

A MANIFESTO FOR ARTS AND HEALTH PRACTICE IN IRELAND

By a group of Arts and Health Co-ordinators in Ireland, 2016

We,

Arts and Health Co-ordinators of Ireland,

Embrace the place for imagination and the Arts in healthcare.

The Arts give people the means to assert their own identity.

They bring people together.

They transcend difference and celebrate diversity.

They open windows to new ways of thinking.

We, Arts and Health Co-ordinators of Ireland,

Find common ground between

The practice of art and the practice of health.

We build relationships of trust and consider all possibilities.

We lead with integrity.

We take artistic risks and create the conditions for the unexpected to happen.

We make and mind

The space and time

Needed for creative encounters to flourish.

We call for:

- Access to the arts for all, regardless of health status, geography or means
- Equal commitment from Arts and Health partners
- The integration of Arts and Health into national policy and decision-making
- Professional standards, sustainable resources and contractual agreements for all Arts and Health practitioners

So that the Arts are embedded into our culture of healthcare

This Manifesto was written in the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig in December 2016 by the following Arts and Health Co-ordinators who work across a range of healthcare settings in the Republic of Ireland: Lucia Barnes, Margaret Flannery, Justine Foster, Mary Grehan, Helene Hugel, Bernadette Jackson, Claire Meaney, Edelle Nolan, Niamh O'Connor and Brigid Teehan.

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