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**dlr LexIcon Gallery**

**announces 2018 exhibitions programme**

dlr Arts Office is delighted to announce a new series of exhibition programmes for 2018 in the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire.

The first exhibition will show work by sisters Diana Copperwhite and Shirley Copperwhite and will be the first time that they have exhibited together. Diana is a painter with a practice that includes wall drawings, installation and painting. Shirley is a surface designer who gets her ideas from looking at the everyday and reducing it into colourful surreal patterns.

In April we’re delighted to bring work from the fantastic AIB Art Collection to the Gallery. A group of women from the Women4Women Network are currently working with artist/ curator Claire Halpin to select work by women artists from the Collection. Then in June, local artist Julie Merriman will examine the mechanics of drawing and its relation to written and programmed languages. Julie was awarded the 2018 Visual Art Commission and will create new work specially for the dlr LexIcon Gallery.

September brings the 21st anniversary exhibition from IADT which includes contributions from alumni in the fields of art, film and animation. The works in this exhibition will be selected by Oonagh Young to highlight the diversity of artistic practices that have been developed over twenty one years by graduates who now work as creative professionals both nationally and internationally.

Our final show of 2018 is curated by John Daly of Hillsboro Fine Art, and brings together, from different generations, three of Irelands finest contemporary painters- Sinéad Ni Mhaonaigh, Eddie Kennedy and Patrick Graham. There are many links that make them complementary neighbours in this gallery, including their love of the sea and connection to Dún Laoghaire and its environs.

Each of our exhibition programmes includes the artworks in the gallery space, interactive activities next door in the Project Room and a learning programme which gives visitors of all ages opportunities to explore some of the themes, materials and artists that are showing in the Gallery. We’ve weekly open studios for adults, lots of workshops, tours for all ages as well as artists talks and lots, lots more.

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