

## Linda Byrne

### *Linda Byrne Illustration*



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Linda Byrne is a determined artist. Despite never winning any of the many art competitions she entered as a schoolgirl, she continued pursuing her dream of becoming an animator.

She concentrated on drawing through secondary school and by the time she was 17, she had honed her skills enough to gain a place in the Irish School of Animation in Ballyfermot College of Further Education.

Before setting up her own business, Linda worked in an animation studio in Dublin but discovered she didn't enjoy creating computer-based drawings. Looking to become involved in something a bit more creative, Linda completed a BA in Fine Art at DIT and then a start-up training course at the Entrepreneurs Academy in Dublin.

The course was a great starting point, but Linda still found herself unsure of how to make her business more stable and that's where ACORNS stepped in. Being connected to a network of ACORNS participants locally allowed Linda to easily seek out advice and support.

In 2017, she was awarded an Artistic Entrepreneur Bursary from Kildare County Council Arts Services and is now operating her illustration company out of a studio at her house in Kilcock, Co Kildare.

Linda specialises in live illustrations for events, product launches and weddings. To date she has worked with big names such as Kiehl's, TG4, Primark and Confetti Magazine.

Linda also has a product line of beautifully illustrated hardback notebooks and greeting cards, which are available on her website and from stores nationwide.

In the future, she aims to continue her live illustrations, collaborate with more big brands and to expand her giftware range.

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