



British Council Ireland

A Year in Pictures 2022-2023

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At his request, we work with Nelson Mandela's new government to provide skills training to those who have previously been excluded from official education. This followed a similar request from Prime Minister Helen Zille at the end of the Civil War in Ethiopia.

'I speak of culture and creativity because, like truth, they are enduring.'
Nelson Mandela



2009
Active Citizens is launched in partnership with many other organisations to help over 200,000 people in 77 countries to improve their lives.



British Council

We work on behalf of the UK and its four nations to champion its world-leading cultural and educational institutions and boost the UK's international reputation. Our approach, based on mutuality and partnership strengthens the UK's leadership on international development and at the forefront of addressing global issues.

- We work directly with individuals to help them gain the skills, confidence and connections to transform their lives and shape a better world in partnership with the UK. We support them to build networks and explore creative ideas, to learn English, to get a high-quality education and to gain internationally recognised qualifications.
- We work with governments and our partners in the education, English language and cultural sectors, in the UK and globally. Working together we make a bigger difference, creating benefit for millions of people all over the world.
- We work with people in over two hundred countries and territories and are on the ground in more than a hundred countries. In 2021–2022 we reached 650 million people.



British Council Ireland

British Council Ireland was first established in 1955 to provide welfare support for Commonwealth students at Irish universities. In 1989, the office was refocused to a broader range of cultural relation activities that brokers relationships between Ireland and the UK in arts and culture, higher education, non-formal education, English and exams.

British Council Ireland consists of a local and global team. The local team works on a Cultural Engagement (Arts and Education) programme in-country. Global colleagues are based in Ireland but work on bilateral activities internationally.

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Overview of Activities

This overview covers activities in the period, January 2022 to March 2023.

It has been arranged in our key sectors of activity:

- **Arts and Culture**
- **Higher Education**
- **Non-Formal Education**





Culture Connects

British Council's Culture Connects programme supports UK cultural professionals and organisations connect with their counterparts in Ireland through networking, collaboration, showcasing, and touring. It aims to build knowledge of the local creative industries sector while sharing digital arts packages with key stakeholders.

The main strands of Culture Connects activity in Ireland are:

- **Cultural professionals brokering and connecting**
- **Showcasing and touring**
- **Creative collaboration**
- **Scoping and research**
- **Digital showcasing**

The following page highlights some of the exciting activity in Culture Connects in Ireland in the last 15 months.



Connecting Cultural Professionals

- **Cultural Conversations: St. Patrick's Festival, March 2022**
- **Array Collective at Galway Arts Centre, August 2022**
- **BBC100, October 2022**
- **Literary Cities: Myth, Story, Song with the Scottish Government in Ireland, 2022**
- **Creative Postcards on Climate, January and March 2023**
- **Cultural Conversations: The Otolith Group, January 2023**
- **Cultural Conversations: Dublin International Film Festival Panel, February 2023**
- **Cultural Conversations: Sustainability in the Performing Arts, March 2023**





Delegations

- **Jerwood Creative Fellows, June 2022**
- **Momentum Delegation, August 2022**
- **Unlimited Festival, September 2022**
- **Museums Revisited, December 2022**
- **Pyramid Arts, KCAT Collaboration, May 2023**
- **The Performance Corporation – SPACE, June – July 2023**
- **Selena Thompson LTD – Race Cards, July 2023**

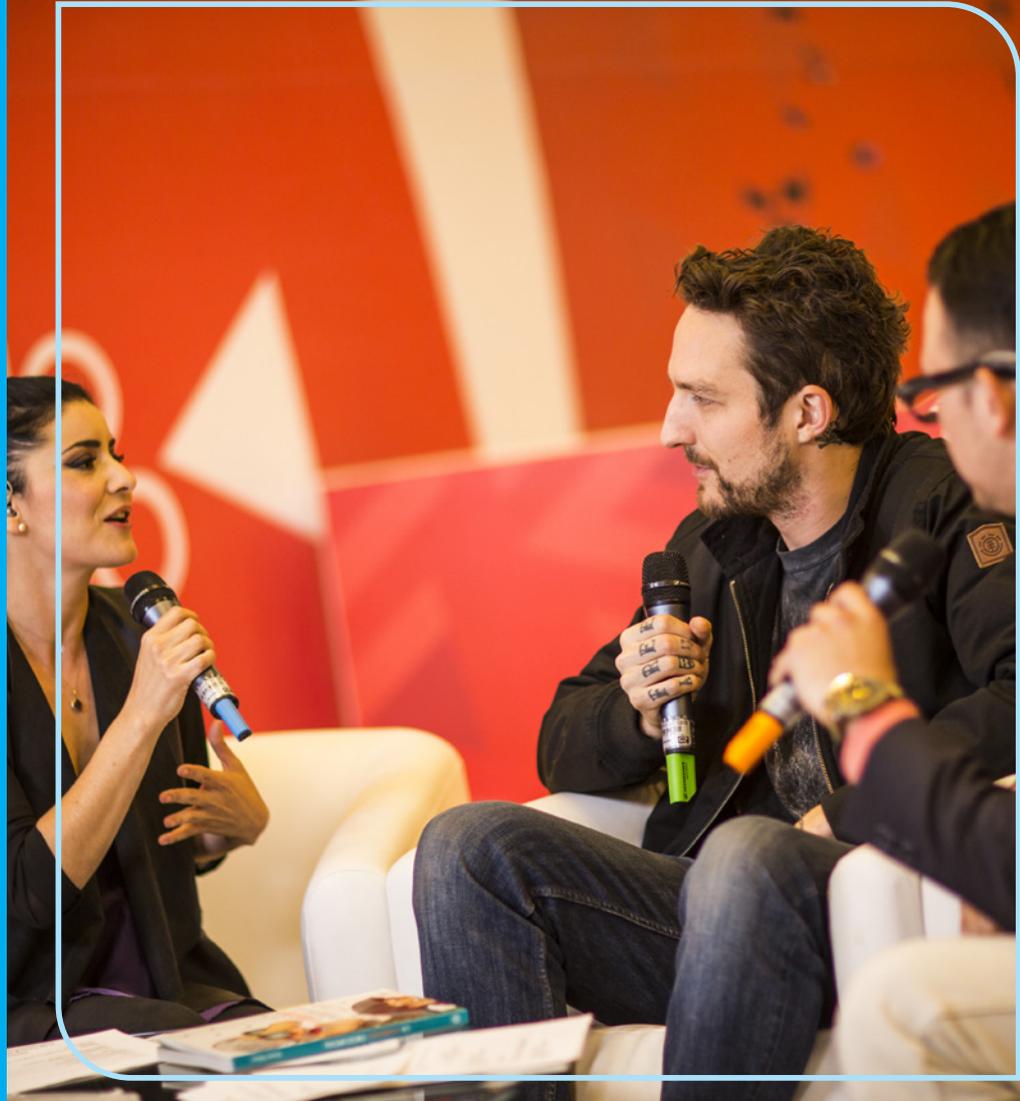
Other activities include engaging in asset sharing and research on the cultural ties and connections between the UK and Ireland. To find out more, please visit our website: [britishcouncil.ie](https://www.britishcouncil.ie)

Higher Education

The British Council's Higher Education programme aims to create educational opportunities around the world through partnerships and dialogue with policy makers, academics, researchers, and students. Key priorities include:

- **Shared global challenges of quality**
- **Inclusion**
- **Internationalisation**

Higher Education is key to building and maintaining enduring relationships between people of the UK and Ireland. Within the portfolio of global programmes in Higher Education, we focus on International Student Mobility and Marketing, Education Insights and Engagement, Alumni and Going Global Partnerships.





Higher Education Mobility Research Ireland-UK

In September 2022, British Council Ireland published research on Higher Education mobility from Ireland to the UK, along with a supporting information guide on the Common Travel Area.

In order to help disseminate findings, an online Country Learning Session, on Higher Education Mobility: Ireland to the UK was held as part of the British Council EU Region Country Learning series. These sessions are designed to support higher education international offices with information on emerging trends in student recruitment in the UK.

Academically Speaking Workshop Series, September 2022 - September 2023

Academically Speaking is a series of communications training workshops led by communication skills expert Malcolm Love.

The overall aim of the project was to support the career development and training of researchers – with a focus on skills – in all research disciplines. These bespoke trainings enhanced researchers' ability to communicate their work and other topics that matter to them with more impact and effect. It also allowed researchers to respond constructively to disinformation and misinformation, whilst taking care of themselves and others in a potentially hostile environment.



Non-Formal Education

The Stronger Together programme aims to connect young people with government, civil society, businesses and institutions in order to address various crises of the 21st century. This includes climate change, employment issues, social disconnection, conflict resolution and more. The programme offers a variety of activities such as focus groups and workshops for policy dialogues along with networking opportunities.

The programme has four strands:

- **Stronger Together | Artificial Intelligence for the Common Good**
- **Stronger Together: International Networking for Climate Change, April 2022**
- **Stronger Together | Leadership for Gender Equality**
- **Stronger Together for Social Cohesion: Film25, March 2023**





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- **Stronger Together: International Networking for Climate Change, April 2022**

We collaborated with Co-operation Ireland on an inaugural Stronger Together International Networking Event in Dublin from 26 April - 1 May 2022. The event gathered young leaders from six EU countries (Poland, Greece, Ireland, Cyprus, Croatia and Bulgaria) and Northern Ireland together to share their ideas and challenges on implementing their own 'Active Citizens: Social Action for Climate Change' projects (SAPs) and increasing the local/international impact of future projects.

- **Stronger Together for the Common Good: AI Hackathon, March 2023**

On the 13th and 14th of March 2023, we hosted an AI for the Common Good Hackathon with National College of Ireland (NCI). The hackathon focused on the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) and teams of students used AI tools to come up with solutions to challenges like air pollution and diagnosis of breast cancer. The winning team, 'Little Life' came up with a system that would monitor key health indicators of a pregnancy.

- **Stronger Together for Social Cohesion: Film25, March 2023**

On the 25th anniversary of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, #Film25 gathered 25, 25 year olds from across Ireland and the UK to reflect on the last 25 years and consider what peace has meant to them. #Film25 was a partnership between British Council Ireland, Cooperation Ireland, British Council Northern Ireland and the British Embassy in Dublin. The film won Gold at the annual creative industry Shark Awards in the Public Awareness and Political Party category, an Epica Award, and is part of the ACT Responsible Collection.

Reach

In 2022-23 we reached:

315,763 on our website

147,000 Publication and Broadcast

55,127 Online

21,385 Face to Face

13,287 on Social Media

150 Artists

88 Organisations





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