

# Basic Income for the Arts in Ireland - What have we learned after 26 months?

When? Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 6:30-8:00 PM UK GMT

Where? Online (Zoom)

**UBI Lab Arts, UBI Lab Leeds, UBI Lab Network and Basic Income Ireland present:**

Please join us for the fifth in our special series of discussions dedicated to reflecting on what we can learn from the Irish Basic Income for the Arts Pilot Scheme, as it unfolds.

The Government of Ireland is running a Basic Income pilot that began in September 2022. 2000 artists and cultural workers will receive a weekly unconditional income of €325 weekly for a period of three years. This fifth session will be an opportunity to check-in with some of the artists involved in the pilot scheme and learn from them about how it is affecting them and their creative communities. You can watch the recordings from our previous sessions here:

[First Session Dec 2022](#) | [Second Session Jun 2023](#) | [Third Session Dec 2023](#) | [Fourth Session Jun 2024](#)

We will again be joined by artists Shane Finan, Alisha Doody and Tadhg Ó Cuirrín, who will give us personal insights from the perspective of recipients and members of the 'control group' who applied but do not receive the Basic Income for the Arts (BIA). We will be joined by another Irish artist, Lauren Conway, who is also a recipient of the scheme. BI Ireland will provide us with an update about their work, the actual political context in Ireland and the future of the BIA scheme.

Following a brief refresher about Universal Basic Income, other pilot schemes, and the work of UBI Lab Arts, the wider UBI Lab Network, and Basic Income Ireland we will open up a discussion with the artists. There will also be plenty of opportunity for questions from the audience.

The Irish Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media released the second impact assessment after one year of BI for the Artists and the next one will be published soon. You can find all the info about the Pilot and the two reports (6 months, 1 year) on the dept website at [gov.ie/basicincomearts](https://gov.ie/basicincomearts). You need to click on the square 'Report' and scroll down to find the two impact assessments.

The session will take place on Zoom. Places are free but booking is required.

Please register for this event at the Action Network website and you can find more information: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/basic-income-for-the-arts-in-ireland-what-have-we-learned-after-26-months/>