

Curriculum vitae

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Education

2022 Panel member – graduate representative for GMIT Programmatic Review

2021 Master of Arts in Creative Practice, Centre of Creative Arts and Media, Galway, Ireland

2020 BACA (Hons.), CCAM, Galway, Ireland

Residencies

2022 Interface Inagh residency with T.E.C.A. Collective

2021 - 2022 School of Design and Creative Arts (former CCAM), ATU (former GMIT) residency with T.E.C.A. Collective

Art sector positions/ memberships

2023 Catalyst Arts member

2022 Co-Director of 126 gallery, Galway

2022 Design Lab Ambassador, Architecture at the Edge, Galway

2021 Artspace studio member

2021 Interface Inagh professional member

Awards

2021 Agility Award, Arts Council Ireland

2020 RDS Visual Arts Award Longlisted

Funded projects

2021 Radius ATS GMIT Project Award collaboration with one another MA student to engage with the transition year students at Merlin College, Galway

2020 Creative Ireland, working with a community group from Cope Glean oaks Lodge, Galway under Christmas Creation project.

2020 Not a Degree Show, curated with four others for all CCAM contemporary art graduates, funded by Galway Art Officer James C. Harrold, Connacht Tribune Printworks

2010 Space Invaders, Eyre Square Shopping Centre, Galway. The group was in collaboration with Galway City Art Office under concept of Councillor Niall McNelis

Group exhibitions

2022 Creative Pathways Programme, group exhibition in Silent Green, Berlin, Germany

2021 Plan C: Whereabouts?, master's exhibition, School of design and creative arts, ATU, Galway, Ireland

2020 Not a Degree Show, Connacht Tribune Printworks

2020 Reminiscence (large digital inkjet print) GMIT library, Dublin Rd., Galway

2019 Coast, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, Dublin Rd., Galway

2019 Flesh, Townhall Theatre Gallery, Galway

2016 Art trail for Galway Theatre Festival, Merchants Road, Galway

2010 Space Invaders, Cornstore, Middle Street, Galway. Other showing artists: Ali Cairns, Louise Mander, Harriet Leander, Dympna Tate, Margaret Nolan, Kerry Goodfellow and Noel Tate.

Curatorial work

2023 co-curator of Milk Box, 3-rd yr. Contemporary Art students end year show at 126 Artist-Run Gallery & Studios, Galway

2022 co-curator of Search Engine, 3-rd yr. Contemporary Art students end year show at School of Design and Creative Arts, ATU, Galway

2022 curator of A Remix of Change, Galway International Arts Festival at 126 Artist-Run Gallery & Studios, Galway, featuring Ben Geoghegan and Aisling Phelan

2020 co-curator of Not a Degree show, show of all Contemporary Art graduates, Centre for Creative Arts and Media, GMIT at Connacht Tribune Printworks, Galway

Commissions

2023 Galway Art Centre, digital work

2017 Carmel Donnellan, Formative Years, Gleann Na Ri, Galway Collections

2016 Paul Behan, Business Development Manager at Mykidstime, Ireland

2012 Raymond Reilly, Vertigo Acquisitions, Ireland