

Measuring Equality in the Arts Sector: An Interdisciplinary Symposium

Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September, University College Cork

CALL FOR PAPERS

Measuring Equality in the Arts Sector (MEAS) was established in 2018 to monitor and report on equality in the arts sector in Ireland, with a particular focus on the literary arts. The objective of MEAS is to highlight representational inequalities in the arts sector, including gender equity, artists with disabilities, artists of diverse ethnic backgrounds, LGBTQ+ and gender-nonconforming artists, and other marginalised groups. Supported by the Irish Research Council, MEAS is delighted to host a symposium at University College Cork, bringing together researchers, academics, professionals and practitioners across the arts sector in a two-day event of knowledge exchange, networking and collaboration. The event will include interdisciplinary panel discussions with confirmed speakers from *Arts Council Ireland*, *ADI (Arts Disability Ireland)*, *Banshee*, *Fair Plé*, *Fired!*, *IPRA (Irish Poetry Reading Archive)*, *NOT4U*, *Poetry Ireland*, *Sounding the Feminists* and *Waking the Feminists*.

The organisers welcome abstracts of 300-400 words from interested parties on the outlined topics, or others related to the symposium theme.

- **History of Inequality in Irish Arts: Academic, Artistic and Practitioner Perspectives**
- **Research and Reports: Challenges, Opportunities and Best Practice Guidelines**
- **Diversity, Inclusivity, Progress: Reports from the Field**
- **Gatekeepers: Roles and Responsibilities**

This event will offer opportunities to build links for collaboration, support and cooperation between researchers, activists and organisations in the Irish arts sector. The workshop will also provide practical guidance on gathering, analysing and presenting quantitative and qualitative data.

Please send your abstract or expression of interest (name and affiliation if relevant) to the organisers measorgireland@gmail.com by June 30th.

Further information about MEAS can be found at <https://measorg.com/>.

(The organisers are pleased to offer a limited number of travel bursaries to ensure accessibility for ECRs, precariously-employed and other groups with specific needs. If you would like to be considered, please mention this in your email.)