

Tipperary Dance SPLASH Lab 2025 open call for two professional dance artists

Summary: Tipperary Dance is offering two places for experienced Ireland-based professional dance artists to take part in Tipperary Dance SPLASH Lab the 07-12 July 2025. Applications are online and will close the 15 May 2025 at 18:00.

What is SPLASH Lab

SPLASH Lab is a Tipperary Dance initiative developed with our international allies and our local partners from the [Tipperary Arts Hub](#) (Tipperary Dance, Clonmel Junction Arts Festival, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Finding a Voice Festival).

SPLASH Lab will be a 6 days international encounter taking place the 07–12 July 2025 in Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Purpose and themes

The purpose of SPLASH Lab is:

- to deepen awareness and reflection on your practice in relation with the environment where it takes place (peers, people, experience, society, professional infrastructure, idiosyncrasies...).
- to reflect on the relation between the essence of your practice and the shapes that it takes - particularly under the incentives that exist where you work (for example the need/pressure to produce work for stage).

These subject matters can translate into a number of questions such as, for example: what does making arts mean in your current environment? What ideal shape do you imagine for your work? What is the significance of your work in the place where you live? To whom is your work addressed? Who are your partners? What do/can you expect from a partner? What are the realities of dance infrastructures where you work, etc.

What will happen

SPLASH Lab will gather artists and arts managers/curators.

SPLASH Lab aims to hold a space for horizontal, non-hierarchical encounters, where each participant shares equal responsibility to both contribute and receive, to both speak up and listen. The Lab will be accompanied by Tipperary Dance co-founder Alexandre Iseli and guest artists (to be confirmed soon), as a way to manage time, to observe, moderate discussions, and channel emerging processes and ideas.

SPLASH Lab will combine dance practice/research/experiment in the studio, with in depth discussions, and a series for three outdoors performances at Clonmel Junction Arts Festival as an outcome of the week.

The Lab will also be an opportunity for artists and arts managers/curators to discover or deepen their understanding of each other's realities and capacities.

SPLASH Lab Participants

- Approximately 10 dance artists from Ireland, Germany and Spain (including two bursary artists from the present call out)
- 2 Local artists working in art forms other than dance
- Arts managers/curators

This call out is addressed to you if you:

- Are a professional dance artist living in Ireland.
- Are 28 years old or more, or have been a professional artist for the past five years.
- Have experience with the production and touring of your own work (for example following the commission of a substantial work, or being recipient of an Arts Council project award or similar).
- Are interested to deepen a body of reflection around the nature of your practice and its relation to the environment in which you work.
- Are curious and open to engage with other practitioners to talk about and discuss and possibly question your own artistic values and practice.
- Are eager to commit in depth, physically and intellectually to a non-hierarchical shared practice, to experiment based on your own and other people's ideas. To bring your contribution and welcome the contribution of others.
- Are available and ready to commit to the Lab for its entire duration: 07–12 July 2025
- Are willing to participate in the series of three public performances at the end of the LAB the 12 July.

SPLASH Lab will provide the following conditions for the recipients of the bursaries

- Access to all spaces, activities and events of the Lab free of charge.
- Self-catering accommodation (room may be shared with one other person).
- A stipend of €700 per artist in contribution to remuneration, subsistence and travel costs.

Application process

- You can apply via this form: <https://tipperarydance.com/splash-lab-bursary-callout-2025/>
- Deadline: submissions will close the 15 May 2025 at 18:00 Irish time. No submission after the deadline will be accepted.

Assessment

- The assessment will be made by a panel including the director of Tipperary Dance and one independent dance artist.
- Decisions are final and at the discretion of the panel.

Contact us

- For any question contact us at info@tipperarydance.com