
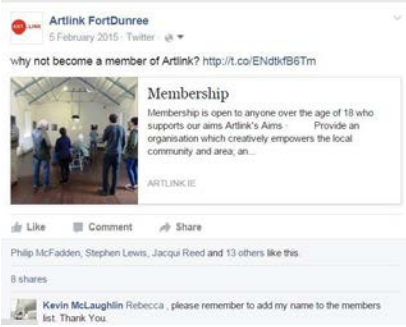


Program of events and activities 2015	Participants and Audience numbers
<p><b>Artists Peer Support Day</b>  <i>8<sup>th</sup> January 2015</i>  <i>Artlink Studios</i></p>  <p>Due to the success of last years' professional development day Artlink ran a peer support day which focused on putting together an eligible application for the Arts Council of Ireland's Individual Bursary.</p>	<p>1 Facilitator   14 participants</p>
<p><b>Launch of Artlink Membership Programme</b>  <i>February 2015</i>  <i>Online</i></p>  <p>The establishment of a membership program had been in the pipeline for a while but things got firmed up after a visit to the Footfall symposium in late</p>	<p>55 members</p>

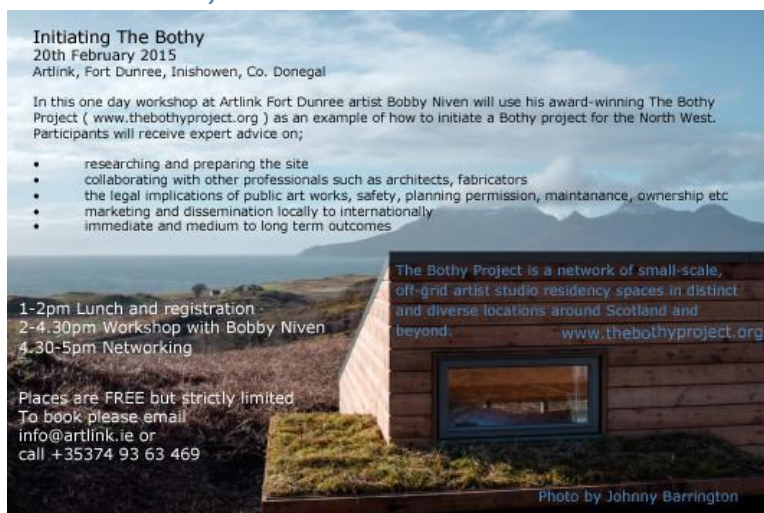
2014. We worked with 126 Gallery in Galway to come up with a membership program for Artlink.

### *Initiating the Bothy*

*20th February 2015*

*Saldanha Gallery Fort Dunree*

1 chairperson  
1 expert speaker  
22 attendees



is supported by



Artlink are delighted to have brought Bobby Niven from The Bothy Project ([www.thebothyproject.com](http://www.thebothyproject.com)) to Inishowen to speak with us about the possibilities and practicalities of initiating an award-winning project of this nature.

The Bothy Project is a network of small-scale, off-grid artist studio residency spaces in distinct and diverse locations around Scotland and beyond.

We hosted a discussion with the view to working towards a future project in collaboration with artists and architects in the north west of Ireland.

### *VAI Artist Café*






*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February*

*Saldanha Gallery, Fort Dunree*

3 expert speakers  
6 artist presenters  
30 participants



Visual Artists Ireland, in partnership with Artlink Ltd and Donegal Arts Office, hosted the Visual Artists' Café for Donegal Visual Artists. It was an afternoon

<p>of information and an opportunity to meet fellow artists working in the north west area and discover the supports that are available to artists.</p>	
<p><b><i>Pushkin Trust Workshops</i></b>  <b><i>March</i></b>  <b><i>Barronscourt Estate, Newtonstewart</i></b></p> <div data-bbox="183 459 622 786" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="667 459 1101 786" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Following the success of previous years, Artlink were asked to return to deliver workshops as part of the Pushkin Trust Barronscourt Days. As well as delivery of two sessions on-site, we were also invited to deliver workshops in schools in Co. Derry and Co. Monaghan</p>	<p>2 artists 90 participants</p>
<p><b><i>Working Hard</i></b>  <b><i>Exhibition of Artlink Studio Artists</i></b>  <b><i>Saldanha Gallery, Fort Dunree</i></b></p> <div data-bbox="161 1102 920 1675" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="183 1680 920 1895" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p><b>Working Hard</b>  Paul Kerr Ben King Patricia Spokes Rebecca Strain  An exhibition of recent works by Artlink Studio Artists  at Saldanha Gallery, Fort Dunree, Inishowen, County Donegal  Open daily 10:30am to 4pm until the end of April</p> <div>    </div> <p>Artlink studios are supported by the Visual Artists Ireland artist workspace scheme</p> </div> <div data-bbox="638 1680 920 1895" data-label="Complex-Block">   </div> <p>A group exhibition of artists who studios are at Artlink Fort Dunree.</p>	<p>4 artists 200 visitors</p>

**Donegal Artist Network**  
**Regional Cultural Centre Letterkenny**  
**18<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

2 facilitators  
 1 artist speaker  
 22 participants

Donegal Artists' Network  
discussion with curator  
Declan Sheehan at 5:30pm

followed by the official launch of two  
 Earagail Arts Festival exhibitions  
 Dúchas / Homeland Omar Yashruti  
 Gilles Caron – In Colour at 7pm

Saturday 4 July 2015, 5:30pm-9pm  
Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Free event. All welcome. Launch event has been kindly supported  
 by Kinnegar Brewing, Rathmullan



In response to the success of VAI artist café in February Artlink and curator in residence, Elis Lavelle, initiated the Donegal Artist Network which continues to run on a monthly basis.

***Amazing Grace Festival***

***Beach Art Attack***

***Porthaw Beach***

***Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April***



As part of the annual festival and due to the success of previous beach base activities Artlink was invited to design and deliver a beach maze on the theme of 'Journey'

***The Europeans, Damaso Reyes***

***Saldanha Suite, Fort Dunree***

***3rd May to 1st June***

1 lead artist

4 artist assistants

120 participants

1 artist

1 curator

130 exhibition

visitors



**The Europeans: Damaso Reyes**  
curated by Rebecca Strain



**3rd May to 1st June 2015**  
Saldanha Gallery, Fort Dunree, Inishowen Co. Donegal

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Mon-Fri 10.30-4.30  
Sat-Sun 1-6pm

**Saturday 2nd May 6-8pm**  
Launch event with wine and cheese reception

**Saturday 9th May 6-8pm**  
Panel Discussion "The Future of Europe and Ireland's Place In It" with Marian Harkin MEP, Declan Sheehan and guests chaired by Damian Dowds of the Inishowen Independent

**Sunday 10th May 12.30-4.30pm**  
Street Photography Masterclass at Remote Photo Festival, Letterkenny

An "ambitious project" that "goes beyond the headlines." New York Times



Artlink was awarded a Travel and Training Bursary through Arts Council of Ireland to bring International Artists and Photojournalist Damaso Reyes to Ireland to present and discuss his current project 'The Europeans'. The exhibition ran as part of the inaugural Remote Photo Festival based in Letterkenny.

## *The Future of Europe and Ireland Place in It*

*Saldanha Gallery, Fort Dunree*

*9th May 6-8pm*



<http://inishowenindo.ie/2015/05/dunree-debate-on-irelands-place-in-europe/>

<https://soundcloud.com/damaso-reyes/the-future-of-europe-and-irelands-place-in-it>

Artlink invited Marian Harkin MEP, Damian Dowds, editor of the Inishowen Independent and Declan Sheehan, freelance curator to discuss along with the artist the topic of the future of Europe and Ireland's place in it. The event was attended by a new audience of public who's interests were more focused on politics than art but the setting allowed for open and constructive dialogue and debate. A recording is available online.

4 panel members  
4 support team  
35 participants  
45 listen backs on  
Soundcloud.com

Feel Good Fortnight  
Buncrana Town  
27<sup>th</sup> June – 11<sup>th</sup> July



Workshop participation of 50 children and families.  
23 artists in total involved in street event, of which 3 Artlink artists.

Again Artlink contributed to the annual festival by hosting a visual arts activity.

*Leonie Tang*


*Camera Obscura*

*July – October*

1 artist  
3 assistants  
200 visitors



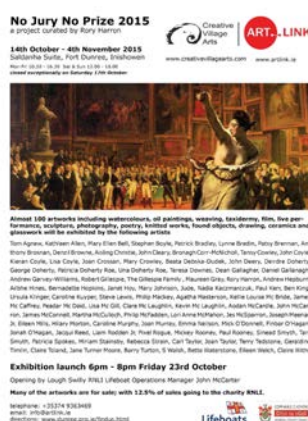
Camera Obscura installation by artist Leonie Tang, Fort Dunree, Donegal, July & August 2015

<p><i>In early July, artist Leonie Tang installed a camera obscura in the look-out building at the entrance to Fort Dunree. This installation was open to the public until October.</i></p>	
<p><b>Members' Show, Mark One</b>  <b><i>Saldanha Suite, Fort Dunree</i></b>  <b><i>13 July to 23 July</i></b></p>  <p>13 - 23 July  Saldanha Gallery, Fort Dunree  Inishowen, Co. Donegal</p> <p>Annual Members Exhibition:  Art Party Saturday 18th July 6-8pm</p> <p><b>MARK 1</b></p> <p>John Black   Bernard De Ceuster   Patrick Clafferty   Deirdre Doherty   Patricia Doherty   Catherine Ellis  Emma Hirsk   Bernadette Hopkins   Anna Hryniewicz   Paul Kerr   Steve Lewis   Kevin McClelland  Aodan McCardle   Sinead McGuinn   Clare McLaughlin   Kevin McLaughlin   Lori Anne McMahon  Hilary Morton   Caroline Murphy   Adam Rory Porter   Liam Rodden   Myriam Rommers   Mary Ryan  Patricia Spokes   Louise Spokes   Rebecca Strain   Leonie Tang   Sinead Walsh   Eileen Welch</p> <p>For our first members show we invited guest curators from Galway to give the show a more professional finish. 29 of the 55 members submitted works which were shown at Saldanha Gallery in July.</p>	<p>2 Curators  29 artists  300 visitors  1 workshop  facilitator  7 families, 18  children</p>
<p><b><i>Family Arts Afternoon</i></b>  <b><i>Saldanha Gallery</i></b>  <b><i>July 19<sup>th</sup></i></b></p>	<p>1 workshop  facilitator  7 families, 18  children</p>



In response to the Mark I members show, experienced facilitator Sinead Smyth ran a workshop that was targeted at families to widen participation in our events.

## No Jury No Prize Saldanha Suite, Fort Dunree October 14 to November 4



90 Artists  
1 nominal curator,  
installation by the  
studio artists  
580 visitors

This is the second year that Artlink has run this exhibition, and we hope to continue in 2016. The exhibition shows a cross-section of creative talent from across the north-west, in a vibrant and attractive way. The show was well covered and credited in the local and regional papers.

***Continuation of Kino Club***

***Ned's Point, Buncrana***

***2nd Thursday of the month throughout the year.***



A joint collaboration, this project is envisioned to run for an initial 6 months, with a view to making it permanent.

Programme by 3 coordinators  
Organisation/preparation by Ned's Point and Artlink  
Average 20 people per viewing  
Total of 240.