**PHOTOS INCLUDED: Cork’s Supported Studio art stars draw up a storm at Dublin Meta HQ visit**

Artists from Cork’s Supported Studios wowed staff at Meta HQ in Dublin on Thursday when they demonstrated their artistic talents at a site visit to the tech giant.

Their art was definitely “liked” by staff at Meta’s International HQ in Ballsbridge, where over 4,000 people are employed.

Artist Íde Ní Shúilleabhán gave staff a lunchtime caffeine kick with a difference with a live demonstration of her coffee painting technique, while other Supported Studios artists including Tom O’Sullivan and Yvonne Condon also painted live.

Cork Supported Studios were invited to Meta HQ as part of the tech giant’s “Disability@” programme.

Cork Supported Studios is a group of disabled artists who are supported in their arts practice, including studio time, regular exhibitions and sale of their work, by Crawford Art Gallery and MTU Crawford College of Art and Design. Several artworks by Supported Studios artists are now in the National Collection.

Five Supported Studios artists - [Íde Ní Shúilleabhán](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/ide-ni-shuilleabhain/), [Tom O’Sullivan](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/tom-osullivan/), [Yvonne Condon,](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/yvonne-condon/) [Bríd Heffernan](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/brid-heffernan/) and [Ailbhe Barrett](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/ailbhe-barrett/) – travelled to Meta HQ from Cork for the visit, which was hailed as a great success by Supported Studios artists and team alike.

**Own an original Supported Studios artwork: Christmas art sale at Grand Parade**

Fresh from their Meta success, Supported Studios are also delighted to announce that they will be having a pop-up sale of prints and original works in Cork City Centre during December: the perfect place for Christmas shoppers to pick up an affordable and unique gift of art.

With prices starting at €15, there really will be something for everyone at this amazing sale. 70% of the proceeds will go directly to the artists and 30% will go to back in to supporting the work of Supported Studios, buying materials for artists and covering expenses such as travel.

The Supported Studios art sale is on from December 9– 15 in the MTU Crawford College of Art and Design gallery, Grand Parade, Cork.

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For more information on Cork Supported Studios, click [here](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com).

**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. Offering a vibrant and dynamic programme of temporary exhibitions, it is also houses a collection of national importance which tells a 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, Tacita Dean, and Sean Scully as well as much-loved works by Irish artists James Barry, Harry Clarke, Mainie Jellett, Seán Keating, Daniel Maclise, Norah McGuinness, Edith Somerville, and Jack B. Yeats.

An oasis of calm and tranquility, Crawford Art Gallery is open seven days a week, free to enter, and a must-see for locals and tourists alike.

**Opening Hours**

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.

**Café**

**The Green Room**

A classic old world dining room in Cork’s cultural epicentre that mixes traditional food offerings alongside contemporary trends.

Open Monday-Saturday, with opening times on [www.crawfordartgallery.ie](http://www.crawfordartgallery.ie/)

**Leagan Gaeilge:**

**Téann réaltaí ealaíne Supported Studio Chorcaí i bhfeidhm go mór ag Ceanncheathrú Meta**

Bhain ealaíontóirí ó Supported Studios Chorcaí an fhoireann siar i Meta HQ i mBaile Átha Cliath ar an Déardaoin nuair a chuaigh siad ann le haghaidh cuairt suímh agus léiriú ar a mbuanna ealaíne.

Is cinnte gur thug baill foirne i gCeanncheathrú Idirnáisiúnta Meta i nDroichead na Dothra, áit a bhfuil os cionn 4,000 duine fostaithe,“is maith liom” dá gcuid ealaíne.

Thug an t-ealaíontóir Íde Ní Shúilleabhán cic chaiféine am lóin don fhoireann le difríocht le léiriú beo ar a teicníc phéintéireachta caife, agus phéinteáil ealaíontóirí Supported Studios eile, lena n-áirítear Tom O’Sullivan agus Yvonne Condon, beo ann chomh maith.

Tugadh cuireadh do Supported Studios Chorcaí  chuig Meta HQ mar chuid de chlár “Disability@” de chuid an mhórchomhlachta teicneolaíochta.

Is grúpa ealaíontóirí faoi mhíchumas é Supported Studios Chorcaí a dtacaítear leo ina gcleachtas ealaíon, lena n-áirítear am stiúideo, taispeántais rialta agus a gcuid saothair a dhíol, ag Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford agus Coláiste Ealaíne agus Deartha Crawford OTM. Tá roinnt saothar ealaíne le healaíontóirí Supported Studios sa Bhailiúchán Náisiúnta anois.

Thaistil cúigear ealaíontóir ó Supported Studios -[Íde Ní Shúilleabhán](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/ide-ni-shuilleabhain/), [Tom O’Sullivan](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/tom-osullivan/), [Yvonne Condon,](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/yvonne-condon/) [Bríd Heffernan](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/brid-heffernan/) agus [Ailbhe Barrett](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com/artists/ailbhe-barrett/) – go Meta HQ ó Chorcaigh don chuairt, a mheas ealaíontóirí agus foireann Supported Studios araon gur éirigh thar cionn leis.

**Tabhair leat bunsaothar ealaíne Supported Studios: díolachán ealaíne Nollag ar Shráid an Chapaill Bhuí**

Agus iad díreach tar éis teacht óna rath ag Meta, tá lúcháir ar Supported Studios a fhógairt go mbeidh díolachán priontaí ‘preab suas’ agus bunsaothair acu i Lár Chathair Chorcaí i rith mhí na Nollag freisin: áit iontach do shiopadóirí na Nollag chun bronntanas ealaíne ar phraghas réasúnta agus uathúil a phiocadh suas.

Agus praghsanna ag tosú ag €15, is cinnte go mbeidh rud éigin do gach duine ag an díolachán iontach seo. Rachaidh 70% de na fáltais go díreach chuig na healaíontóirí agus rachaidh 30% ar ais isteach chun tacú le hobair Supported Studios, ábhair a cheannach d'ealaíontóirí agus costais ar nós costais taistil a chlúdach.

Beidh an díolachán ealaíne Supported Studios ar siúl ón 9 – 15 Nollaig i ngailearaí Choláiste Ealaíne agus Deartha Crawford OTM, Sráid an Chapaill Bhuí, Corcaigh.

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Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil ar Cork Supported Studios, cliceáil [anseo.](https://crawfordsupportedstudios.com" \t "_blank)

**Tuilleadh eolais faoi Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford**

Institiúid chultúrtha náisiúnta Éireannach is ea Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford, atá tiomanta d’amharc-ealaín chomhaimseartha agus stairiúil, atá lonnaithe i bhfoirgneamh oidhreachta suntasach i gcroílár chathair Chorcaí. Cuireann sé clár bríomhar dinimiciúil de thaispeántais shealadacha ar fáil, agus tá bailiúchán ann freisin a bhfuil tábhacht náisiúnta aige agus a insíonn scéal iontach faoi Chorcaigh agus faoi Éirinn le trí chéad bliain anuas.

Tógadh an Gailearaí den chéad uair i 1724 mar Theach Custaim na cathrach, áit a bhfuil na Cásálacha cáiliúla Canova, a bronnadh ar Chorcaigh dhá chéad bliain ó shin. Tá ealaíontóirí comhaimseartha Aideen Barry, Gerard Byrne, Maud Cotter, Dorothy Cross, Tacita Dean, agus Sean Scully le feiceáil i mbailiúchán an ghailearaí, chomh maith le saothair leis na healaíontóirí Éireannacha James Barry, Harry Clarke, Mainie Jellett, Seán Keating, Daniel Maclise, Norah McGuinness, Edith Somerville, agus Jack B. Yeats.

Tá sé ina thearmann de shíocháin agus de shuaimhneas, tá Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford oscailte seacht lá na seachtaine, saor in aisce le dul isteach, agus riachtanach le feiceáil do mhuintir na háite agus turasóirí araon.

**Uaireanta Oscailte**

Dé Luain-Dé Sathairn 10.00r.n-5.00i.n

An Déardaoin ag oscailt go dtí 8.00i.n

Dé Domhnaigh agus Gailearaí na Laethanta Saoire Bainc: 11.00r.n - 4.00i.n Iontráil shaor

**Turais**

Dé Domhnaigh tá turais Saor in Aisce agus Saoire Bainc Dé Luain 2.00i.n

Turais saor in aisce ar an Déardaoin ag 6.30i.n.

Tá an tionscadal seo ag tacú leis an nGeilleagar Oíche agus á mhaoiniú ag an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán.

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