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## **Visitors return to Crawford Art Gallery on Tuesday 1 December as the Government makes a special exemption for Museums and Galleries**

Crawford Art Gallery reopens its doors to visitors at 10am on Tuesday December 1. As the Government has decided that Galleries and Museums will now open under level 3 restrictions so members of the public will see, once more in person, their national collections and most loved artworks.

Director Mary McCarthy “We are delighted that Museums and Galleries have been recognised as being important places to open to support the public and provide safe environments for people to visit while Living with Covid restrictions under level 3. Crawford Art Gallery will work to support the reopening of Cork city and to provide a hospitable and safe environment for people to come and explore our collections and exhibitions. We recognise how important it is for people to have access to the building and the collection as many people have expressed how they physically miss the place. We recognise the need to support people get through this pandemic and to provide opportunities for a different engagement.”

Visitors to Crawford Art Gallery can expect to enjoy a newly installed major commemorations Exhibition **Citizen Nowhere / Citizen Somewhere : The Imagined Nation** This must see exhibition features national and international works highlighting the legacy of Terence MacSwiney’s 74 – day hunger strike and examines the idea of nation as an imagined state. Gallery Director Mary Mc Carthy encourages people to “come in, even if you have not been before, do drop in, we have large well ventilated safe spaces and our welcoming staff will help you have a good cultural experience. We have some great new

exhibitions as well as firm favourites from the collection on show. We recognise the need for some familiarity in these strange times.”

The renowned Crawford Gallery Café also opens a new Winter Garden on Friday December 4 with outside dining in a new festive heated and covered top hat tent. Locals and visitors alike can continue the long established tradition of visiting the gallery and the café over the festive period.

The health and safety of visitors and staff is a top priority at Crawford Art Gallery and they continue to keep measures in place to ensure the public enjoy their visit in a safe, welcoming and relaxed environment.

The Gallery has a visitor route and some additional safety measures to ensure that visitors continue to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this city centre attraction needed now more than ever.

The Crawford website has a full list of what to expect before a member of the public visits. [www.crawfordartgallery.ie](http://www.crawfordartgallery.ie)

As well as the extensive commemorations exhibition the Gallery also presents collection Shows *lucid abnormalities* and *Statio Bene* and a full floor of film screenings, *Kevin Gaffney's : Expulsion*.

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## **Notes to the editor:**

New protocol for visitors <https://crawfordartgallery.ie/visit/>

Exhibitions currently on display <https://crawfordartgallery.ie/exhibitions/>

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### **More about Crawford Art Gallery**

Crawford Art Gallery is an Irish national cultural institution, dedicated to contemporary and historic visual art, located in a significant heritage building in the heart of Cork city. Home to a collection of national importance, it tells a compelling story of Cork and Ireland over the last three centuries, while also offering a vibrant and dynamic programme of temporary exhibitions.

Originally built in 1724 as the city's Customs House, the Gallery is home to the famous Canova Casts, gifted to Cork two centuries ago. Featured in the gallery's collection of 3,000 objects are well-known and much-loved works by Irish artists James Barry, Harry Clarke, Mainie Jellett, Seán Keating, Daniel Maclise, Norah McGuinness, Edith Somerville, and Jack B. Yeats, as well as contemporary artists Gerard Byrne, Maud Cotter, Dorothy Cross, Eilís O'Connell, and Hughie O'Donoghue.

An oasis of calm and tranquillity, Crawford Art Gallery is open seven days a week, free to enter, and a must-see for locals and tourists alike. The Gallery boasts an award-winning Café in stunning surroundings, serving fresh local produce for which Cork is famous.

### **Opening Hours**

Crawford Art Gallery reopens 1 December

Monday–Saturday 10.00am–5.00pm Late opening Thursdays until 8.00pm Sundays

and Bank Holidays Gallery: 11am - 4pm

### **Crawford Gallery Café & Garden Café**

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For opening hours

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