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TRADE *exchange swap barter*

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THE DOCK Carrick on Shannon County Leitrim 25th November—3rd December 05

TRADE invites artists agencies and collectives from around the world to participate in an event which combines exhibitions of their practice, projects and documentation along with a weekend seminar (25th-27th November) including presentations, exchange sessions and workshops

Locating this discourse within a rural context that takes account of the fluid and evolving arts scene in Leitrim and Roscommon, TRADE aims to support the creative energy that is evident in these two neighbouring counties, and present an alternative mechanism for artists from here and elsewhere, agencies, audiences, students, to meet, engage, learn and debate - to trade - across borders. Underlying the open nature of the event is an aspiration to generate ideas and thinking around sustaining alternative artistic practices which are concerned with a connection to place and an active engagement with contemporary socio-political and cultural scenes.



Framing the event within a 'trade show' format the invited agencies exhibit work and documentation of their projects, and invite delegates to share perspectives on their practice via formal exchange sessions and on a one-to-one basis.

An important part of TRADE is the inclusion of selected work by local artists from both counties which has been made, out of their involvement with international contexts. Sally Maidment represents and builds on her *Resource Room*, - an information centre for artists interested in international contexts, travel and opportunities - which was commissioned as part of *Artist-as-Traveller, 2004*.



The connection to organic producers and farmers from the North West of Ireland will give us the opportunity to taste and experience local produce, sustaining us throughout the event.

TRADE is developed by Cliodhna Shaffrey (curator), arts officers, Philip Delamere and Caoimhin Corrigan and Anna Marie O'Rourke from Visual Leitrim.

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Fee €15 (weekend sessions) Exhibitions free
Details and booking please contact 071 96 50828

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