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### **New evening arts and music programme for Dún Laoghaire**

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Starting **Thursday, May 20** at **5pm**, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, in association with GradCAM – The Graduate School of Creative Arts & Media at IADT (Institute of Art, Design & Technology, Dún Laoghaire) are running a new **weekly, Dún Laoghaire-based music and arts programme, DL5-8**.

The programme runs every Thursday evening May 20 to June 17<sup>th</sup> and features **film screenings with live performances, temporary art works, traditional and improvised music gigs** featuring local and international artists, **public talks** with artists and creatives.

A typical Thursday evening will begin with film screenings and live performances at 5pm in the Pavilion Theatre Gallery followed by 'artist talks' series at 6 pm at the Sunshine Café', on Georges Street. At 7pm in Weirs of Dún Laoghaire, the Damian Evans Mixed Ground Jazz Series will be running, offering attendees the opportunity to hear both local and international jazz artists in a fun and informal setting. Meanwhile, art projects and performances by Naomi Sex and Sinéad Mc Cann will be underway every Thursday evening (and at other days during the week) at the artists' studios on Lr. Georges' St.

In addition, a late events programme of live gigs, from 10 pm to late at the Purty Kitchen, Dún Laoghaire, showcases a series of live, world music bands with the Drazen Derek Improvised Company; featuring Koshka, Passer Bem, Cafe Orchestra, the North Strand Kontra Band and the tradfutures collective with invited guests.

On June 17th, DL5-8 will culminate with **an international conference 'Creative Policies in Practice' in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council**, which will be of interest to anyone concerned with artist development, arts policy and practice. The conference focuses on themes of 'making things happen', 'uncovering new alliances' and 'demonstrating models for culture-led and artist-led regeneration.

According to Richard Shakespeare, the Director of the Council's Environment, Culture, and Community Department, "We in local government want to facilitate a unique partnership

between artists, the public and local businesses in such a way that will encourage engagement in Dún Laoghaire town centre, and in so doing, improve the quality of life in the town. The Council is looking forward to participating in this process and encourages residents and businesses alike to actively contribute and / or engage with these initiatives.”

Jim Devine, President of IADT stated "DL5-8 represents the kind of exciting and dynamic creative culture that IADT has become recognised for internationally. As the vibrancy and creativity of IADT's students continue to drive the creative industries, it is an exciting offer that IADT and GradCAM have developed, along with Dún Laoghaire based artists, to bring the unique mix of artistic research with an eventful and entertaining programme for Dun Laoghaire through DL5-8".

Nollaig Ó Fiongháile, project coordinator, commented that “the DL5-8 events programme will be of interest to anyone interested in artist actions and collectives and how we may devise new practices to engage a diverse public and together, animate our civic space. DL5-8 are free events and are for everyone; residents are encouraged to engage with and contribute; all are welcome and can join in on our trail every Thursday evening. And in the meantime, all that is left to say is to come, take part and enjoy time-out at DL5-8 in Dún Laoghaire!”

Full programme details available at: [www.creativepolicies.com](http://www.creativepolicies.com)

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Regular updates on the project and schedules of local events will be available from [www.gradcam.ie](http://www.gradcam.ie)

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