

Overview

Shared Island Arts and Cultural Heritage Funding

February 2025

€10m Shared Island Cultural Collaboration Fund:
Strand 1: Collaborations between National Cultural Institutions and partners - €5m;
Strand 2: All-Island Touring, Production and Platforming - €3m;
Strand 3: Shared Island screen and digitisation projects - €2m.



November 2025

Creative Island conference held in Croke Park to acknowledge Phase 1 funded projects. Since 2023, the Creative Ireland Programme has invested €6 million across its five pillars, Creative Communities, Creative Youth, Creative Health and Wellbeing, Creative Climate Action and Creative Industries, to advance creativity on a shared island.

March 2025

Irish government confirmed an overall Shared Island Fund allocation of up to €20 million to support the development and delivery of a series of new Arts and Cultural Heritage programmes over 2025-2030.



December 2025

Other arts and cultural funding programmes announced included: €14 million for major new Shared Island Media initiative taken forward by Coimisiún na Meán. €6 million for the new Shared Home Place programme to engage and deepen connections with all communities and the diaspora on the island's diverse heritage and culture. And €1.6 million for Local Authority Partnerships with Creative and Community Organisations 2026-2028.

November 2025

€14.5m announced as Phase 2 of Creativity Ireland to include assessment of a proposed contribution towards the construction of Newry Theatre as part of the city's regeneration programme. This project complements funding from the Northern Ireland Executive and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

