



Culture Ireland
Cultúr Éireann

A LOOK AT 2018



As we look back at 2018, Culture Ireland thanks all those who performed, participated and supported us and enjoyed the work of Irish artists globally.

In 2018, Culture Ireland provided support for Irish artists to travel to

55 COUNTRIES

reaching an audience of

OVER 5.5 MILLION

demonstrating our commitment to the Global Ireland aim of “bringing our culture to the wider world.”

2018 was a special year for Culture Ireland as we focussed on building our cultural connections with Britain under the programme

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Number of Performances

592

Number of Exhibition Days

961

Number of Screenings

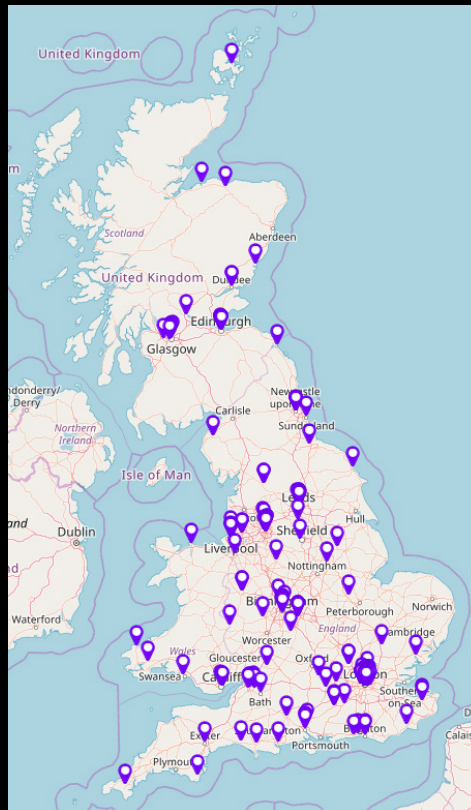
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Number of Individual Venues

311

Projected Audience Figures for GB18

531,318



With an investment of over €1m, Culture Ireland supported in excess of **900** Irish artists, musicians and technicians to present work in over **300** venues in Britain, **200** of which had not previously programmed Irish work with Culture Ireland support.

Imagining Ireland

A legacy concert, *Imagining Ireland* will mark the success of Culture Ireland GB18 in the Barbican, London on 30 January with some of Ireland's finest writers and musicians exploring Irish life in England. Jointly presented by Serious Music and the National Concert Hall, Dublin, performers include Martin Hayes, Radie Peat, Iarla Ó Lionaird, Lisa O'Neill, Stephen Rea and Eimear McBride.

Further details are available here:

<https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2019/event/imagining-ireland>

SHOWCASE PROGRAMME 2018

During 2018, Culture Ireland supported **24** Showcase events across artforms in **8** different territories. In all, **91** artists/companies were supported to present their work in a Showcase context.



CULTURE IRELAND EDINBURGH SHOWCASE NETWORKING EVENT 2018

2018 Showcase Events:

International Performing Arts for Youth

Eurosonic

Showcase Scotland

Folk Alliance International

APAM

South by Southwest

London Book Fair

Bologna Book Fair

JazzAhead!

The Great Escape

Classical: NEXT

Primavera Sound

Sync Summit NYC

A2AIM Indie Week

Culture Ireland Edinburgh Showcase Programme

Firatàrrega

Reeperbahn

Mondo.NYC

Frankfurt Book Fair

WOMEX

M For Montreal

Tanzmesse

Ireland Week

Culture Ireland GB18 Music from Ireland/London Irish Centre Showcases

Also, **39** delegates were supported to attend international industry showcase events to promote their work and develop new relationships and opportunities.

66 projects, which received regular touring supports, emerged directly from Showcase opportunities.

The success of the Culture Ireland Showcase activity is made possible through many resource organisations who partner with us in supporting and delivering the Programme. These include:

Music from Ireland/First Music Contact, Literature Ireland, Children's Books Ireland, Improvised Music Company, Irish Street Arts, Circus & Spectacle Network, Dance Ireland and Irish Theatre Institute.

SEE HERE ACTIVITY IN 2018

The See Here scheme provides support to bring international programmers and presenters to Ireland, see Irish work and meet Irish artists with a view to international opportunities.

In 2018, Culture Ireland supported **186** international delegates from **28** countries to come to Ireland to attend **16** Festivals.



MINISTER JOSEPHA MADIGAN SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF HARD WORKING CLASS HEROES

International delegates attended the following Festivals and Events across Ireland:

Tradfest

Dublin International Film Festival

RTÉ Choice Music Prize

Young at Art

Dublin Dance Festival

EVA International

Galway Film Fleadh

Spraoi

12 Points Festival

Information Toolbox at the Dublin Fringe Festival

Hard Working Class Heroes

International Theatre eXchange
at the Dublin Theatre Festival

IndieCork Festival

Baboró International Arts Festival for Children

Cork Film Festival

IRELAND AT VENICE 2018

In 2018, making history as the first Irish architects ever to curate the Venice Architecture Biennale, Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara of Grafton Architects following a list of high profile global architects to be awarded this honour.



AN TAOISEACH, LEO VARADKAR T.D. VISITING THE VENICE ARCHITECTURE BIENNALE EARLIER THIS YEAR

The theme chosen by Farrell and McNamara, *freespace*, set out to embrace a generosity of spirit and a sense of humanity at the core of architecture's agenda, focussing on the quality of space itself and how it should engage with those who use it daily.

The **71 PARTICIPANTS** included an unprecedented level of Irish architects and attracted

275,000 VISITORS

and a strong critical response with over

3,000 REGISTERED JOURNALISTS

and close to

2 MILLION WEB SESSIONS

Free Market

Ireland's National Pavilion, an initiative of Culture Ireland in partnership with The Arts Council, was entitled "Free Market". The project, which focussed on the common spaces of Ireland's market towns and the reclaiming of these places of interaction and community, will tour in Ireland 2019.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019

**CULTURE
IRELAND**

**GLOBAL 20
IRELAND 25**

Global Ireland

On 24 January Culture Ireland will host a Global Ireland conference to debate and draw on the best national and international critical thinking with a participating audience of cultural stakeholders, Government representatives and other interests to determine how we can build on our distinctive global reputation for creativity and share further our rich and vibrant culture. It is also presents an opportunity to showcase some of the new and emerging artistic talent.

If you are interested in attending, please contact: global@cultureireland.gov.ie