

# Inhabitants

Inhabitants is a series of events and activities across visual arts, architecture and theatre, which highlights the diverse and innovative work happening in the arts in Callan and across Ireland. This year focuses on one key theme, Public Declaration. We're delighted to invite guest curator Róise Goan to devise Testimony - stories of courage, stepping out of the comfort zone into the unknown, citizenship and its relative freedoms and burdens, love, belonging and standing out. Our programme allows for new audiences and those familiar to engage in cutting-edge art experiences in our small town.

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Inhabitants is the Arts Strand of the Abhainn Rí Festival 2017.

**Abhainn Rí Festival** is a multidisciplinary festival of participation and inclusion now in its eighth year.

**Trasna Productions** is an inclusive organisation in Callan that facilitates ambitious cross-disciplinary and collaborative arts projects. In 2015 Trasna Productions produced the highly ambitious 'Bridge Street Will Be' production.

**KCAT Arts Centre** delivers a wide range of visual art and performance courses and is home to KCAT Studio and Equinox Theatre Company. Founded in 1999, KCAT believes art is for everyone and has years of experience in making learning an accessible and inspiring journey for each person.

**Callan Workhouse Union** is a developing facility and commissioning agency for visual art, design, architecture, research and community activities - with projects examining the future of rural towns, housing, civic infrastructure and the commons.

Image Credit: Sinéad Fahey, 'Sinéad at her desk', Acrylic Marker on Paper, 76x57cm, 2014

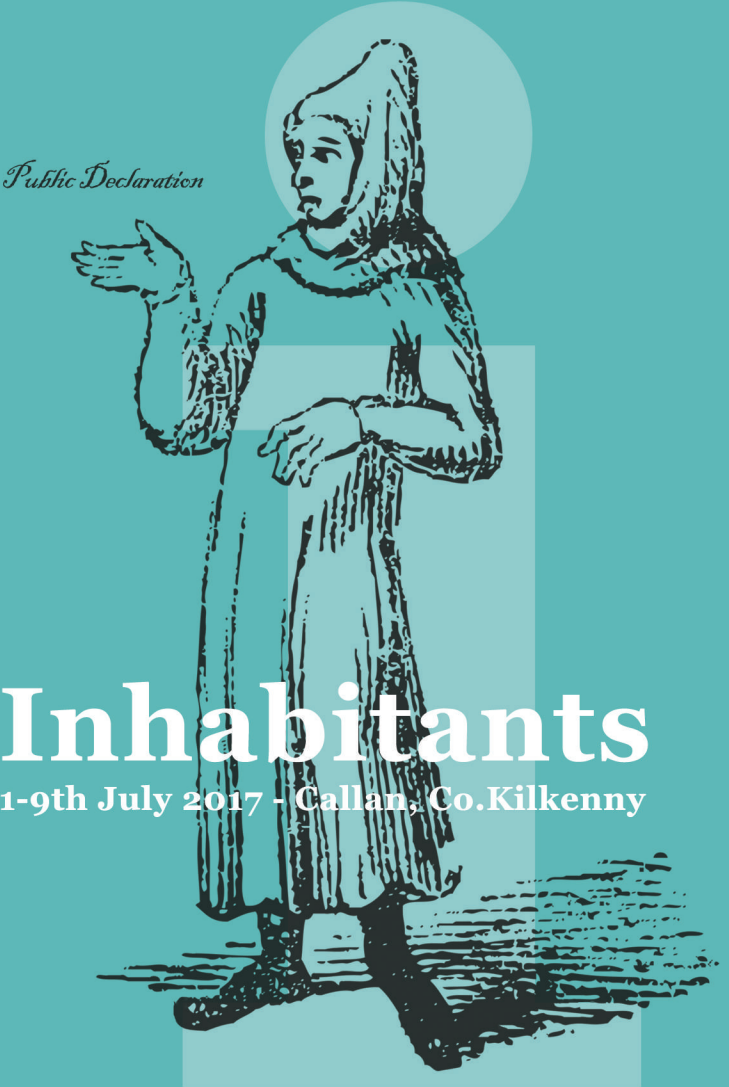


# Programme

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Price
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<i>Flowers Floating Either Way</i> ; Reception	KCAT	3pm	Free
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<i>Life and Local</i> ; Reception	St Brigid's School	4:30pm	Free
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<i>Secret Stations</i> ; Reception	Macra na Feirme	5:30pm	Free
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<i>A Variety of Sameness</i> ; Reception	Green St.	6:30pm	Free
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<i>Walk with Diviner Mary Carter</i>	Macra na Feirme	6pm	Free
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<i>Breakfast Cartoons</i>	Fennelly's	10am	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<i>Youth Design Workshops</i>	Friary Complex	10:30am-3pm	Free
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Breakfast Cartoons</i>	Fennelly's	10am	
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Youth Design Workshops</i>	Friary Complex	10:30am-3pm	Free
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Breakfast Cartoons</i>	Fennelly's	10am	
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Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Breakfast Cartoons</i>	Fennelly's	10am	
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Youth Design Workshops</i>	Friary Complex	10:30am-3pm	Free
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Inclusion Ireland: Self Advocacy</i>	Parish Hall	10am-3pm	€10**
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Sensing Soil</i>	Friary Studio	2pm-3:45pm	Free
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Meet You At The Green? Worksop</i>	Friary Complex	4pm-6pm	
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Hope Hunt- Oona Doherty</i>	Parish Hall Ent.	7:30pm	€10
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Breakfast Cartoons</i>	Fennelly's	10am	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Secret Meadow Music</i>	Abbey Meadow Tent	8pm	€10*
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Breakfast Cartoons</i>	Fennelly's	10:30am	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Picnic at the Meadow</i>	Abbey Meadow Tent	12pm	Free
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Youth led Walking tour of Callan</i>	Friary Complex	4:30pm	Free
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Testimony: Town Talks</i>	Abbey Meadow Tent	2pm-6pm	€10*

\* suggested donation

\*\* includes lunch



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1-9th July 2017 - Callan, Co.Kilkenny



# Exhibitions

**1st - 9th July | 12- 5pm daily**

## Flowers Floating Either Way

Sinéad Fahey  
KCAT Arts Centre, Mill Lane  
Opening reception: Sat 1st July, 3pm

Sinéad Fahey will have her first career retrospective celebrating 17 years of the development of a unique voice in Irish visual art. Sinead's works draw on memory by imaginatively recalling and documenting important people and moments in her life and in the life of her friends and colleagues. In her work, Sinead often gives special attention to human interactions, gestures and scenes that may, in everyday life, pass by unnoticed. Sinead's bright and striking images have been a hallmark of KCAT Studio. Sinéad is from Carrick-on-Suir and has travelled widely to enhance her dynamic perception and expression of the world.

## Life and Local

Margaret Walker & Noel McCormack  
St. Brigid's College  
Opening reception: Sat 1st July, 4:30pm

Noel McCormack creates primarily figurative work using ink, charcoal and pencil, sometimes combining these to develop intensely detailed and sensitive portraits. He has exhibited for several years at the KCAT end of year show in Callan and is based in Dunamaggin, Co. Kilkenny.

Margaret Walker presents an exhibition of new work, developed over a number of years, depicting various iconic buildings and locations around Callan. Margaret is a native of Callan and a member of KCAT Studio.

## Secret Stations

Kate Fahey  
Macra na Feirme Hall, Mill Street  
Opening reception: Sat 1st July, 5:30pm

Secret Stations is an exhibition of photographic prints and sculptural works in wood and copper developed in collaboration with two local crafts people, Mary Carter, a diviner and Gabriel Wall, a wood turner. Woven through the work is the relationship between the topographic surface of the land and the surface of the body - skin, the location of the sense of touch.

Secret Stations was developed while on residency at Callan Workhouse Union in August 2016, as part of Workhouse Guild. Originally from Callan, Kate Fahey is a visual artist living and working in London.

## A Variety of Sameness

Paraic Leahy  
Green St. Callan (opp. St. Mary's)  
Opening reception: Sat 1st July, 6:30pm

This painting exhibition explores nineteenth century Victorian literature - the history of the mirror, the double, silhouettes and shadows. Isolated forms in the work hint at the 'creature' on sparse surfaces. Landscapes take up the painted surface and floral patterns leak out onto the exposed wood. Paraic Leahy is a visual artist based in Callan, Co. Kilkenny and was a recipient of the Tony O'Malley Studio Residency in 2016.

# Events & Workshops

## Secret Stations: Walk with Diviner Mary Carter

Meet at Macra na Feirme Hall, Mill Street  
Sun 2nd July, 6pm | free

Starting from Kate Fahey's exhibition Secret Stations at Macra na Feirme, diviner Mary Carter will lead a tour of Callan providing insight into the craft of divining.

## Inclusion Ireland: Self-Advocacy

Parish Hall  
Thurs 06th, 10am- 3pm | €10 (including lunch)

Inclusion Ireland will lead an exciting day of talks and discussion providing an opportunity to learn about self-advocacy and to publicly declare your thoughts and experiences throughout the day. Speakers will include, Martin Rowan, Chair of the Self Advocacy Subcommittee, Dermot Lowndes, member of the Self Advocacy Subcommittee, Kathleen Gittens, Kings River Community, Equinox Theatre Company, Sarah Jane Lavin, National Platform of Self Advocates and Robert Murtagh, Advocacy Project Worker.

Inclusion Ireland is a rights based advocacy organisation for people with intellectual disabilities. Inclusion Ireland has a vision of people with an intellectual disability living and participating in the community with equal rights as citizens, to live the life of their choice to their fullest potential. Inclusion Ireland's work is underpinned by the values of dignity, inclusion, social justice, democracy and autonomy.

Inclusion Ireland's Self Advocacy Sub Committee is made up of people with intellectual disabilities who work hard on issues that are important in their lives. They speak up for themselves and for others about rights and choice.

## Breakfast Cartoons in Fennelly's

Fennelly's, Bridge Street  
10-11am, Mon 3rd July - Fri 7th July  
10:30am- 12pm, Sat 8th July

Wake up to a screening of a short film by Cartoon Saloon every morning in Fennelly's and enjoy with a yummy breakfast purchased from Fennelly's new menu. Cartoon Saloon is a twice Academy Award® and BAFTA nominated animation studio based in Kilkenny. From award-winning shorts to feature films and TV series, Cartoon Saloon has carved a special place in the international Animation industry.

## Sensing Soil

Friary Studio, Mill Street  
Thurs 06th, 2 - 3.45pm | free

A workshop to delve deep into the earth. Join Monkeyshine Theatre and their guest artists Touchstone Collaborations for a hands-on experience with soil and seed rituals.

This workshop is part of Monkeyshine Theatre's year-long programme, collaborating with various artists to develop new work inspired by the natural world. Artists Miche Fabre Lewin and Flora Gathorne-Hardy founded Touchstone Collaborations, a socially engaged practice focusing on the living cycles of soil, food and water. Based in Callan's Friary Complex, Monkeyshine Theatre create a beautifully crafted brand of theatre that is vibrant, ingenious, bold, and playful in spirit.

This is an interactive outdoor event for all ages. Limited availability so book in advance to secure your ticket.

# Testimony

Testimony is a dynamic programme of theatre, music and discussion, curated by Róise Goan, drawing on the notion of Public Declaration.

## Hope Hunt

Oona Doherty  
Meeting at Box Office  
Thurs 06th, 7:30pm | €10

A thumping sweaty theatre performance by choreographer Oona Doherty. Dance as virtuosic states, heaving lungs shout in the dark. Doherty takes you through a dirty Europe, on a shared nervous system. This is a physical expression of the place between the flesh and the soul. Hope Hunt is an attempt to deconstruct the stereotype of the concrete disadvantaged male, and raise it up into a Caravaggio bright white limbo. It is a hunt for hope.

## Secret Meadow Music

Abbey Meadow Tent  
Fri 07th, 8pm | €10- suggested donation

Callan has become a secret music venue with many rising Irish acts having appeared in our town in past number of years. Secret Meadow Music will be a chilled gig in this magical outdoor venue.

## Testimony: Town Talks

Abbey Meadow Tent  
Sat 8th, 2pm - 4pm  
€10 - suggested donation

Featuring a diverse line-up of songs and stories, Town Talks will provide an engaging afternoon of personal testimonies and public declarations. Eclectic voices from across the nation, including some of Callan's own, will share both truth and fiction - stories of courage, stepping out of the comfort zone into the unknown, citizenship and its relative freedoms and burdens, love, belonging and standing out. Join us for this intimate afternoon in the meadow.

# Meet You At The Green?

How do we inhabit our rural towns? Meet You at The Green? explores our common landscape and built environment, highlighting the resources available for people to gather and activate our town centres. Public workshops, events, activities and artworks unfold in a number of towns in Co. Kilkenny throughout 2017.

## Todo Por La Praxis (TXP) - Youth Design Workshop

Friary Complex, Mill Street | free  
Mon - Fri, 10:30am-3pm

This workshop invites young people to play their part in designing pocket places and spaces to play and gather. Spanish architects Todo Por La Praxis return to Callan to lead this week-long Youth Design Workshop, working with Callan Foróige throughout the week of the festival. All young people are welcome to join in. Please book in advance to secure your place.

## Youth Design Workshop Walking Tour

Meet at the Abbey Meadow Tent | free  
Sat 08th, 4.30pm  
Developed through the Youth Design Workshops, young people from Callan will lead a tour of their town as they experience it.

## Meet You At The Green? Workshop

Thurs 06th, 4 - 6pm  
Meet at the Abbey Meadow Tent | free

Do you walk, drive or cycle - to work, to school, to the shops? Do you use these ways of transport for practical reasons, to socialise, out of necessity? Visual artist Michelle Browne will lead a workshop focusing on how we move around our town. With your help she will gather together route and stories, short cuts and secrets about how we make Callan our own.

## Picnic at the Meadow

Abbey Meadow Tent  
Sat 8th, 12 - 2pm | all welcome

Bring your own picnic and blanket and enjoy a gathering of games and chats in the beautiful Abbey Meadow. Artistic elements by Jennie Moran and musical accompaniment by street jazz sextet, Amber and the Bear.

To book please contact **Orlaith at trasnaproductions@gmail.com**