locations on the Cooley Peninsula, namely:

- Drummullagh, Ormeath, Co. Louth,
- Bellurgan Point, Dundalk, Co. Louth, and
- Ballynamony (Murphy)/Ballagan, Greenore Co. Louth.

Drummullagh, Ormeath – Coastal Protection Works

The proposed works are located on the shoreline of Carlingford Lough, north of Ormeath village, within the townland of Drummullagh. The proposed works involve the following:

- Removal and temporary storage of existing rock armour over the works footprint (40m long x 3m wide),
- Excavation of a trench approximately 3m wide x 1m deep over the works footprint and temporary storage of excavated material,
- Installation of a concrete footing approximately 1m wide x 0.6m deep for a length of 40m on the seaward side of a boundary wall,
- Placement of a layer of geotextile membrane within the excavated trench, and
- Placement of rock armour within and above the excavation to form a coastal defence barrier.

Bellurgan Point, Dundalk – Coastal Protection Works

The proposed works location is on the eastern side of the quay at Bellurgan Point, Dundalk Bay. The proposed works involve the following:

- Site preparation including construction of proposed temporary access ramps and haul roads,
- Excavation of 1m deep trench at two locations over a total length of approximately 75m,
- Placement of a layer of geotextile membrane within the trench,
- Placement of rock armour within and above the excavations to form coastal defence barriers,
- Patch repairs (over an area of approximately 100sq.m) to existing coastal defences using existing and imported stone, and
- Removal of temporary haul road and access ramps.

Ballynamony (Murphy)/Ballagan, Greenore – Coastal Protection Works

The proposed works location is on the shoreline of Carlingford Lough and straddles the townlands of Ballynamony (Murphy) and Ballagan on the eastern edge of the Cooley Peninsula. The proposed works involve the following:

- Re-pointing of stonework to existing sea wall,
- Concrete crack repair to existing sea wall,
- Concrete infill to fill voids of the existing sea wall
- Concrete repairs to damaged sections of existing sea wall, and
- New rock armour protection to a section of the existing shoreline.

Louth County Council proposes to seek approval from An Bord Pleanála for the proposed works under Section 177AE(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Natura Impact Statements (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed works.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application with or without conditions or may refuse the application.

Plans and particulars, including the Natura Impact Statements, completed for the three schemes are available for inspection free of charge at the following locations:

- The consultation portal of Louth County Council - <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/>
- County Hall, Millennium Centre, Marshes Lower, Dundalk, Co. Louth (A91 KFW6) between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday from 17th January 2024 to 1st March 2024 inclusive of both dates (excluding Public Holidays), and
- Carlingford Library, Teac Cuirte, Newry St, Liberties Of Carlingford, Carlingford, Co. Louth (A91 N266) between the hours of 10.00am and 1.00pm and 2.00pm and 5.00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and between the hours of 10.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday from 17th January 2024 to 1st March 2024 inclusive of both dates. (Note Carlingford Library is closed on Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays.)
- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 between the hours of 9.15am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays) from 17th January 2024 to 1st March 2024.

Plans and particulars, including the Natura Impact Statements, will be available to purchase at County Hall at a cost of €20.00 per project. (Requested documents will be available for collection the following day).

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed works may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 (D01 V902) before 5.30pm on 1st March 2024 relating to:

- The implications of the proposed works for proper planning and sustainable development in the areas concerned,
- The likely effects on the environment of the proposed works, and
- The likely significant effects of the proposed works on the European sites.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens information Service website www.citizensinformationship.ie

Signed: David Jones
Director of Services
Date: 17th January 2024

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An Táin Arts Centre celebrates ten years

2024 will be a big year for An Táin Arts Centre. The venue will celebrate its 10th Birthday and will mark this milestone with a major in-house production, the Irish Premiere of Jaki McCarrick's renowned play *Belfast Girls*.

Set in 1850, *Belfast Girls* tells the story of five fierce young women who face their dark pasts on a ship bound for Australia, as they leave Belfast in search of a better life. Confined in close quarters in the belly of the ship, they embark on a tumultuous sea journey as they sail away from their homeland. Secrets are revealed, enemies made, and it becomes clear that no matter where they go, there is no escaping the past.

Presented by An Táin Arts Centre and Quin-



tessence Theatre, who just finished a 17-venue national tour of their original play *The Curious Case of Albert Cashier*. In this performance, the former An Táin Arts Centre Theatre Company in Residence will bring their unique physical ensemble style to McCarrick's gripping story, exploring urgent, current questions around classism, patriarchy, and the ripple effects of colonial-

ism through a powerful historical play based on true stories. *Belfast Girls* is written by Jaki McCarrick, an award-winning writer from Dundalk. The play was developed at the National Theatre London and was shortlisted for the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize and the 2014 BBC Tony Doyle Award. It premiered in Chicago in May 2015 to much critical acclaim, and has since been staged widely

internationally, with recent premieres in Australia, Sweden, and New York. Jaki has recently completed the screen adaptation of the play. Paul Hayes Director of An Táin Arts Centre says 'I came across the play some 6 years ago and couldn't believe that despite its success internationally *Belfast Girls* has never had an Irish premiere. This is by far the biggest production An Táin Arts Centre has ever produced and it's a fitting way to celebrate our 10-year anniversary. New theatre of this import rarely gets made outside of our cities; it will be a great honour to finally bring this play home to Dundalk.'

The play will be directed by Anna Simpson of Quintessence Theatre and stars Donna Anita

Nikolaisen as Judith, Leah Rossiter as Hanna, Carla Foley as Sarah, Siobhan Kelly as Molly, and Fiona Keenan O'Brien as Ellen. Set and Costume is by Sinéad O'Donnell-Carey with lighting design by Sophie Cassidy.

Belfast Girls will run from the 25th January until the 27th January at An Táin Arts Centre before transferring to the Lyric Theatre, Belfast, the Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda and Solstice Arts Centre in Navan. *Belfast Girls* is presented in Association with The Lyric Theatre, Belfast and The North East Network (An Táin Arts Centre, Droichead Arts Centre, and Solstice Arts Centre, Navan). Tickets are available from www.aintain.ie or

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Over €80,000 in funding for organisations supporting victims of crime

FIANNA Fáil Senator in Louth, Erin McGreehan, has welcomed the allocation of over €80,000 in funding for three Louth organisations supporting victims of crime. The new funding has been allocated under a total fund of €7.7 million announced by the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee.

Women's Aid Dundalk will receive €32,566, Dundalk Counselling Centre CLG will receive €35,000 and Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge Centre will receive €16,222.50. The total funding

provided to the three organisations is €83,788.50.

Senator McGreehan said: "This new funding will be hugely welcome to Women's Aid Dundalk, Dundalk Counselling Centre and Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge Centre in their vitally important work. Victims of crime need supports and services of the highest possible standard and this new funding will help to ensure they receive them."

"I know that funding will be provided through Cuan, the new agency that is driv-

ing and co-ordinating the Government's response to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. The establishment of this agency has been such an important step as we now have a statutory organisation so that organisations like Women's Aid Dundalk, Dundalk Counselling Centre CLG and Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge are not on their own and are assisted in providing the best help possible to victims.

"The state must continue to fund organisations that help victims to the maxi-

imum extent possible. The extent of the work that they do, whether it be 24-hour helpline, one-to-one support, crisis accommodation, advocacy and support, supported housing or court support is staggering. These organisations have ambitious plans to help as many victims to the best standard possible and funding and capacity must continue to be provided to help enable them to do even more beyond the vital work they are already doing."