

Open Call: Group Exhibition at Baltinglass Library

Creative Places Baltinglass

Theme: *Baltinglass and Beyond — My Sense of Place*

The Hub Collective, as part of Creative Places Baltinglass, invites artists residing in West Wicklow to submit existing work for consideration in a group exhibition at Baltinglass Library.

This exhibition seeks artistic responses to place, landscape, community, memory, and identity, with a focus on Baltinglass and its wider surroundings.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must reside in West Wicklow
 - Open to emerging and established artists aged 18 and over
 - Individual artists only (no group submissions)
 - All work must be original and created by the applicant
 - Work must be suitable for public exhibition in a library setting
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Accepted Media – wall based artwork:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Printmaking
- Photography (printed/physical works only)
- Mixed media

Not Accepted

- Digital-only artworks
 - Screen-based work (video, projection, digital displays)
 - Sound-only works
 - AI-generated or primarily digital media
 - Sculpture
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Theme

Baltinglass and Beyond — My Sense of Place

Artists are invited to submit existing work that responds broadly to the theme. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Landscape and environment
 - Local history and heritage
 - Community and belonging
 - Rural life and change
 - Memory and personal connection to place
 - Architecture and the built environment
 - Myth, folklore, and cultural identity
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Submission Requirements

1. Artist Bio / Statement

Please provide a short artist bio/statement (max. 150 words). Tell us about your creative practice, including the type of work you make, what inspires or informs it, and any relevant experience to date. This can include formal or informal experience, community projects, or personal work.

2. Outline how the submitted work relates to the theme (150 words max)

Please explain how your submitted work relates to the theme (max. 150 words). You might consider the ideas, stories, or questions behind your work, and how these connect to the theme. We are interested in your thinking and interpretation—there is no single ‘correct’ response.

3. Images of Artwork (x4)

Please upload images of **four** of your artworks.

Please adhere to the following:

- JPG or PNG format
- Maximum file size: **2 MB per image**
- Clearly label each file using the following format:
ArtistName_Title_Medium_Dimensions

Please ensure images are clear, well-lit, and accurately represent the work.

4. Artwork Details List

Please provide a written list of artworks submitted. For each submitted work, include:

- Title
- Medium
- Dimensions (cm)

Artists may submit up to **four (4)** artworks for consideration.

Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible

Submission Method

All materials must be uploaded online to [Submittable](#).

Please allow time to register and familiarise yourself with the platform before completing your application.

Deadline

Friday, 29 May, 2:00 PM (sharp)

- Late submissions will not be considered
 - Incomplete submissions will not be considered
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Selection Process

All submissions will be reviewed by a selection panel.

Selection will be based on:

- Relevance to the theme
 - Artistic quality
 - Originality
 - Suitability for the library exhibition space
 - Overall balance across media and artists
 - The panel's decision is final
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Exhibition Details

Location: Baltinglass Library

Dates: June – September

Selected artists will be notified of:

- Delivery dates
- Installation requirements
- Collection dates

Additional Information

- All work must be ready to hang or display
- 2D work should be framed or professionally presented
- Work may be offered for sale; however, all sales will be managed directly by the artist
- Artist contact details will be provided to interested buyers
- Creative Places Baltinglass / Wicklow County Council will not mediate or broker sales
- All sold work must remain in the exhibition for the duration of the exhibition
- Artists are responsible for delivery and collection of their work
- While every care will be taken, work is exhibited at the artist's own risk
- Creative Places Baltinglass reserves the right to photograph work for promotional purposes

We look forward to receiving submissions that explore *Baltinglass and Beyond* through your unique sense of place.