

Cavan | Curators in Residence | 2015  
**Artists Exchange**  
 with :: Annette Moloney + Maeve Mulrennan  
 Tuesday 19 May 2015  
 Tuesday 16 June 2015  
 Tuesday 30 June 2015



## Introduction

Cavan Artists Exchange is a series of three sessions designed as a regular meet up for Cavan Artists to show and share their work in a relaxed way.

The sessions are created to include a balance of invited Artists talks and workshops from a range of artforms along with opportunities for Cavan Artists to present their work and ideas to each other.

The series has been designed in response to feedback from Cavan Artists during the Hello Sessions in February 2015 (see sample comments over).

## When : Dates & Times

The sessions are held approximately every three weeks between mid May and the end of June 2015.

The Cavan Artists Exchange sessions will take place on:

Tues 19 May Session # 1 Town Hall, Cavan Town

Tues 16 June Session # 2 Library, Cavan Town

Tues 30 June Session # 3 Library, Cavan Town

Time: 17:45 – 20:30

## Who's Welcome to Attend?

Artists from all artforms are welcome to attend the Artists Exchange sessions, with a maximum of approximately 25 people per venue per session.

The Artists Exchange sessions may be of interest to artists in all stages of their art practice, recent graduates, mid-career, etc. Please feel free to pass this information on to other artists who you think may be interesting in coming along.

Accessibility Information: Some of the sessions will take place upstairs. If you require additional access supports please let us know in advance.

## Cost

The cost to attend all three sessions is **€20**.

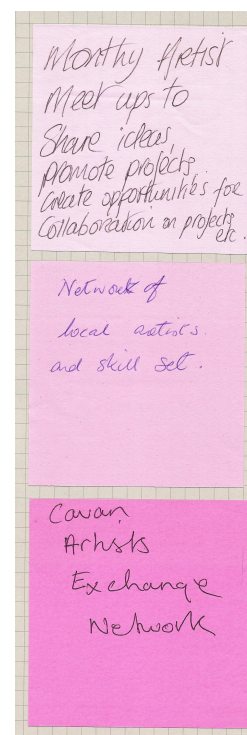
This can be paid on the first night. Light snacks and refreshments will be available.

## How to Book

Artists and practitioners can register to attend by emailing [jmcsherry@cavancoco.ie](mailto:jmcsherry@cavancoco.ie)

Please include your full contact details (name, address, mobile, email); and your artform area.

Artists need to register no later than **12:00 on Monday 18 May 2015**.



## Programme Details – what you can expect

| Session # 1   | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2015                                                                                                           | 17:45 – 20:30 | Town Hall, Cavan Town |
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| 17:45         | Registration plus Snacks + Chat                                                                                                             |               |                       |
|               | Introductions – to the sessions and speakers                                                                                                |               |                       |
| 18:10 (sharp) | Artists Workshop by <b>MICHAEL FORTUNE</b> (Visual Art + Traditional Arts) – details over                                                   |               |                       |
| 19:00         | Quick Chat + Snacks                                                                                                                         |               |                       |
| 19:15         | Artists Workshop by <b>KATHERINE ATKINSON</b> (Music + Socially Engaged Practice) – details over                                            |               |                       |
| 20:05         | <b>Quick Fire Round</b> – Elevator Pitches by Cavan Artists – 3 x 5mins – details over                                                      |               |                       |
| 20:25         | Quick Closing Comments                                                                                                                      |               |                       |
|               | Opportunity for Session # 2 – Pecha Kucha (Show and Tell) by Cavan Artists – 7 x 6.5mins presentations by Cavan Artists – Book a slot today |               |                       |
|               | Opportunity for Session # 3 – Open Call for a Cavan Artist to lead a practice based workshop                                                |               |                       |
| 20:30         | Ends                                                                                                                                        |               |                       |
| Session # 2   | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2015                                                                                                          | 17:45 – 20:30 | Library, Cavan Town   |
| 17:45         | Registration plus Snacks + Chat                                                                                                             |               |                       |
|               | Introductions – to the session and speakers                                                                                                 |               |                       |

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| 18:10 (sharp) | Artists Workshop by <b>JUSTINE FOSTER</b> (Education + Outreach and Arts + Health) – details over                              |
| 19:00         | Quick Chat + Snacks                                                                                                            |
| 19:15         | <b>PECHA KUCHA</b> style Show and Tell by Cavan Artists facilitated by Annette and Maeve – preparation required – details over |
| 20:05         | <b>Quick Fire Round</b> – Elevator Pitches by Cavan Artists – 3 x 5mins – details over                                         |
| 20:25         | Quick Closing Comments                                                                                                         |
|               | Preparation required for Session # 3 – Opportunity for Cavan Artist to lead a practice based workshop with their peers         |
| 20:30         | Ends                                                                                                                           |

| Session # 3   | Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015                                                                                               | 17:45 – 20:30 |
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| 17:45         | Registration plus Snacks + Chat                                                                                                  |               |
|               | Introductions – to the session and speakers                                                                                      |               |
| 18:10 (sharp) | National Context – information session by <b>VAL BALLANCE</b> (Head of Venues + Touring, Arts Council of Ireland) – details over |               |
| 19:00         | Quick Chat + Snacks                                                                                                              |               |
| 19:15         | <b>CAVAN ARTIST'S WORKSHOP</b> – opportunity to lead a practice based workshop with your peers – details over                    |               |
| 20:05         | <b>Quick Fire Round</b> – Elevator Pitches by Cavan Artists – 3 x 5mins – details over                                           |               |
| 20:25         | Quick Closing Comments                                                                                                           |               |
|               | Brief Evaluation form to fill out to give your feedback on the overall Artists Exchange Sessions                                 |               |
| 20:30         | Ends                                                                                                                             |               |

## About the Speakers

Here is some background information on the invited speakers and what they may be able to cover in their talks.

If possible please keep in mind that the programme details above are outlines at this stage; the visiting Artists may vary their content on the night based on the presentation material they select or in response to Qs from Cavan Artists who attend.

**Michael Fortune's** contemporary practice works in a range of areas including Visual Art, Traditional Arts & Music and Public Commissions. Michael will talk about the realities of working from his studio in rural Co. Wexford. He will aim to discuss creative ways to develop your practice including online and artist-led initiatives. Michael's talk is titled 'The King of Intangible Culture'.

**Katherine Atkinson** is a musician and also works in the area of Project Support and Professional Development with Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts. Katherine will explore public engagement in contemporary art using examples from the Create Artist in the Community Scheme (AIC) including artists project which collaborate with the unemployed, examine cultural diversity, and work with parents and kids, young people and teenagers.

**Justine Foster** works as the Education and Community Coordinator at Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre where she develops projects with a range of communities of interest including parents, children, young people and older people, as well as exploring cultural diversity and Arts + Health practice.

**Val Ballance** is the Head of Venues and Touring at the Arts Council of Ireland. Val will focus on touring opportunities in all artforms, building an audience, cross-border touring opportunities and networks for presenting projects.

## Opportunities for Cavan Artists

**QUICK FIRE ROUND – Elevator Pitches | All Three Sessions | 19<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Time will be given in each session for Cavan Artists to promote, present, play, perform or provoke in 5 minutes to their peers. To register for a slot, please email [cavancurator@gmail.com](mailto:cavancurator@gmail.com) Applications close at 14:00 the day before each session. Slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**PECHA KUCHA style Show and Tell for Cavan Artists | Session # 2 | 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

There is more information on Pecha Kucha sessions below and Artists wishing to participate need to apply in advance by emailing their Name, Phone Number and Proposed topic. Participants must then a short presentation with 20 images set on an auto-timer for 20 seconds each. The presentation can be on anything relating to your practice – research, a new idea, artwork, documentation of a project – anything you wish to present openly that you think will be of interest to your peers. Again slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and the first 7 Cavan Artists to sign up for the Pecha Kucha slots will be sent a presentation template to use to prepare their material. DEADLINE: **17:00 Friday 5 June 2015** by email only: [cavancurator@gmail.com](mailto:cavancurator@gmail.com).

### **CAVAN ARTIST'S WORKSHOP | Session # 3 | 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

The Artists Exchange sessions will include an opportunity for a Cavan Artist to run a Workshop in any artform. The workshop must be practice-based, suit the 45 minute time slot and be feasible in the venue. Please email a proposal, maximum 400 words of what you want to do and why, your CV and relevant documentation of previous work – video clips and/or audio files, images, etc. The selected artist will be paid a fee and will be facilitated by the Curators in Residence. DEADLINE: **17:00 Friday 5 June 2015** by email only: [cavancurator@gmail.com](mailto:cavancurator@gmail.com)

### **FAQ Frequently Asked Questions**

*What is PechaKucha?*

PechaKucha Nights are informal and fun gatherings where creative people get together in a public place and share their ideas, works and thoughts in a relaxed way. Most people use PechaKucha Night to present their latest creative projects or work. Good PechaKucha presentations are the ones that uncover the unexpected -- unexpected talent, unexpected ideas. Some PechaKuchas tell great stories about a project or an experience. Some are incredibly personal, some are incredibly funny, but all are very different – and FAST!

*The fee of €20 for all three sessions, what does this cover?*

The fee goes towards drinks, snacks and Visiting Artists travel expenses.

*What if my practice needs less professional development and more help with artists events, is it worth going along to these sessions?*

Yes, we think so. It will be a chance to meet other Cavan Artists and Practitioners, present your work at PechaKucha or promote an event in the Elevator Pitch timeslot. The speakers have been chosen to reflect the needs and feedback from the Cavan Artists who took part in the Hello Sessions with the curators. There is also an opportunity to run a creative workshop.

*What if I can't attend the sessions, is there a way that I can access information?*

The curators have invited a writer to collaboratively document the sessions, and any links, opportunities and deadlines mentioned will be made available to artists on the Arts Office and Curators mailing list. Please email [cavancurator@gmail.com](mailto:cavancurator@gmail.com) to join the mailing list.

*Will the sessions be suitable for people working in any artform?*

The sessions have been programmed to reflect the ideas and interests presented to the curators in the Hello Sessions. The speakers work in different artforms and/or contexts, so it is hoped that their information will be useful to artists regardless of artform. The call for Cavan Artists to present a Creative Workshop will also be an opportunity for Cavan artists to address particular areas of interest.

### **Further Information + Acknowledg ments**

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