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## Local Authority Cultural Services May 2016

### Art Services The role of the elected member

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# Local Authority Cultural Services

- Cultural Services and the defining of same

*"In its widest use, culture encompasses everything we do as a society and how we behave".*

- Culture 2025



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# Local Authority Cultural Services Arts Services

The arts, as defined in the Arts Act 2003.

*“Any creative or interpretive expression (whether traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and including, in particular, visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus and architecture and includes any medium when used for those purposes.”*



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# Arts Services

- Central Government
- The Arts Council
- Local Authorities



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# Central Government

- 1951/2 -Foundation of the Arts Council.
- 1973 -Arts Act revised the Arts Council and provision for a local government role in the arts.
- 2003 - The publication of the Arts act 2003



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# Central Government

- Arts Unit
- Film Unit
- Music Unit
- Cultural Ireland



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# Arts Council overview

- Founded in 1951/2. The Arts Council is the national agency for developing, promoting and funding the arts in Ireland.

## Core Function

- Arts Act 2003 – “to stimulate public interest in the arts; to promote knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts; to assist in improving standards in the arts; and, to advise the Minister and other public bodies on the arts.”



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# Arts Council Funding

- 2008 Government funding €81m
- 2015 Government funding €56.9



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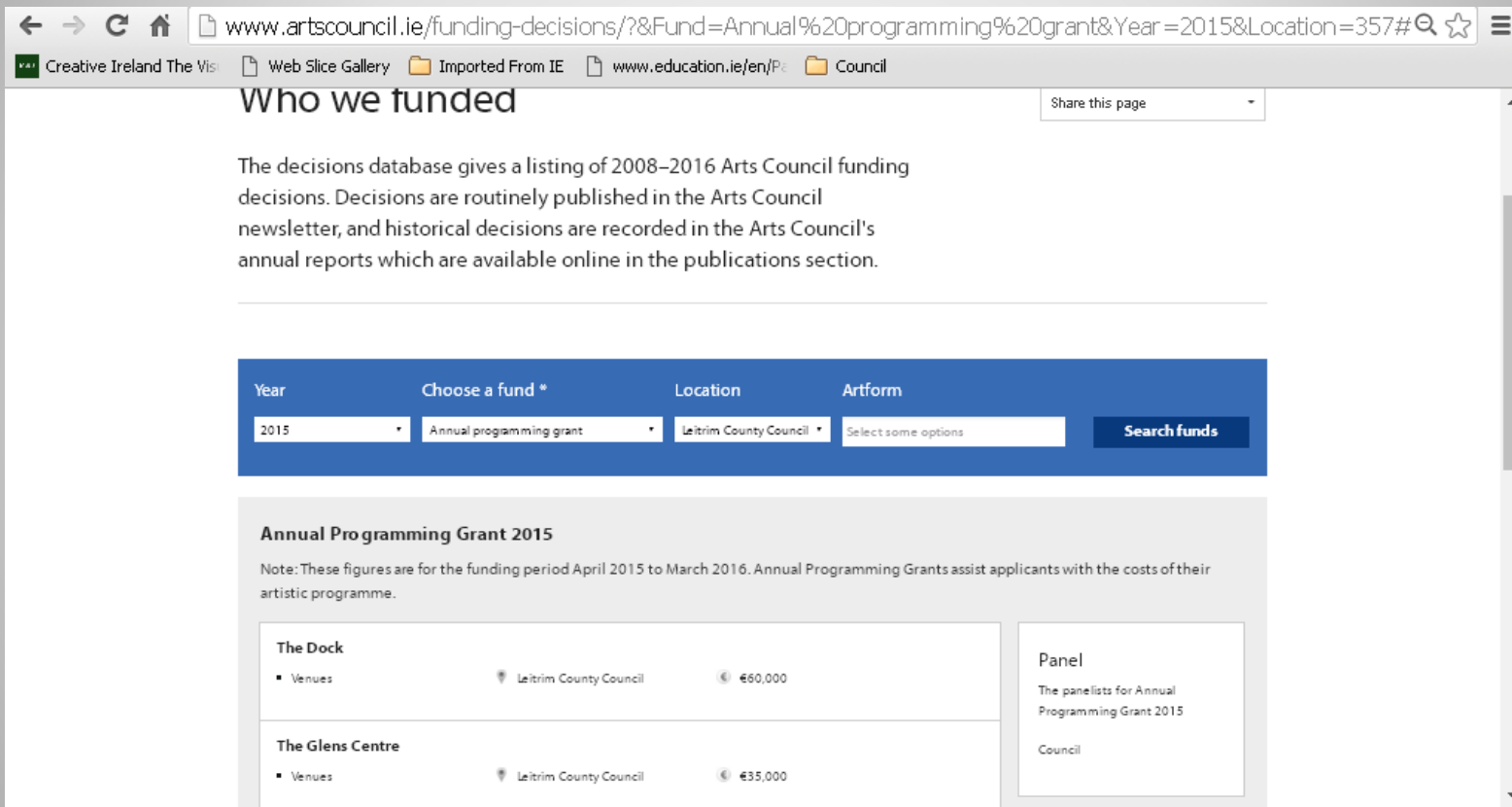
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<http://www.artscouncil.ie/funding-decisions/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.artscouncil.ie/funding-decisions/?&Fund=Annual%20programming%20grant&Year=2015&Location=357#](http://www.artscouncil.ie/funding-decisions/?&Fund=Annual%20programming%20grant&Year=2015&Location=357#). The page title is "Who we funded" and it includes a "Share this page" button. The main text states: "The decisions database gives a listing of 2008–2016 Arts Council funding decisions. Decisions are routinely published in the Arts Council newsletter, and historical decisions are recorded in the Arts Council's annual reports which are available online in the publications section."

Below the text is a search filter bar with the following options:

- Year: 2015
- Choose a fund \*: Annual programming grant
- Location: Leitrim County Council
- Artform: Select some options
- Search funds button

The search results section is titled "Annual Programming Grant 2015" and includes a note: "Note: These figures are for the funding period April 2015 to March 2016. Annual Programming Grants assist applicants with the costs of their artistic programme."

Project Name	Venues	Location	Amount
<b>The Dock</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Venues</li> </ul>	Leitrim County Council	€60,000
<b>The Glens Centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Venues</li> </ul>	Leitrim County Council	€35,000

On the right side of the results, there is a "Panel" section titled "The panelists for Annual Programming Grant 2015" with the text "Council".



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**Making Great Art Work**  
Leading the Development of the Arts in Ireland  
Arts Council Strategy (2016–2025)



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# Role of the elected member

## Legislation - Arts Act 2003

**Section 6.** -(1) A local authority shall, for the purposes of section 67 of the Act of 2001, prepare and implement plans for the development of the arts within its functional area and shall, in so doing, take account of policies of the Government in relation to the arts.

-(2) A local authority may provide such financial or other assistance as it considers appropriate to such persons or in respect of such activities, projects or undertakings, for the purposes of—

- (a) stimulating public interest in the arts,
- (b) promoting knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts, or
- (c) improving standards in the arts, within its functional area.



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# Role of elected member

Main functions:

- Arts Plan
- Budget
- Policy



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# Supporting the Arts at a local level

- Economic Impact of the Arts
- The Arts and Local Cultural Tourism
- The Arts and the Local Smart Economy
- Social Impact and County image
- Cultural legacies



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# The Arts in Leitrim

- Historical foundation
- By 2009 creative sector employment in Leitrim was 4.4%



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# The Arts in Leitrim - SPARK



Spark - Supernature by Linda Shevlin at Leitrim Organic Centre



Spark - Leo Scarff at Mohill Enterprise Centre



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# The Arts in Leitrim - LOCIS



Locis seminar in Poland



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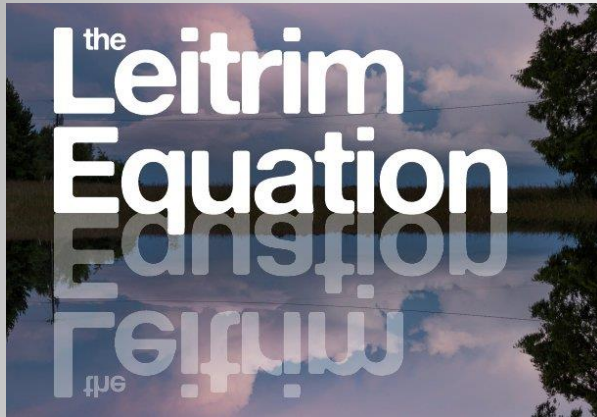
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# The Arts in Leitrim – Leitrim Equation



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