





Program of events and activities 2016	Participants and Audience numbers
<p><i>Artists Peer Support Day</i> 12th January 2016 Artlink Studios</p>  <p>Due to the success of previous years' professional development days 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</p> <p>6 participants</p>

<p>LEO (Letterkenny Enterprise Office) Creative Network 28th January Carndonagh</p> <p>Artlink attended this creative network meeting to gauge the relevance of the discussions to Artlinks' future</p>	<p>2 attendees from Artlink 30+ participants from creative industries</p>
<p>VAI Professional Development day 26th January Belfast Exposed</p>  <p>Mary Cremin has a wealth of experience as a curator, most recently having curated the 2015 edition of TULCA in Galway and previously been Director of Green on Red Gallery, Dublin and project manager for the Irish Pavilion at the Venice Biennale. She will be offering her advice on how to choose the curators that suit your practice best, how to maintain that relationship and what curators and galleries expect of you as artists.</p> <p>Nadja Sayej is an arts journalist based in Berlin and is a regular writer for the Guardian, the New York Times and has interviewed hundreds of world-renowned artists including Marina Abramovic, Yoko Ono, James Franco, Gilbert & George and John Waters. She the host of web-tv channel ArtStars and has written several books including the “ArtStars Guide to Getting Your Shit Together”. At this event, Nadja will be speaking about how to perfect your online presence, looking at everything from your website to your newsletters and social media strategy.</p>	<p>4 attendees from Artlink 6 Artlink members 60+ artist attendees from across N. Ireland</p>
<p>Continuation of Kino Club Ned's Point, Buncrana 2nd Thursday of the month throughout the year.</p>	<p>Programme by 3 coordinators Organisation/preparation by Ned's Point and Artlink Average 20 people per viewing Total of 240.</p>



A joint collaboration, this very successful project continues to run on a monthly basis.

Launch of Drawing Days


11th April


Saldahna Galleries, Fort Dunree



Average 6 participants each month

Total 72

<p>In response to interests of members and studio artist Artlink instigated the first of a series of clothed model life drawing days which continues on a monthly basis</p>	
<p>BOI Enterprise Day</p> <p><i>15th April</i></p> <p><i>Plaza Buncrana</i></p> <p>Artlink attended this event which was a networking event for local enterprises.</p>	<p>2 attendees 90 participants</p>
<p>LEO meeting</p> <p><i>19th April</i></p> <p><i>Carndonagh</i></p> <p>Artlink continued to attend these meeting and take and active part in the discussions</p>	<p>2 attendees from Artlink 30+ participants from creative industries</p>
<p>Peer Review Day</p> <p><i>26th April</i></p> <p><i>Artlink Studios</i></p>  <p>Two artist members of Artlink presented their work for critical review to a audience of peers. One artist travelled from Donegal Town to present her work on flax growing which was part of her MA studies.</p>	<p>2 Artist Presenters 8 Peer Reviewers</p>

<p>The second artist travelled from Derry to present his studio based practice which was a real treat as he rarely shares his work outside of the studio.</p>	
<p>Fab Lab Training</p> <p><i>27th April</i></p> <p><i>Nerve Centre, Derry</i></p> <p>Artlink attended this open day and training session to learn more about the facilities on offer at Fab Lab and how artist can make use of them in their work.</p>	<p>2 Artlink trainees</p>
<p>Pushkin Trust Workshops</p> <p><i>11th May</i></p> <p><i>Barronscount, Newtonstewart</i></p>  <p>Following on from previous years Artlink were again invited to facilitate a workshop for the Pushkin Trust Days project. The theme for 2016 was the 'Fire Within'. We decided to take inspiration for Keith Harring and his lively firey imagery. It went down a storm and we look forward to coming back next year.</p>	<p>2 Artist Facilitators 30 participants</p>

Origami Workshop for Feel Good Fortnight

14th May

The Exchange Buncrana



In preparation for Feel Good Fortnight Artlink facilitated an origami workshop for children and adults. The resulting forms were used to decorate shops and businesses during Feel Good Fortnight.

1 Artist Facilitator
12 participants

Visual Artists Ireland Artist Cafe


21st May

Void Gallery, Derry



To support our members and to keep abreast of local and regional talent we attended this event in Derry.

2 Artlink attendees
3 Artlink members
presented
30 participants

<p>Wrapping Up with Free Staring</p> <p><i>6th-13th June</i></p> <p><i>Saldahna Gallery</i></p>  <p>This was the first in a series of 'test bed' exhibitions where studio artists made use of the gallery space in to test out ideas. The shows did not necessarily have to be open to the public. For this test piece the artist filmed the exhibition for review.</p>	<p>1 Artist 15 audience</p>
<p>Paul Moore Lecture</p> <p><i>9th June</i></p> <p><i>Art Surgery, Buncrana</i></p> <p>A new arts venue has opened in Buncrana. Artlink attended this event in support of local arts activities.</p>	<p>1 Artlink attendee 16 participants</p>

Cultural Visit from Norwegian Cultural Ambassadors

10th June

Artlink Studios, Fort Dunree

7 international
visitors
1 regional visitor
5 studio artists



We were delighted to welcome a party traveling from Norway to visit us here at Fort Dunree, some of whom had been associated with the artists who came here for the Edge Centering project in 2007. They visited the Saldanha Gallery, The Potting Shed, and the artist studios. It was also a good opportunity for Artlink to promote the latest residency opportunity on behalf of Donegal County Councils Art Office.

The Woods

16th - 30th June

The Garden of Reflection, Derry



17th - 30th June 2016
Garden of Reflection, Bishop Street, Derry-Londonderry
Mon-Fri 11am-4pm
Opening reception Thursday 16th June 2016, 7pm.
All Welcome

This was the inaugural solo exhibition of studio artist Patricia Spokes and was a very successful venture. The artist has been developing her painting skills at Artlink Studios in the years following completion of her degree.

1 artist
50 attendees on
opening night
250 visitors over the
course of the
exhibition

Feel Good Fortnight

25th June -9th July

Various Locations in Buncrana



This year Artlink played a central role in the organizing and delivery of Feel Good Fortnight. Artlink Project Coordinator Tansy Cowley has been involved in the running of the festival in previous years. Her position at Artlink allowed her to dedicate more of her time to developing the festival for 2016. Here she

1 Artlink Project
Coordinator
100's of events
1,000's of attendees

is pictured receiving acknowledgement for her contribution by Feel Good Fortnight Coordinator Ruth Garvey-Williams.

Members' Show, Mark Two: Insiders & Outsiders

Saldanha Suite, Fort Dunree

5th -21st August

1 Curator
4 Project
Coordinators
35 Artist Members
1000 visitors



For our second members show we invited guest curator Lucy Elvis from Galway to give the show a more professional finish. 35 members submitted works which were shown at Saldanha Gallery in August.

Counter Culture Point

16th September

Neds Point Fort

12 Artists
48 attendess



This collective event for all artists working in the area is happened at Neds Point Fort to coincide with the nationwide Culture Night 2016 (6-10pm). We had a live raku kiln firing by ceramics artist Matthew Porter (sample of his work featured here); workshops by textile artists Emma Poochie and Sorcha NicLochlainn; live music by Maryanne McDonnell, plus many more contributions on the night. We screened films downstairs from local film makers, including Windy Day Media and Michael Barwise; a Culture of Corruption piece by Caroline Kuyper; and exhibited artworks by local artists. We will also had an art auction to raise money for Neds Point Fort. Counter Culture Point is kindly supported by Donegal County Council.

No Jury No Prize

26th Nov - 4th December

Saldanha Gallery, Fort Dunree



For the third year running Artlink hosted No Jury No Prize. As usual we were inundated with artworks from all mediums and approaches including taxidermy, metalwork and performance art. Next year the show will go back to Northern Ireland for a year before returning to us in 2018.

76 Artists
600 visitors

<p>Soap Making Workshops</p> <p><i>November and December</i></p> <p><i>Artlink Studios</i></p> <div data-bbox="162 470 531 958" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="593 577 1166 958" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Potting Shed project, one of the outcomes of the Resistance and Rebellion residency by Christine Mackey strengthened Artlink's involvement with the natural environment. Jacqui Devenney-Reed an Artlink studio holder used locally found ingredients along with her herbal expertise to deliver workshops creating soaps with fortifying benefits.</p>	<p>1 tutor 1 technician 10 participants</p>
<p>Work Experience at Artlink</p> <p><i>September to November</i></p> <p><i>Artlink studios</i></p> <div data-bbox="162 1361 1193 1937" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>1 secondary school student 1 mentor 100 exhibition visitors</p>

This year a LCA student from Scoil Mhuire Secondary School in Buncrana completed her work experience at Artlink Studios. As well as learned about the day to day running of the art organisation she also took the opportunity to develop her photography skills. This led to a solo show of her work at the school in November.