

Pat Coleman Emerging Writer Residency at Áras Éanna

The Galway City Council Arts Office and Áras Éanna are delighted to launch the Emerging Writers' Residency in memory of Pat Coleman.

Pat Coleman was a notable character and friend to Galway City. Pat, who was a trained electrician and worked as a projectionist, was widely read and had a particular interest in the greats of Irish Literature including Behan, Lavin, Kavanagh and, of course, James Joyce. Pat had a great love for music and the arts, and in his final years, he worked at the Galway Arts Centre.

He spent a very tough two years in hospital. His wide circle of friends organised fundraising events to help with the cost of assistance for independent living. Pat passed away on the 19 of December 2022.

The funds that Pat's friends raised will now celebrate his life and love of the arts, by funding this residency.

The residency will be for three weeks 5th – 29th May 2026. The successful applicant will receive the following:

- Return bus and ferry from Galway City to Inis Oírr
- Self-catering accommodation for the duration of residency
- €2,000 Stipend
- Dedicated studio space at Áras Éanna Arts Centre

To apply, artists will:

- be available to take up the full residency 5th – 29th May 2026
- be a resident of Galway City

[Apply www.galwaycity.ie/artsgrants](http://www.galwaycity.ie/artsgrants)

The closing date for applications is **13 April 2026**.

We will announce the successful applicants in **April 2026**.