



WORKHOUSE UNION

20 - 22 NOVEMBER 2015



VARIOUS SITES AT
**CALLAN WORKHOUSE
UNION**, CALLAN,
CO. KILKENNY

New Work and Research by
**Bridget O’Gorman, Brian Cregan,
Deirdre O’Mahony, Vagabond Reviews,
Katherine Waugh, Orlaith Treacy**

*With further contributions by
Imogen Stidworthy, Aislinn O'Donnell
and Clara Rose Thornton*

**A weekend series of installation,
video works, film screenings,
performance and discussion**
curated by Hollie Kearns
and Rosie Lynch

Public Events Programme

Friday, 20 November, 20:00 - 23:00
Saturday 21 November, 11:00 - 18:00
(followed by after event at Fennelly’s)
Sunday 22 November, 12:00 - 15:00

Workhouse Union, a programme of artists residencies and commissioned new work, was initiated in 2015 to critically examine the history and legacy of Callan Workhouse. This building has a significant history in our town; first opened in 1842 as part of a monumental social engineering project across Ireland and Britain under the Poor Law Union Act of 1838. This top down approach enclosed and excluded the most vulnerable in society in a formidable institution which compounded inequality and systematic stigmatisation. That this law, and the attitudes which made it policy, have continued echoes in social policy and public attitudes in Ireland and Europe today lends the workhouse project a critical urgency.

Workhouse Union artists and curators Bridget O’Gorman, Brian Cregan, Deirdre O’Mahony, Katherine Waugh, Orlaith Treacy and Vagabond Reviews were invited to develop new artworks and research which address the legacy of institutionalisation, and enclosure in our society. Through the commissioned artist’s and curator’s work, this framework expands to food security and control, social inclusion, institutional violence and power, and reflection on the role and accessibility of art in society.

This project takes place at a crucial time as the front wing of the original ‘H-block’ building is transformed into Callan Workhouse Union, a shared space for art, design, research and community facilities. Local engagement in Workhouse Union public events throughout the year has activated changes to the building in 2015. This series of public events will launch a newly developed research library, designed by LiD Architecture, which will be open to new membership in 2015-2016.

Workhouse Union is generously supported through an Arts Council Visual Arts Project Award.



SCHEDULE

EXHIBITION OF NEW WORKS

11:00 - 18:00

FRIDAY 20, SATURDAY 21, SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Bridget O’Gorman, video installation
Vagabond Reviews, *Temporary Institute One: the bio-archives*
Brian Cregan, photographic installation
Orlaith Treacy, research and process space

EVENTS

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

18:00 - 23:00

SPUD | Digestion, a potato-based event by **Deirdre O’Mahony** with accompanying performance by Clara Rose Thornton

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

11:00 - 13:00

Temporary Institute One: the bio-archive readings and discussion with **Vagabond Reviews**

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch available (€5)

14:00 - 18:00

Discussion and accompanying film screenings led and selected by **Katherine Waugh** with Imogen Stidworthy and Aislinn O’Donnell

18:00 - late

After-event with screening (as part of Katherine Waugh’s selected film programme) and food in Fennelly’s

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

12:00 - 14:00

Film Screenings selected by **Katherine Waugh**

(Full details of the film programme and additional invited speakers will be announced shortly - will include films chosen to resonate with specific aspects of Callan’s history by Fernand Deligny, Straub-Huillet, Brothers Quay, Imogen Stidworthy and work from the edges of American Independent cinema)



Images

back page: Brian Cregan
Front Page: Top/Brian Crgan
Bottom/Bridget O’Gorman film
still with Clara Rose Thornton

Practical Information:

All events are free. It is not necessary to book, but we recommend that you arrive early. Callan Workhouse Union (R95H7XN) is located off the Clonmel Road, Callan. Turn up Canon Kennedy Court Road at the Fire Station, opposite the town Library. Our entrance is just beyond the Bottle Bank. Parking is available. All events are on the ground floor. Some of the events will happen in unheated locations. Please dress for the weather. Please let us know if you have any mobility issues prior to visiting.

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