



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge  
Waterford City & County Council

## **Press Release**

### **TED AND MARY O'REGAN ARTS BURSARY 2018**

Applications are now being invited for the fourteenth annual Ted & Mary O'Regan Arts Bursary. The Bursary was inaugurated in 2005 to honour the memory of one of Waterford's best loved and respected couples. The purpose of the Award is to assist an individual or individuals, either from or with a strong connection to Waterford City or County, to pursue and develop their chosen arts discipline.

Applicants should note that the criteria for the Bursary are open and flexible and that people of all ages may apply. Whilst the Bursary has, in the past facilitated recipients to attend a third level arts course, this is not a pre-requisite. The award will aim to fill the financial gap which prohibits an arts worker or arts student of any age or any arts discipline achieving their artistic goal.

The Bursary is funded by a combination of local arts organizations, statutory agencies and by individual contributions from friends, associates and family of the late Ted and Mary O'Regan. Garter Lane Arts Centre, Waterford Youth Arts, Spraoi, Theatre Royal and WDS are among the local arts groups who make the award possible and the statutory bodies who contribute are Waterford City & County Council and Waterford Youth Committee.

Together, these organisations have enabled the awards committee to offer local artists a total of more than €80,000 in support of their activities since the foundation of the Bursary.

Further information and application forms for the award can be had by going to O'Regan Bursary at [www.waterfordyoutharts.com](http://www.waterfordyoutharts.com)

The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 5pm.