

Press Release

Creative Ireland Kerry at Arts Office Kerry County Council launches Intercultural Dance Project in Kerry

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Creative Ireland Kerry at the Arts Office of Kerry County Council is calling for participants to take part in a new dance project with Catherine Young, Dancer in Residence at Kerry County Council. Catherine has organised a taster workshop on Wednesday July 12th at Siamsa Tire. Ages 16 years and upwards, adults and young people are welcome. (2.00-3.30pm for women and 4.00-5.30pm for men). It is intended that the group will work towards a Showcase Performance at Siamsa Tire for Culture Night on Friday September 22nd this year. Previous dance experience is not required just a willingness to commit to rehearsals.

The dance piece is a follow up to 'Welcoming The Stranger', a contemporary dance piece which premiered last year and was invited to the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival in Palestine. Catherine's goal is to bring communities together, to work with local dancers, amateur and professional and also with new communities such as refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. "The mix of nationalities is one of the underlying goals of the dance project as it allows us all to get to know each other a little better", Catherine stated recently. Catherine uses the creative forum of dance and music to bring communities together, and through this the group explores topics relevant to life in Kerry today. Rehearsals for the new dance piece will take place over the month of August at Siamsa Tire in Tralee, but participants from all over the County are welcome. People are asked to contact Catherine directly at catherineyoungdance@gmail.com

Creative Ireland Kerry is co-ordinated by the County Arts Officer, Kate Kennelly at Kerry County Council. With the completion of a Culture and Creativity Plan for Kerry, the Arts Office is providing enhanced opportunities for artists and communities to engage and participate in a range of creative arts projects and events over the coming weeks and months.

The project is funded by Kerry County Council, Creative Ireland Kerry at the Arts Office of Kerry County Council, and Siamsa Tire.

Information is posted regularly on [www.Facebook.com/KerryCoArts](https://www.facebook.com/KerryCoArts) and on twitter @KerryCoArts by email at arts@kerrycoco.ie . For further information contact the Arts Office on 066 7183541.

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Note to Editors:

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