

# Creative Frame

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**Creative Frame** is now coming to the end of its third year. This is a free membership network for artists and creative practitioners based in Leitrim and the surrounding areas. It was set up to support the ongoing professional development and growth of Leitrim's vibrant creative sector and to help people to actively shape their own career progression. It is aimed at professional and emerging practitioners from any arts or design field who wish to make a living or a significant part of their living from their practice.

In the past 12 months, the network has continued to grow its membership, develop a strong online presence, and organise a variety of training events, meetings, seminars, and workshop programmes. *Creative Frame* now has 287 members. In 2018, 294 artists took part in a range of professional development workshops and these members continue to inform and influence the development of future programmes through their evaluations and feedback and recommendations.

In 2018 we continued to develop projects with other stakeholders' partners and national agencies in our seminar programmes. Kicking

off our year, Visual Artist Ireland was a key partner in the 'Show and Tell' presentation at the Dock. We partnered with the Sligo Leitrim Roscommon Film Project to provide information on collaboration between writers and filmmakers and also provided information on the Film Collaboration Bursary offered by Leitrim Arts Office. We worked with the Centre for Creative Practices on the delivery of our Introduction to Mentoring event and we also contributed to a Words Ireland mentoring bursary for a Leitrim Based writer which was awarded to Esther Hoad from Aughamore, Carrick-on-Shannon who is a previous poetry prize winner with the *Leitrim Guardian*.

*Creative Frame* also provided a series of workshops and seminars covering topics from getting funding fit, child protection training, tax advice, mentoring, making a living out of music and a fake public art panel.

Over 400 creative practitioners in Leitrim and the surrounding area received bi-monthly e-newsletters keeping them up to date with news and funding and professional development opportunities.

To wind up the year *Creative Frame* will host a Christmas party and networking get together which will be attended by 75 network members and invited guests.

