

Studios

Our objective is to offer studio/work spaces for visual artists to help them develop & progress their practice. We aim to provide a supportive working environment that addresses key points in the creative cycle by which art is made. We focus on emerging artists but are also dedicated to supporting artists at all stages of career. Our studios are open 3 years now. We have studios now at 3 locations, providing space for artists on various tenancies. Our main studios are at No 10 Del La Salle House, The Parade, Kilkenny which is open just over 2 years now and holds 6 studio spaces. And we have expanded our space in 2024, we have two smaller studios in the gallery space at 1st Floor Dunnes Stores, Kieran Street. We also expanded again in 2025 with one new shared workspace which holds two studio spaces for artists at No 58 John St, Kilkenny. We provide a subsidised studio space for 12 months for 3 Resident artists up to a maximum of 3 years, for 6 months for 2 artists up to a maximum of 1 year, in our main studio on the 1st floors. We also have 1 large attic studio space, which divides as an office space for our managing director and a meeting space, a studio space and a small studio space. We also have access to 3 landing areas on the stairwell for gatherings/ exhibitions, we use these for open studio nights or local artist promotion evenings. Our building is only accessible via stairs, but in our new community gallery downtown we have an accessible lift and we have a meeting space in the centre of our gallery for meet ups and talks which is accessible to all in the community.

List of facilities & Artist Developments

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Selection process for studios:

Selection - We put out open call through (V.A.I, our website, social media channels, Kilkenny art office) asking artist to apply by email with CV, Images of recent work, and proposal of what to do with studio space.

The selection committee meets to decide on applicant, taking into account: quality of artists work, their practice, experience or emerging, and also their proposal of use..

Applicant is contacted and offered a viewing, during the meeting if applicant decides the selection committee advises the terms of and length of using the studio.

List of facilities:

Our workspace offers the following facilities:

- Light, electricity, heat, water, toilet, communal kitchen (kettle, oven, cooking ring, toaster plus all kitchen utilities) 24/7 parking, fire alarm, security alarm, access via stairs.
- *Equipment stored down in gallery, available to studio artists -
2 x Printer, Laptops, 2 x Projector & White Screen plus Display Monitor*
- *1 x Printing Press, Professional Camera & lighting & Tripods (2) Storage Room for Artworks, extra chairs (30) & 3 fold up tables & Gazebo & (10) Easels for use for any artist facilitating classes/workshops, Microphone.*