

# Creative Ireland – Survey – Have your Say!!!

Creative Ireland is a culture based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. The Creative Waterford Team needs your help in preparing Waterford's Creative Ireland Strategy for the next 5 years by taking part in a survey about creativity in Waterford. To complete survey go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Waterford-Cultural-and-Creative-Strategy>

Links to the survey (in English and Irish) are available on [www.waterfordcouncil.ie](http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie) or [www.waterfordarts.com](http://www.waterfordarts.com). Print copies available from the Arts Office and all Library branches or by contacting [creativewaterford@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:creativewaterford@waterfordcouncil.ie)

## SIANSÁN Concert and the story of Waterford the Glass City



Liam Ó Maonlaí, Peter O'Toole and Síle Denvir performing in Christchurch Cathedral, Waterford

Waterford's Creative Ireland 2017 programme enabled the Siansán concert in Christchurch Cathedral with musicians Liam Ó Maonlaí, Peter O'Toole, Síle Denvir and Sculptor Róisín de Builéir who brought a melody of glass sounds, music and spoken word to Waterford.

**SIANSÁN** was a unique experience of music and spoken word, in which echoes of Waterford's long tradition of glassmaking were reflected through the use of a collection of percussive, wind and stringed objects made of glass, created by Róisín de Builéar and performed in a contemporary interpretation of glass sounds.

This performance kick-started an initiative to capture the Waterford Glass stories in Waterford and to bring events and stories to be performed in public places throughout the City and County during the 5 years of the Creative Ireland Waterford Strategy. If you know anyone who would like to tell their story or for further information on “Waterford The Glass City”, please contact Róisín de Buitlear at [waterfordtheglasscity@gmail.com](mailto:waterfordtheglasscity@gmail.com) or [creativewaterford@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:creativewaterford@waterfordcouncil.ie)

### **Bee-lines Project**

Along with promoting culture, heritage and craft traditions; the Creative Waterford Programme for 2017 includes interesting work in the area of the natural environment such as the Bee-lines Project. Working with the National Biodiversity Data Centre in Carriganore, three web-based videos have been commissioned to help raise awareness on the importance of pollinators and practical advice on how to improve habitat and food sources for pollinators. *How-to* Guidelines are currently available on [www.biodiversityireland.ie](http://www.biodiversityireland.ie) for Farmland, Local Communities, Local Authorities, Businesses, Gardens and Children and the aim is to produce videos to support each of these target groups.

Everyone can get involved with simple measures such as providing pollinator friendly planting, not cutting hedges very low, sowing clover swards, retaining dandelions, providing bare earth banks for nesting and reducing use of chemical herbicides. One third of our 98 bee species are threatened with extinction and if we want them to be there to pollinate our crops and wild plants for future generations we need to give them some help by protecting and enhancing their habitat. Check out the Biodiversity Data Centre's Pollinator Plan website for more information and ideas how you can help in your own garden and local community

### **Discover Your Roots**

As a partnership pilot project between Creative Waterford, Waterford Museums and Waterford Libraries, genealogist Tony Hennessy will be running a walk-in family research information service in Waterford Museum of Treasures on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. To find out more about this service, call to Waterford Museum of Treasures or email [waterfordorigins@gmail.com](mailto:waterfordorigins@gmail.com)



Red-tailed bumblebee and Common Carder Bee @ John Breen

<https://creative.ireland.ie/en/local-plans/waterford>

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