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CREATE Ireland

Create is the national development agency for collaborative arts in social and community contexts in Ireland. Its mission is *to provide advice and support services to artists and arts organisations working collaboratively with communities in social and community contexts.*

Create supports artists across all artforms who work collaboratively with communities in different social and community contexts, be they communities of place or those brought together by interest.

Collaborative arts is a dynamic and contemporary form of arts practice. Related and similar ways of working can come under the headings of participatory arts, socially engaged arts and in the theoretical realm are closely linked to the concept of relational aesthetics.

Collaborative arts practice plays with and contests notions of authorship and the idea of the artist-genius. Work that is made collaboratively often exists outside of the gallery or takes place outside the traditional theatre space. It can also be interdisciplinary and for example involve a musician working with a visual artist or an architect with a dance artist. **Create seeks to foster current and future potential for collaboration between artists and communities, encouraging art projects that reflect the exciting ways in which collaborative arts represent a complex range of ideas and approaches.**

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