# Fiona Byrne

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Education	
2014 – 2018 2012 - 2013 2005-2009	Doctor of Philosophy, Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, University of Limerick, IRE Masters in Arts Management and Cultural Policy, University College Dublin, IRE Joint BA (Hons) Visual Culture and Craft Design Glass, National College of Art & Design, IRE
Employment History	
Nov 2019 – Present	Visual artist, educator and arts manager
	As an artist I focused on how a greater connection with body, material and place can reshape how we interact with the world. I explore the transformative potential of material engagement. Objects I delve into the concept of intelligence as an ecosystem which encompasses human and more-than-human nature. This idea expands intelligence not just to plants and creatures, but also to things. Direct interaction with the making process imbues the work with a residue, a memory of the knowledge that led to its creation.
	I also work on a freelance basis for a number of clients including: AlanJames Burns Studio, Homo Faber Guide, Disrupt Disability Arts Festival
March 2021 – March 20	23 Studio Manager, Niesenglass Switzerland
June 2017 – Oct 2019	Education Manager, Design & Crafts Council of Ireland
Sept 2016 – June 2017	Freelance educator and cultural manager
May 2015 – Sept 2016	Acting Curator of Education & Outreach, Hunt Museum, Limerick
Jan 2014 – May 2012	Project Manager, World Within Walls Project
Sept 2013 – Feb 2014	Technician (temp. cover), National College of Art & Design, Dublin
April 2013 – June 2013	CREATIVEAssistant (MA Internship), Eden Court Theatre, Scotland
2009 -2012	Studio Assitant, Glasstorm Studio, Scotland

Selected workshops and educational activities \_

- 2024, Nov: Introduction to Pâte de verre, (Tutor) National Collage of Art & Design, Dublin, IRE
- 2024, Nov: *Material Connections* (Tutor) collaboration with Mary Conroy and Aine Ryan, Irish Design Week, Wexford, IRE
- 2024, September: *Climate Action and Disability*, workshop, as part of AlanJames Burns' 'Augmented Body, Altered Mind' tour, Áras Éanna, Inis Oírr

- 2024, *Glass Art Society Conference* (Assistant) Mobile glass furnaces workshops and demonstartions, Niesenglass Gmbh, Berlin, DE
- 2024, Solifore Workshop (Assistant), Workshop led by Philppe Malouin & ECAL Design, Lusanne, CH
- 2022, *Collaborative Design in Glass* (Assistant) Workshop led by Helena Tapajnova with Niesenglass Gmbh, Interlacken, CH
- 2021-23, Design Circle (Tutor) professional development for Junior Cycle Art Teachers, Oide, Online, IRE
- 2021, Studio Tom Emerson Elective (Assistant) With guest artist Laura Sattin and Niesenglass, ETH Zurich
- 2022, Wishing Bowls Workshop, (Tutor) Northlands Creative Glass, Lybster, Scotland
- 2020, May: *Get Ireland Making*, (Tutor) online workshop: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYCqlzDXVFk</u>

## Selected Exhibitions

- Up coming, September 2025 Ancestral Biology, Custom House Gallery, Westport, IRE
- Dec 2024 Peace Bowl Exhibition, juried group show at Irish Georgian Society, Dublin, IRE
- Oct 2024 SHAPING GLASS / SHAPING FUTURES, juried group show University of Creative Arts, UK
- April 2024 'Things We Can Know' showcase at the Craft Study Centre, UK
- April 2024 Feb 2026: FUSION Biennial of Contemporary Glass Jewllery, Museum of Contemporary Glass Art in Alcorón, ES
- Oct-Dec 2023: International Biennale of Glass, Sofia, BG
- Aug-Sept 2023: CraftHub Investigating Craft Practices Across Europe, group show Visual Carlow, IRE
- Aug 2023: National Craft Awards finalists exhibition, Leitrim Design House, IRE
- April-Aug 2023: Ireland Glass Biennale, Coach House, Dublin Castle, IRE
- March 2023: Selected by Northlands Creative to exhibit at COLLECT Contemporary Art Fair, Somerset House, London, UK
- Feb 2023: Selected exhibiting artist at the St. Bridget's Day Celebrations for the Irish Embassy, CH
- Jan 2023: Bodies of Knowledge, pop-up solo exhibition supported by BLICKE, Kultur Stadt Bern, CH
- Aug Dec 2022: BIOT international festival of Glass, GLASS IS BIOTIFUL, Hedberg Torun, FR
- April Sept 2022: Verre à l'Air, Vitrofestival and Vitro Centre, selected group show held in the garden of Vitromusée Romont, Romont, CH
- March June 2022: Milano Vetro Under 35, selected group show and competition, Sforza Castle, Milano, IT
- Feb, 2022: UN International Year of Glass, United Nations: Palace of Nations & Intercontinental Hotel, group exhibition curated by Verarte, Geneva, CH
- Oct, 2021: Design & Crafts Council of Ireland: Collar Exhibition, group exhibition for World Crafts Council 4<sup>th</sup>
  General Assembly at Dublin Castle, IRE
- Oct, 2021: Elaborate and Methodical, Fringe Festival Ballina, group exhibition, curator Nuala Clarke, Co. Mayo, IRE
- Sept, 2021: The Keep Well Glass Quilt, Venice Glass Week, collaborative work with the Glass Society of Ireland, Fondamenta vetrai, IT
- Aug, 2021: First Fathon, group exhibition, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, IRE

# Residencies

- 2024, Aug: Redbarn Residency, Cork, IRE
- 2024, Feb/March: Inaugural AiR, Farnham World Craft Town Residency, UK
- 2022, Oct: AiR Northlands Creative, Lybster, UK
- 2021, Sept: Research residency E.O.M studio, Mulranny, Co. Mayo, IRE

• 2021, July: 'Drop-out', Artist in Residence at Kloster Dornoch, CH

#### Awards \_\_\_\_\_

- 2025: Culture Moves Europe, Travel grant
- 2025: Westfjords Development Fund/Uppbyggingarsjóður Vestfjarða, Iceland, Festival funding
- 2023: Thomas Dammann Junior Memorial Trust Award
- 2023: Arts Council of Ireland, Agility Award
- 2023: Shortlisted for the National Craft Awards, one of ten finalists
- 2022: BLICKE award from the Kultur Stadt Bern (CH) towards a solo exhibition in 2023
- 2022: Shortlisted for Design & Crafts Council of Ireland Future Makers Awards
- 2022: Arts Council of Ireland, Agility Award
- 2021 -22: Selected for inclusion on the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's PORTFOLIO programme
- 2021, April: Shortlisted for the Golden Fleece Awards, one of ten finalists

## Selected Talks & Writing\_\_\_\_\_

- 2024, Oct: *Artists in Schools,* talk, Visual Artist Ireland supported by Clare, Limerick and Tipperary Arts Offices, online
- 2024, June: *Worlds unrealised: Annie Massey (1867-1931) Irish conchologist*, talk, Wexford Science Cafe, Wexford Library
- 2023, Oct: CraftHUB Conference in Oslo, paper, Body and Object and Intelligent Dialogue, online
- 2022-23: Editor of Glass Ireland the annual publication for the Glass Society of Ireland

#### Collections

Farnham World Craft Town, UK (Since 2024)

Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbrdige, UK (Since 2022)