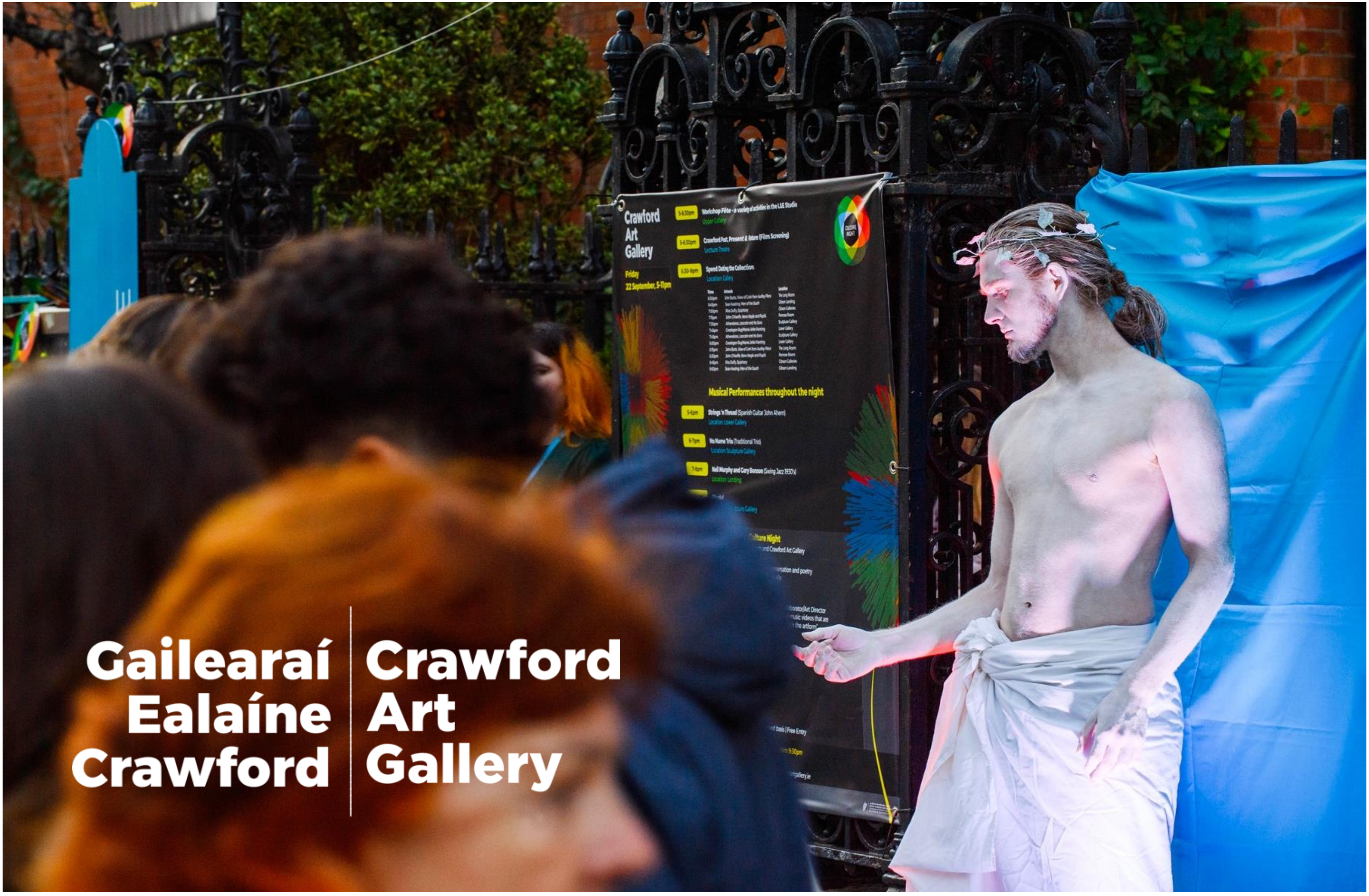

Living Statue at Crawford Art Gallery Culture Night 2023. Photo: Provision

Living statues, gallery shenanigans for all the family, talks and tours: Crawford Art Gallery's last Culture Night programme before redevelopment is a big one

Culture Night returns to Crawford Art Gallery on Friday 20 September with a programme brimming with exciting events.

This will be the Cork gallery's last Culture Night for a while, as they are set to close to the public on the evening of Sunday 22 September for Transforming Crawford Art Gallery, their major redevelopment project.

Transforming Crawford Art Gallery will see the gallery increase its space by 50%, will add a stunning new fifth storey public gallery with birds-eye views over Cork city landmarks, and conserve 300 years of built heritage for generations to come. The gallery expects to reopen to the public in mid-2027.

Award-winning Culture Night programming

Crawford Art Gallery has twice won Cork Business Association's "best Cork tourism arts event" for their Culture Night programming, most recently in 2023.
This year, expect the return of last year's popular "living statue," actor Kyle English, who will be bringing the gallery's famous Canova casts to life and having some fun with our guests both inside and outside the gallery.

Visitors can also get involved in some gallery shenanigans with a family-friendly workshop promising chaos and creativity inspired by the Crawford collection.

A programme of stunning live music will see classical guitar, traditional Irish music and more bring the galleries to life into the evening.

For those interested in learning more about what it takes to move over 3,500 precious artworks into storage and embark on an ambitious redevelopment project to conserve and expand Crawford Art Gallery for a new century, a series of “Meet the Team” talks will lift the lid on Transforming Crawford Art Gallery.

For true art-lovers, a series of “Speed-dating the collection” mini tours will provide unmissable insight into the gallery’s best-loved artworks.

Late opening

Crawford Art Gallery will stay open until 10pm this Culture Night to give visitors a chance to linger: as well as special events and talks, the regular exhibitions and screenings will be open late for the public to enjoy.

Crawford Art Gallery opens until 10pm on Friday 20 September for Culture Night 2024.

Full programme:

Living statue
17.00 – 19.30, outdoors and in Gibson Galleries
No booking required
Our popular living statue returns for Culture Night 2024, wowing adults and children alike and quite literally posing questions about how we view the famous Canova Casts and other sculptures in the collection.

Gallery Shenanigans: family-friendly workshop
17.00 – 21.00, Upper Gallery
No booking required
Prepare for some chaos and creativity inspired by the Crawford collection in the gallery’s spacious Upper Gallery with a drop-in family-friendly workshop, all Culture Night long!

Speed-dating the Collection
17.00 – 21.30, various locations
No booking required
Would you like to get acquainted with iconic works from your National Collection? Speed-dating the Collection is simple. Check the time and location of the artwork on the website or using QR codes or signage in the building, then find the artwork in the gallery, and an expert guide will offer a short 10-minute introduction! Several significant artworks will be showcased throughout the night, making Speed-dating the Collection the perfect way to learn about your National Collection.

Lecture series: Meet the Team
18.00 – 21.00, Lecture Theatre
No booking required: first come, first served
Delve deep into Crawford Art Gallery’s upcoming redevelopment, learn all about the art of conservation and meet the team behind Transforming Crawford Art Gallery with this series of short 20-minute talks followed by Q&A sessions.
18.00 – 19.00: Conservator Dr Chiara Chillé, Caring for the Collection
19.00 – 20.00: Registrar Jean O’Donovan, Crating the Collection

20.00 – 21.00: Director Mary McCarthy, Shaping the Future of Crawford Art Gallery

Music at Crawford Art Gallery
17.00 – 21.30, outdoors and in various locations
No booking required
Delight in the sounds of music transporting you through Crawford Art Gallery's atmospheric exhibition spaces this Culture Night. Accomplished Trad, Jazz and Classical musicians enliven the gallery and include:

- Guitarist John Ahern playing a mix of classical and Celtic guitar
- Trad duo MacDara Ó Faoláin and Victoria Adiiye
- The Neil Murphy Jazz trio
- Pizzazz: violin duo Katie Sheehan and Sidney Uzik play classical, pop covers and movie themes

Exhibitions and screenings
17.00 – 22.00 in various locations
No booking required
Our River Lee themed From Source to Sea exhibition, a selection of highlights from Crawford Art Gallery's collection, and our Artists Film International screenings are all open to enjoy on Culture Night.

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About Crawford Art Gallery

Crawford Art Gallery is an Irish National Cultural Institution (NCI) dedicated to contemporary and historic visual art, located in a significant heritage building in the heart of Cork city. Offering a dynamic programme of temporary exhibitions, it also houses a collection of national importance which tells the compelling story of Cork and Ireland over the last three centuries.

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 over 3,000 objects are contemporary artists Aideen Barry, Gerard Byrne, Maud Cotter, Dorothy Cross and Sean Scully as well as much-loved works by Irish artists James Barry, Harry Clarke, Mainie Jellett, Seán Keating, Daniel Maclise, Norah McGuinness and Jack B. Yeats.

About Transforming Crawford Art Gallery

Crawford Art Gallery closes in Autumn 2024 for two years to undergo an enormously exciting capital redevelopment project.

This multi-million euro investment will increase gallery space by 50%, preserve and protect three centuries of existing built heritage, and create a cultural legacy for a new century as Cork continues to grow.

The project is a Government of Ireland 2040 project funded by the department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in partnership with the Office of Public Works (OPW).

The award-winning Grafton Architects have worked on a redevelopment design that includes a new Learn and Explore facility for public engagement, significant storage for the National Collection at Crawford, a new entrance, and a dramatically improved public realm including new café facing onto Half Moon Street.

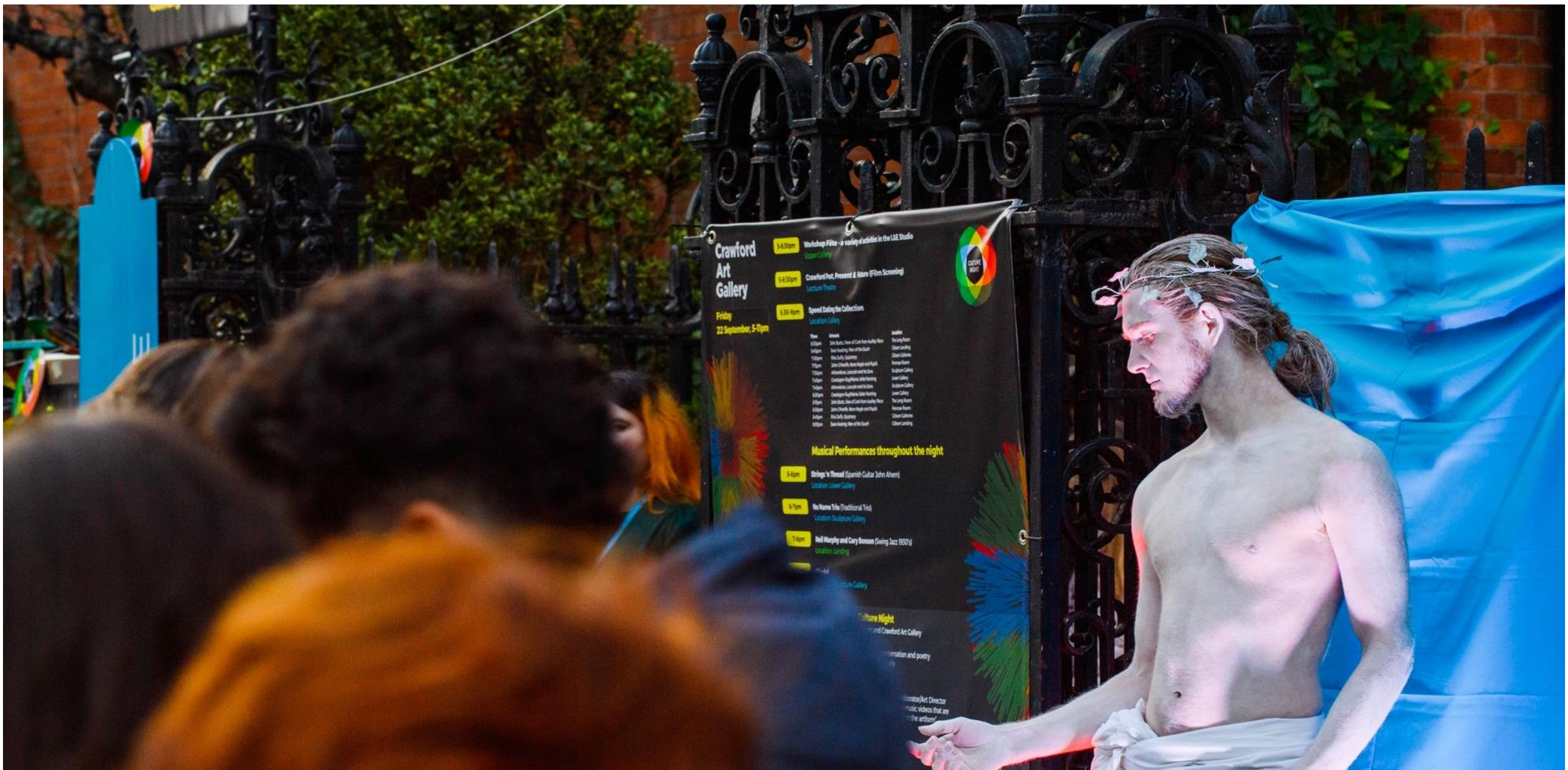
The building’s entrance will be reoriented to Emmet Place in line with the original Customs House layout dating to 1724.

A large new public gallery space will be created five stories above Cork City, creating a new vantage point for visitors to view city centre landmarks including Shandon and St Finbarre’s Cathedral.

Opening Hours

Open Daily
Monday–Saturday 10.00am–5.00pm Late opening Thursdays until 8.00pm Sundays and Bank Holidays Gallery: 11am - 4pm Entry Free

Tours
Free Tours Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays 2pm Free Tours on Thursday 6.30 pm . This project is in support of the Night-Time Economy and funded by The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



Dealbh beo ag Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford, Oíche Chultúr 2023. Íomhá: Provision

Dealbha beo, diabhlaíocht an ghailearaí don teaghlach ar fad, cainteanna agus turais: Is Oíche Chultúir mhór a bheidh i ndán do Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford don deireadh uair roimh athfhorbairt

Filleann Oíche Chultúir ar Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford ar an Aoine 20 Meán Fómhair agus tá clár againn atá lán le himeachtaí corraitheacha!

Beidh sé seo an Oíche Chultúir deireanach ón ngailearaí i gCorcaigh ar feadh tamaill, mar gheall go mbeidh siad dúnta don phobal tráthnóna Dé Domhnaigh, 22 Meán Fómhair do Chlaochlú Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford, a dtogra mór-athfhorbartha.

Tiocfaidh méadú 50% ar spás an ghailearaí le Claochlú Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford, agus cuirfear an cúigiú hurlár álainn leis an ngailearaí poiblí a thugann radharc ón spéir anuas ar shainchomharthaí chathair Chorcaí, agus 300 bliain d'oidhreacht tógtha a chaomhnú do na glúnta atá le teacht. Táimid ag súil go mbeimid ag athoscailt don phobal i lár 2027.

Clár don Oíche Chultúir a bhfuil duaiseanna buaite aige

Bhain Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford an duais do Chumann Gnó Chorcaí "imeacht ealaíon turasóireachta is fearr i gCorcaigh" as a gclár d'Oíche Chultúir, le gairid in 2023.

I mbliana, bí ag súil le "dealbh bheo" ag filleadh arís ó anuraidh, an t-aisteoir Kyle English, a chuirfidh beocht arís i múnlaí cáiliúla Canova an ghailearaí agus beidh spraoi aige lenár n-aíonna laistigh agus lasmuigh den ghailearaí.

Is féidir le cuairteoirí páirt a ghlacadh i ndiabhlaíocht an ghailearaí le ceardlann oiriúnach do theaghlaigh a gheallann rírá agus cruthaitheacht a fuair spreagadh ó bhailiúchán Crawford.

Léireofar ceol beo bríomhar den scoth ar an gclár le giotár clasaiceach, ceol traidisiúnta na hÉireann agus níos mó chun brí a chur sna gailearaithe amach san oíche.

Beidh sraith cainteanna, "Buail leis an bhFoireann" ag léiriú céard a bheas ag tarlú i gClaochlú Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford dóibh siúd ar spéis leo níos mó a fhoghlaim faoi 3,500 saothar ealaíne luachmhar a bhogadh agus a stóráil, agus tús a chur le tionscadal athfhorbartha uaillmhianach a chaomhnú agus a leathnú don chéad bliain amach romhainn.

Dóibh siúd a bhfuil gean acu don ealaín, beidh mionturais “Geandáil Ghasta ar an mbailiúchán” a thabharfaidh léargas soiléir sna saothair ealaíne is mó éilimh sa ghailearaí.

Oscailte go déanach

Beidh Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford ag fanacht oscailte go dtí 10pm don Oíche Chultúir chun an deis a thabhairt do chuairteoirí crochadh thart: beidh imeachtaí agus cainteanna speisialta ar siúl mar aon le taispeántais agus físeáin a bheidh ar taispeáint go deireanach don phobal.

Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford oscailte go dtí 10pm Dé hAoine 20 Meán Fómhair d’Oíche Chultúir 2024.

<u>Clár iomlán:</u>

Dealbh bheo
17.00 – 19.30, lasmuigh agus i nGailearaithe Gibson
Ní gá áirithintí a dhéanamh
Filleann ár ndealbh bheo ar mó éilimh iad d’Oíche Chultúir 2024, a théann i bhfeidhm go mór ar dhaoine fásta agus ar leanaí araon agus a chuireann ceisteanna ort faoin gcaoi a mbreathnaímid ar na Múnlaí Canova cáiliúla agus dealbha eile sa bhailiúchán.

Diabhlaíocht an Ghailearaí: ceardlann oiriúnach do theaghlaigh
17.00 - 21.00, An Gailearaí Uachtarach
Ní gá áirithintí a dhéanamh
Bí réidh le rírá agus cruthaitheacht a fuair spreagadh ó bhailiúchán an ghailearaí i nGailearaí Uachtarach spásmhar le ceardlann oiriúnach do theaghlaigh ar féidir bualadh isteach ann, i rith Oíche Chultúir ar fad!

Geandáil Ghasta ar an mBailiúchán
17.00 – 21.30, áiteanna éagsúla
Ní gá áirithintí a dhéanamh
Ar mhaith leat eolas a fháil ar shaothair íocónacha ó do Bhailiúchán Náisiúnta? Tá geandáil ghasta ar an mBailiúchán simplí: seiceáil am agus suíomh an tsaothair ealaíne, aimsigh é sa ghailearaí, agus déanfaidh saineolaí cur síos gearr 10 nóiméad air. Beidh roinnt saothair suntasacha ar taispeáint i rith na hoíche, chun Geandáil Ghasta ar an mBailiúchán a dhéanamh agus foghlaim faoi do Bhailiúchán Náisiúnta.

Sraith léachtaí: Buail leis an bhFoireann
18.00 - 21.00, Téatar na Léachta
Ní gá áirithintí a dhéanamh: Tús freastail ar an duine is túisce
Tum isteach go domhain in athfhorbairt Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford a bheidh amach romhainn, foghlaim gach rud faoin scil caomhnaithe agus buail leis an bhfoireann laistiar de Chlaochlú Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford leis an tsraith seo de chainteanna gearra 20 nóiméad, le seisiúin Ceisteanna agus Freagraí ina ndiaidh.
18.00 – 19.00: An Caomhnóir, an Dr Chiara Chillè, Cúram a thabhairt don Bhailiúchán
19.00 – 20.00: An Cláraitheoir, Jean O’Donovan, An bailiúchán a chur i gCliathbhoscaí
20.00 – 21.00: An Stiúrthóir, Mary McCarthy, Cruth a chur ar an Todhchaí do Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford

Ceol ag Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford
17.00 – 21.30, lasmuigh agus in áiteanna éagsúla

Ní gá áirithintí a dhéanamh
Bain sult as na fuaimeanna ceoil a chuireann trí spásanna taispeántais thú atá lán le hatmaisféar Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford an Oíche Chultúir seo. Beidh ceoltóirí traidisiúnta, Snagcheoil agus Clasaiceacha i gceist a chuireann brí sa ghailearaí lena n-áirítear:

- An giotáraí, John Ahern, a sheinneann meascán de ghiotár clasaiceach agus Ceilteach
- An dís traidisiúnta, MacDara Ó Faoláin agus Victoria Adiiye
- An tríréad Snagcheoil Neil Murphy
- Pizzazz: dís ar an veidhlín, Katie Sheehan agus Sidney Uzik, ag seinm ceol clasaiceach, popamhráin agus téamaí scannáin

Taispeántais agus Físeáin
17.00 – 22.00 in áiteanna éagsúla
Ní gá áirithintí a dhéanamh
Beidh ár dtaispeántas ó Abhainn na Laoi ó From Source to Sea, rogha de bhuaicphointí ó bhailiúchán Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford, agus físeáin ónár bhfíseán faoi Ealaíontóirí Scannán Idirnáisiúnta ar oscailt le sult a bhaint as don Oíche Chultúir.

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Nótaí don Eagarthóir: chun breis íomhánna a fheiceáil, cliceáil anseo.

Maidir le Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford

Is institiúid chultúrtha náisiúnta é Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford atá suite i bhfoirgneamh oidhreachta suntasach i gcroílár chathair Chorcaí agus atá tiomnaithe do na hamharc-ealaíona, go stairiúil agus go comhaimseartha araon. Agus é ag cur clár fuinniúil taispeántas sealadach ar fáil, tá bailiúchán náisiúnta tábhachtach faoina dhíon freisin a insíonn scéal spéisiúil Chorcaí agus na hÉireann le trí chéad bliain anuas.

Tógadh ar dtús i 1724 é mar Theach Custaim na cathrach agus tá na Múnlaí Canova cáiliúla ar taispeáint sa Ghailearaí, a bronnadh ar Chorcaigh dhá chéad bliain ó shin. Tá os cionn 3,000 saothar i mbailiúchán an ghailearaí. Ina measc tá na healaíontóirí comhaimseartha Aideen Barry, Gerard Byrne, Maud Cotter, Dorothy Cross agus Seán Scully mar aon le saothair a bhfuil gean mór orthu leis na healaíontóirí Éireannacha James Barry, Harry Clarke, Mainie Jellett, Seán Keating, Daniel Maclise, Norah McGuinness agus Jack B. Yeats.

Maidir le Claochlú Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford

Beidh Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford dúnta i bhfómhar 2024 chun tabhairt faoi thogra athfhorbartha caipitil darb' ainm Claochlú Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford.

Cuirfidh an infheistíocht, ar fiú na milliúin euro é, 50% breise le spás an ghailearaí, agus déanfaidh sé trí chéad bliain d'oidhreacht thógtha a chaomhnú agus a chosaint, agus cruthófar oidhreacht chultúrtha don ghlúin amach romhainn de réir mar a bheidh Corcaigh ag leanúint ag fás.

Is togra de chuid Thograí Rialtas na hÉireann 2040 é atá ag fáil maoiniú ón Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meáin i gcomhar le hOifig na nOibreacha Poiblí (OPW).

Tá Grafton Architects a bhfuil gradaim bainte acu tar éis obair a dhéanamh ar dhearadh athfhorbartha lena n-áirítear áis Foghlam agus Fiosraithe nua le rannpháirtíocht ghníomhach, stóráil shuntasach don Bhailiúchán Náisiúnta i nGailearaí Crawford, bealach isteach nua, agus spás poiblí a bheidh feabhsaithe go mór lena n-áirítear caifé nua ar Shráid na Leathghealaí.

Beidh bealach isteach an fhoirgnimh curtha ar ais go Plás Emmet de réir leagan amach Theach an Chustaim a chuaigh siar go 1724.

Cruthófar spás gailearaí mór nua le cúig urlár ag féachaint amach ar Chathair Chorcaí, a chruthaíonn radharc do chuairteoirí chun féachaint ar shainchomharthaí i lár na cathrach lena n-áirítear An Seandún agus Ardeaglais Naomh Fionnbarra.

Uaireanta Oscailte

Oscailte go Laethúil
Dé Luain-Dé Sathairn 10.00am–5.00pm Oscailte go déanach Déardaoin go dtí 8.00pm Dé Domhnaigh agus Laethanta Saoire Bainc: 11am - 4pm
Cead isteach Saor in aisce

Turais
Turais Saor in aisce Dé Domhnaigh agus Luain Saoire Bainc 2pm Turais Saor in aisce Déardaoin 6.30pm. Tacaíonn an tionscadal seo le Geilleagar san Oíche agus faigheann sé tacaíocht ón Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meáin.