

## Blackwater Valley Makers

Mission statement Blackwater Valley Makers (BVM) Founded in 2018,  
*'To work together as a professional group to promote, showcase and market the art craft and design work of our members. To promote Fermoy and Blackwater Valley as a region of artistic excellence.*

## Blackwater Valley Arts Centre

Blackwater Valley Arts Centre (BVAC) located on Pearse square, Fermoy is a voluntary organization and a company, limited by guarantee, run by the Blackwater Valley Makers board of directors and its members, representing professional makers in Fermoy and designated Blackwater Valley. Blackwater Valley Arts Centre hosts local, national and international exhibitions and cultural events throughout the year. Please see our open times and upcoming events on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/BlackwaterValleyMakers/>

## Opportunities for 2019

**Option 1.** To apply for membership of Blackwater Valley Makers (BVM) see application form below

**Option 2.** Apply to exhibit at Blackwater Valley arts Centre at designated times during the year, open to local national and international individuals and groups.

Please email your expression of interest to [contact@blackwatervalleymakers.com](mailto:contact@blackwatervalleymakers.com)

**Option 3.** Exhibition opportunity for new Graduates from the Fermoy and designated Blackwater Valley.

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The board of Blackwater Valley Makers review all applications bi monthly and will reply to your query in a timely manner.

## **Blackwater Valley Makers New Members Application Form**

To be eligible to join Blackwater Valley Makers members must be living full time and have their studio practice in the Fermoy area. Please provide the following information

- A.** Artist Design Statement outlining your art/design practice. Please include 4-6 images of your work to illustrate (50-100 words)
- B.** As a member how will you contribute to the group? i.e. skills and time (50-100 words)
- C.** What do you hope to gain from being a member of Blackwater Valley Makers? (50-100 words)
- D.** Please give your Facebook, Instagram or Website details

Meet three of the following 7 criteria

1. Have current Tax Exemption Status (art or design based)
2. Be a registered member of VAI, or DCCOI
3. Be an established Craft Guild member
4. Have a qualification from a HE/FE Art or Design Course. (level 6,7,8,9,10)
5. Have your business registered with CRO (art or design based)
6. Be an Arts Council/ Crafts Council grant recipient
7. Have exhibited in a recognised arts council/ crafts council funded venue
8. Work as a professional artist, designer or craft maker for a minimum of 24 months

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Thank you.

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