



Greystones-Delgany & Kilcoole Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

Submission

Proposal for a Creative Artistic Hub for Greystones and the greater Wicklow area.

Views on Greystones Arts future development plan.

Organisation: Greystones Arts

All resident artists in Greystones are acutely aware of the lack of a creative artistic hub in our area.

With the ongoing area development of housing estates and commercial properties, there is a unique opportunity to secure a space for such a facility.

As a group, we envision a creative hub that will directly develop a cultural tradition as well

as enrich every generation within the community in the fastest growing area of

County Wicklow.

Our group proposes a multifunctional space primarily for use as artist's studios, workshops, education, gallery exhibition and craft works. There is an increasing need and demand in the area for this kind of facility and is currently not available. It would provide a valuable resource for artists and the general public for many arts and crafts disciplines. We believe that this will have a positive effect on the well being of our communities, the enrichment of our culture, an added economical benefit for local businesses.

We have formed a group titled, Greystones Arts, with an active committee of approximately 13 people from across a wide range of artistic and professional experience. We have also started a sizeable forum of artists, poets, writers, musicians and crafts people to work towards this aim.

Our principle aim is to secure a suitable premises. We have noted St. Brigid's old school (currently vacant and owned by the department of Education)

Greystones, The Health Centre in Delgany, also vacant and on the Area Plan, AP4 - zoned for development.

We look forward to your support.

Orla Finn

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