



126, Artist-run gallery
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Membership Form

126 is Galway's first artist led exhibition space. A not-for-profit organization, 126 was established in 2005 by local artists as a response to the urgent need for more non-commercial gallery spaces in Galway. We are based on the successful democratic models of Catalyst (Belfast) and Transmission (Glasgow).

126 aims to:

1. Maintain a central permanent exhibition space and resource center for all visual artists.
2. Provide a unique platform within Galway for the presentation of art works that are risk-taking, experimental, in-progress, and otherwise not normally represented by commercial galleries or established institutions.
3. Present diverse programming, ranging from established to emerging artists, from international to local practitioners and from conventional to new medias.
4. Initiate projects outside of the gallery using the office as a contact point for organisation and administration.
5. Encourage a growth in the visual arts in Galway and in critical discourse in Ireland.
6. Develop an information and support network through our membership.
7. Offer support for art college students and recent graduates by promoting unique exhibition opportunities and feedback on their work.
8. Distinguish itself from other Galway-based visual art bodies as an artist-run and democratic organization, thus making decisions on an artistic not economic basis.
9. Emerge as national leaders at the forefront of contemporary art by ambitiously pursuing excellence in all areas of our programme.
10. Promote international exchanges of ideas and artists.

The membership of our organisation lies at the core of 126's activity. We provide a place where artists can meet, talk and exhibit along with local and international peers and influences. Artists and patrons living near Galway are encouraged to become members and participate in the running of 126.

The annual Members' Show is a vital part of 126. It is open to all members and is a great opportunity for emerging artists. We also encourage members to make exhibition proposals throughout the year.

The financial contribution of our membership is invaluable. It help supports our strong programme of unconventional and international art exhibitions. These are shows that would otherwise never be seen in the west of Ireland. One year's membership costs €10 to students or the unemployed and €20 to those with a wage. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 that supports our aims.

 Yes! I would like to support 126 by becoming a member.

I am enclosing a payment of €20 (waged) €10 (unwaged).

Name _____ Tel _____

Address _____ Email _____

Signed _____ Date _____