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What is CCIC?

Creative Communities Igniting Change (CCIC) is an Erasmus+ funded project which aims to create entrepreneurial opportunities in the creative sector as a stepping stone to entrepreneurship.



At the same time, it will establish creative incubators in communities which will provide training and workspace for these emerging creative entrepreneurs.

Who is involved?

Led by [Roscommon Leader Partnership](#), the Creative Communities Igniting Change project brings together partners from Northern Ireland [Banbridge District Council](#) and [Canice Consulting](#), Sweden ([Folkuniversitetet in Skåne län](#)), Poland ([Northern Chamber of Commerce, Szczecin](#) and [University of Humanities and Economics, Łódź](#)) and Irish partners [Momentum](#).



Project partners pictured at the kick off meeting in Roscommon

The Benefits for Creatives

Later in 2016, we will launch our FREE online course to help you start your creative business! CCIC will focus you on creative idea generation and emerging opportunities in the sector. We'll provide you with inspiration, ideas and new business models for self-employment helping you realise talents and making your creativity pay.

Come with us on the learning journey and we'll help you access the 3 keys to commercial success: Money, Premises & People!



Learn about:

- ✓ Business start up from a creative perspective
- ✓ new sources of finance such as crowd funding, together with self employment supports to get you up and running.
- ✓ new methodologies for innovation and collaborations with other local Creatives
- ✓ the potential of co-working and working smart



Find out more on

www.creativecommunities.how

The Benefits for Communities

We can help make your community more creative. CCIC will provide local development groups and enterprising agencies with a greater understanding of the creative sector; the importance of cultural and creative sustainability in local communities, as well as methods of securing physical and social capital.



To do this CCIC will create:

- ✓ A toolkit on transforming empty and dilapidated buildings into viable community learning and workspace hubs in local communities.
- ✓ A proven training course on Creative Entrepreneurship which you can incorporate into your service delivery. The course will enable your organisation to support the growing group of young creative entrepreneurs who need relevant up-to-date to become more competitive in the global marketplace.
- ✓ Improved network links to creative enterprises, education providers, and other stakeholders facilitating natural synergies and greater collaboration and trust.
- ✓ More vibrant local creative sector partnerships with a sustainable outlook encouraging more self-employment in the sector thereby contributing to local development and revitalisation.

We are working to establish 4 CCIC Regional Alliances, one each in Ireland, Northern Ireland/UK, Sweden and Poland. These Alliances bring together VET providers and HEIs, creative industry bodies, economic actors, local governments and wider stakeholders to explore best practice in integrating entrepreneurship education into creative start ups and community change makers.

CCIC Regional Alliance in Ireland

Ireland held its first Regional Alliance Meeting on Monday 30th November 2015. The Region consists of counties Roscommon, Mayo and Galway. The focal point for this meeting was a discussion on Existing and Emerging Creative Sector initiatives in our region: Remit, Gaps and Opportunities. The opportunity to develop a Creative Hub in the Region was also discussed.



Roscommon Local Enterprise Office, Western Development Commission, Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board, Athlone IT, Ballaghaderreen North West CDP and Lake and Legends Group, Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy project

The suggestion to turn an underutilised and eyesore property in Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon into affordable space for creative and enterprise activity was put forward for further discussion at the next Alliance meeting scheduled for 15th February 2016. Those interested in getting involved in the Irish Alliance or indeed the other country Alliances please email admin@creativecommunities.how



CCIC - Interesting Creative Community Projects

We are working to make our communities and regions more creative. Here are some inspiring initiatives that we have researched!

CREATIVE SPARK, LOUTH, IRELAND

Creative Spark was established in 2012 to promote creative and cultural industries, including new and emerging businesses and freelance practitioners, in County Louth. It operates as a dedicated creative training and workspace facility in Dundalk. They identify and apply best practice in supporting all creative endeavour whether for community goals, career advancement for creative practitioners or skills acquisition within the creative sector.





Creative Spark offers:

- Affordable own-door workspace – small, medium and large units. All packages include membership of Spark Plugs Social Club a monthly networking and learning get-together
- Training space is used by Creative Spark to deliver targeted specific training meeting the needs of the clients and community groups
- Meeting rooms, Hot desking
- Fully equipped print studio - Creative Spark Print Studio is a non-profit twenty-four hour access print workshop and visual artists' resource organisation, committed to providing facilities and opportunities to emerging and established visual artists.
- Fully equipped kiln room for ceramics, glass and jewellery

It has a really interesting and very active training programme – for creative industry practitioners and also for the community (e.g. a sewing and business course combined, work with ethic women and an EU programme on Enterprise in Interface Areas. Their website www.creativespark.ie has a very interesting virtual tour – [click here](#)

URBAN FORMS GALLERY - LODZ, POLAND

Urban Forms Foundation was created in 2009 with the focus on a broad definition of city culture and on organizing, promoting and supporting independent artistic initiatives in public space. They see artistic activities as important tools in education and social revitalization.

Urban Forms Gallery is the main project of the foundation. It is a permanent street art exhibition in public space of Lodz. The Urban Forms Gallery was under the patronage of the Mayor of Lodz – Hanna Zdanowska and co-financed by the City.

See more of the Urban Gallery Murals:
WWW.GALERIAURBANFORMS.ORG

Murals in Lodz have received extensive press coverage including a feature on CNN.



STORY HIGHLIGHTS

Polish street artists 'Madam' have been transforming the sides of

Editor's note: CNN's On the Road series brings you a greater insight into the customs and culture of Poland. On TV and online CNN explores the places, the people and the passions unique to

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