

Some background

Founded in 1985, West Cork Arts Centre celebrates its 40th birthday and the 10th anniversary of its move to a permanent, purpose-built home at Uillinn in 2025.

Our two main galleries house contemporary art exhibitions that intrigue and inspire, presenting artwork by local, national and international artists and a Gallery Programme of guided tours, gallery talks and free resources such as the Discovery Box for families.

The three Artists' Studios provide space for Irish and international artists to work on site and to meet the public, and the Dance Residency brings top-class contemporary dancers, choreographers, performers and musicians to Uillinn to develop new work and present it to the public throughout the year.

The vibrant and diverse participation programme enriches the visitor experience through workshops, masterclasses, film screenings, and dance and discussion platforms, and encourages equality of access for people of all ages and cultures through its long-term programmes and projects.



Beyond Drawing 2022, photo by Jed Niezgoda

We support the artistic community of West Cork and beyond, employing 92 arts professionals in 2022

We provide a space for dynamic, sustained engagement in the arts by diverse communities (of place, interest, culture, ethnicity, gender identity) and by people with disabilities.

We support artists to make work of ambition and excellence – incorporating research, evaluation, engagement and reflective processes.

West Cork Arts Centre is a not-for-profit Arts Centre with registered charitable status.



Artist Kate McElroy in studio

Vision

A society in which we all can experience the transformative power of the arts from birth to end of life, helping us to shape and understand our changing world.

Mission

To excel as a regional hub of contemporary arts engagement, artistic innovation and critical conversation that supports and nurtures artists and our communities, with equity of access for all.

Values

We are welcoming and inclusive, equitable, curious and inquiring, ambitious, collaborative and pioneering.



Art Club, photo by Tomasz Madajczak

Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre welcomes expressions of interest to join its Board of Directors in 2023

Uillinn is inviting applications to join our Board from enthusiastic individuals with a keen interest in contemporary visual art and contemporary dance, cultural citizenship, and access to, and engagement in, the arts for all; in particular, we welcome applications from people with the following knowledge, skills or experience:

Finance / Charity Finance / Accounting

Fundraising / philanthropy / social enterprise

Marketing and Communications (inc Digital Marketing)

Community / youth / socially engaged practice

We are looking for proactive individuals with an enthusiasm for contributing to the cultural life of our community, and who support our values and endorse our principles of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

What do Board Members do?

The success of any organisation depends on the performance of their Board and their support and monitoring of the executive. Robust corporate governance reassures funders that their investments are managed by a well-run organisation.

The Board of Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre is responsible for overseeing the strategic development of the organisation, ensuring appropriate policies and procedures are in place to manage any risks to its operation and success. The Board also looks to:

- Our values, future direction and management
- Financial oversight and internal controls
- Contractual obligations and relevant legislation
- Stakeholder management
- Board appointments and approvals
- Corporate Governance
- Supporting and advising the Director, who is responsible for other employees

Current Board Members are [here](#)

When, Where, What?

The Commitment of Our Board

Board meetings take place four times per year, in person at Uillinn and/or virtually.

Meetings are scheduled to enable maximum attendance

Board papers are sent out in advance for review; minutes are circulated within two weeks of the meeting to allow for noted actions to be undertaken.

West Cork Arts Centre is a registered charity and this is a voluntary, unpaid position. Board members serve a 3-year term, renewable to a maximum of 9 years.

We warmly encourage our Board Members to actively participate in the Arts Centre and we love our Board Members to attend our events through the year, if available.

I'm interested! What's next?

For further information about Uillinn: West cork Arts Centre, please contact Ann Davoren, Director, who would be delighted to deal with any requests: ann@westcorkartscentre.com

We ask those with an interest in joining to forward:-

- A short text on your interest, why you want to be on the board and what you can bring to the organisation (max 250 words)
- A brief CV or biography, including details of any service as a board member, charity trustee or other volunteering.

Please submit for the attention of our Chairperson Aisling Roche, c/o ann@westcorkartscentre.com, with the subject line 'Board Member Submission of Interest.

Useful links

[Our website](#)

[Our Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025](#)

[Our Audited Accounts](#)



Dance artist Elaine McCague in studio