**Press Release**

**Director Ciarán Taylor to create new artwork with young people at the Grainstore, dlr’s youth arts facility**

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council’s Arts Office is pleased to announce Director Ciarán Taylor as the recipient of the Grainstore Public Art – Arts Office Commission.

Ciarán Taylor will be working collaboratively with young people at the Grainstore to create a new site-specific artwork connected to the Grainstore, dlr’s Youth Arts Facility in Cabinteely Park. Research, development and creation will be taking place during 2018, exploring the history, spaces and creative life of The Grainstore in Cabinteely Park, and the community of young people who have worked and played there, culminating in performances at the Grainstore and the dlr LexIcon.

This commission is part of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council’s Public Art Programme with additional funding from the dlr Arts Office programme.

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**Ciarán Taylor:** (Director-Deviser)

**Ciarán Taylor** is artistic director of **Carpet Theatre**. He studied directing at the **University of Kent at Canterbury**, and devising at **Ecole Jacques Lecoq**, Paris.

He has written/devised and directed nineteen diverse productions, which have toured Ireland and abroad. He has been Theatre Artist in Residence at Mermaid Theatre (Bray), and Leitrim Artist in Schools.

***Rock to the Top*** is a current commission for South Dublin County’s *In Context 4* programme of public art, which brings peope out to experience the Dublin Mountains. ***The Flood*** (with support from DLR / HSE Arts and Health Partenership),his multi-sensory audio play in the dark, toured Ireland in April 2017. ***Stór*** a bilingual play for children,was commissioned by Dublin City Council Children’s Art in Libraries in 2016. ***Sightless Cinema*** (2014-2018)presents radio drama devised with blind people in cinemas. ***Silent Journeys*** (2015) was a large scale community silent film recreation project; ***Pigeon*** (2012)a wordless mask play; ***The Blanch*** (2008-2011) ahit satirical comedyinspired by the shopping centre; ***50 Ways to Leave Dún Laoghaire***, and ***Ferry Tales*** - site-specific performances at Dún Laoghaire and Dublin Port commissioned by DLR County Council; ***Wexford Fire Station Tour*** a performance in the station; and ***Two for Dinner for Two*** featured live cooking and music.

Ciarán has also acted at the Abbey Theatre, on national tours and on TG4 and RTÉ TV.

**The Grainstore:**

The Grainstore, dlr’s Youth Arts Facility, is owned and managed by Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council. The Grainstore is a Grade 1 listed building situated beside Cabinteely House, in the heart of Cabinteely Park. Thanks to the effort of parents living in the area, it was developed into a local youth arts centre and as it grew Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council assumed responsibility for operating the building; under their support it has continued to evolve and is now a vibrant, thriving hive of youth activities.