



One Tribe
Arts Ability Project

In association with

St. Hildas Services & Athlone Rehab Care Services

The Dean Crowe Theatre & Arts Centre, St. Hilda's Services and Rehab Care Services, Athlone are seeking local, qualified, experienced arts facilitators to bring the next phase of the 'One Tribe' Arts Ability Project to fruition.

History of the Project

One Tribe was piloted in 2017 and developed further in 2018 and 2019 with the support of *Creative Westmeath*.

In the first three years of the project, service users from St. Hilda's and Rehab Care came to the Dean Crowe Theatre every Wednesday morning in September, October and November. They participated in dance and art workshops. The season culminated in a public performance.

In 2017 the project participants devised a show based on the theme of tribes – exploring communities from around the world – which they titled '**One Tribe**.' This title soon became the tag that the participants used to identify the project and themselves. Hence, in 2018, the project and the group were titled '**One Tribe**' and the show, presented on Valentine's weekend was centred on the theme of love. '**One Tribe** presents *One Love*.' The 2019 project focused on living for the moment and appreciating every moment. '**One Tribe** presents *One Night. One Moment*.'

Purpose

The project has built the confidence of the participants and also changed how the participants are perceived and received in the community. The audience is made up of not just family members but also people from throughout the community including employers, colleagues, friends, neighbours, theatre-goers. **One Tribe** has opened the eyes of the audience to the ability of the participants, not their disability (not just on stage but in all aspects of everyday life).

This is the true heart and central achievement of **One Tribe**. It encourages, facilitates and supports access and participation in creativity which adds immeasurably to the wellbeing of the participants. **One Tribe** empowers and enables the participants to have a greater sense of identity, of culture and of active citizenship in their community.

Next Phase

One Tribe 2020 intends to expand into the community beyond Athlone. We face considerable challenges to ensure that the project can continue while respecting COVID-19 restrictions. Our goal is to deliver a creative experience for all of the **One Tribe** participants. We hope to create regional **One Tribe** creative hubs in Athlone, Ferbane, Ballymahon and Moate. Working in smaller groups and closer to home, participants can maintain a social distance and still communicate and connect with each other in a creative environment.

Who We Need

We need arts professionals in any discipline who have experience in facilitating workshops and working with people with intellectual disabilities.

If you are an actor, writer, poet, painter, mosaic artist, sculptor, drama teacher, choreographer, dancer, textile artist or visual artist in any form living close to Athlone, Ferbane, Moate or Ballymahon, we would like to hear from you.

Application Process

- Email manager@deancrowetheatre.com with the subject "One Tribe Facilitator."
- Include a brief note describing yourself, how long you have been making art, anywhere you have shown your work, what workshops you have facilitated and any experience you have of working with people with disabilities. (300-400 words)
- Approximately 4 images/examples of your work.
- Deadline for receipt of applications: 4pm on Thursday, 9th July, 2020.
- Note: Successful applicants will be expected to undergo a Garda vetting process and adhere to the policy for working with vulnerable adults.
- Fees commensurate with experience.

The Dean Crowe Theatre

The Dean Crowe Theatre is a professional theatre and arts centre with strong community links located in Athlone town. Comprising a 442-seat theatre, art gallery and bar, the Dean Crowe hosts a wide range of events every year including professional and amateur theatre, musical theatre, opera, dance, children's theatre, music and comedy as well as an array of other rehearsals, performances, exhibitions, conferences and community activities. The theatre produces an annual pantomime, introducing over 100 local children to the world of performance and creativity and hosts Athlone Musical Society's annual production. The Dean Crowe is best known nationally as the host venue for the RTE All Ireland Drama Festival.

St. Hilda's Services

Established in 1964 by the community, St. Hilda's Services is a voluntary organisation that provides a comprehensive quality service to people with mild, moderate and severe intellectual disabilities. Based in Athlone our services benefit in excess of 120 services users and their families. St. Hilda's Services' unique governing structure, ensures that the principles of person-centred planning are embraced throughout the organisation and all planning within St. Hilda's is driven by the individuals and families who avail of our services. St. Hilda's Services is committed to providing a service that puts the choices of the people we work with first, with all staff working in partnership with families and service users to promote this in everything that we do.

Rehab Care Services

RehabCare Athlone is a resource centre for adults with mild/moderate intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, autism and mental health issues. The centre provides people with access to a wide range of supports and activities in group settings and on a one-to-one basis. Programmes and activities are based on the interest of the people attending and the people we support.

RehabCare Athlone works off the model of New Directions which creates opportunities for individuals to take part in and be more involved in activities in their own communities. We like to help and support individuals to be more independent in order for them to have a greater quality of life. This is done through person-centred planning.

RehabCare Athlone has partnerships with other organisations in the locality who help to establish and create opportunities for people attending our service to develop new skills and work towards employment opportunities for those wishing to go that route.

RehabCare Athlone is based at Loughloe house and is a day service to over 40 individuals who access our service Monday to Friday.

RehabCare's Vision is every person living life to the full and valued for, and as, themselves.