

The *Creative Ireland Programme* is an invitation to the entire country to get involved in something truly inspirational. At its heart is collaboration – between central and local government, between culture and industry, between artists and policy makers – to facilitate an ecosystem of creativity.

The transformational potential of culture was understood by the revolutionary generation. During this year, 2016, as we commemorated the events that led to the foundation of our state, we rediscovered the power of cultural creativity to bring communities together, and to strengthen our sense of identity.

That is why it became obvious that we should build a legacy of 2016 around our cultural heritage. Multiple discussions led to the idea of personal and collective creativity as a policy objective.

The best way to nurture the creative imagination is through active engagement with arts and culture. Promoting creativity provides us with a strategy for individual wellbeing, social cohesion and economic success

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Is ionann an *Clár Éire Ildánach* is cuireadh don tír ar fad páirt a ghlacadh i rud éigin thar a bheith ionspioráideach. Ina chroílár tá comhoibriú – idir an rialtas láir agus áitiúil, idir cultúr agus tionscal, idir ealaíontóirí agus lucht déanta polasaí – chun an bealach a réiteach do thimpeallacht chruthaitheach.

Thuig an ghlúin réabhlóideach an f héidearthacht a bhain le cultúr chun an saol a athrú ó bhonn. Le linn na bliana seo, 2016, agus comóradh á dhéanamh againn ar na himeachtaí a raibh bunú ár stáit mar thoradh orthu, d'aimsigh muid arís an chumhacht atá ag an gcruthaitheacht chultúrtha chun pobail a thabhairt le chéile, agus chun ár bhféiniúlacht a threisiú.

Mar gheall air sin, bhí sé soiléir dúinn gur cheart oidhreacht de 2016 a thógáil thart ar ár nósanna cultúrtha. Mar thoradh ar mhórán cur agus cúiteamh, thángthas ar an smaoineamh den chruthaitheacht phearsanta agus choiteann mar chuspóir polasaí.

Is í an rannpháirtíocht ghníomhach leis na healaíona agus le cultúr an bealach is fearr chun an tsamhlaíocht chruthaitheach a chothú. Cuireann cur chun cinn na cruthaitheachta straitéis ar fáil dúinn don f holláine aonair, don chomhtháthú sóisialta agus do rath na heacnamaíochta.

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