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## **Smashing Times Centre for the Arts and Equality (Smashing Times Theatre and Film Company & Smashing Times Youth Arts Ensemble) (<https://www.activelink.ie/node/78>)**

The Smashing Times International Centre for the Arts and Equality, incorporating Smashing Times Theatre and Film Company and Smashing Times Youth Arts Ensemble, is dedicated to the promotion, study and practice of the arts and equality.

The centre operates as a world class arts space and digital hub for artists, activists, communities and the general public across Ireland and internationally, providing a resource service and a training and networking agency in relation to using high quality creative processes and collaborative arts practice to promote human rights and equality for all.

The centre produces an annual and multi-annual inter-disciplinary arts programme with a focus on economic development, tourism, community infrastructure and education. All artistic mediums are supported with a focus on the performing and collaborative arts including theatre, film, visual arts, dance and music. Smashing Times' vast experience conducting arts-based projects both nationally and internationally and its global reputation for excellence in relation to using professional and socially engaged arts practice to promote equality is drawn upon in the creation of this innovative space.

Smashing Times is highly experienced in using the arts to promote issues at local, national and European levels linking with organisations in Ireland, Northern Ireland, European and internationally and in countries including the UK, Spain, Germany, Poland, Turkey, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Greece and Latvia. The work is presented in a range of settings, on stage and on screen, from the professional theatre and arts space, to on tour in schools and communities where we are invited to work collaboratively with people from all ages and cultures, particularly in disadvantaged, marginalised communities. The company works with a range of organisations including schools, youth and adult groups and the general public.

Smashing Times was originally established in 1991 by a group of women artists who met at the Focus Theatre Dublin. The company was set up as a professional theatre company producing plays and outreach programmes in Ireland and Northern Ireland and later, across Europe. In 2015 the company expanded to incorporate professional film practice and new digital technologies, promoting an interdisciplinary approach to performance and participation. In 2017 the company was delighted to be awarded the daa Arts Award at the Allianz Business to Arts Award Ceremony at Bord Gáis Energy Theatre, Dublin presented by Pascal Donohoe TD, Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform. We were also honoured to have been awarded a GSK Ireland Impact Award and a Dublin Bus Community Spirit Award.

Smashing Times International Centre for the Arts and Equality is open for membership and we are delighted to invite you to join. Individual membership is free and there are a number of benefits including notification on upcoming events and training; access to the free quarterly newsletter, as well as access to resources on the arts and equality, and to our projects. You can sign up for Membership here: <https://smashingtimes.ie/membership/> (<https://smashingtimes.ie/membership/>)

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