

## Extension of Kerry Arts Strategy 2016 – 2021

Kerry County Council Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) for Culture and Heritage and the Gaeltacht has agreed to extend the existing Kerry Arts Strategy by 1-2 years. This decision was taken by the SPC, on the following grounds:

(a) The key objectives of the strategy remain an important strategic focus:

1. Supporting professional artists to live and work in Kerry
2. Promoting youth arts and arts in education
3. Supporting strategic partnerships to better develop the arts

(b) Nationally, there is an amount of consultation underway on arts and creativity. Kerry County Council is tasked with delivering a new Creativity and Cultural Strategy in 2022. It was agreed that existing and forthcoming consultation should help form a basis to advance consultation for the next Kerry Arts Plan either in 2023 or 2024.

(3) The impact Covid had on the arts was discussed and SPC members agreed that it would be best to afford the plan an additional year or two to enable a comprehensive delivery on key objectives.