

Bríd Fanning

Bríd Fanning Art & Design



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Based in Ballinacree, Oldcastle, Co Meath, where she is also from, Bríd Fanning's business is inspired by the views from her home studio – with the Loughcrew megalithic cairns on one side and Mullaghmeen Forest, home to the largest beech trees in Ireland, on the other.

Bríd set up her business, Bríd Fanning Art & Design, in July 2020 with the aim of revitalising the rich essence of Irish culture through creating vibrant artworks that weave stories from the past and present.

Using bold colours, she creates art works that feature Irish people, animals and landscapes and that try to find the essence of Irishness.

Bríd, who studied Visual Communications in Athlone Institute of Technology, worked in the corporate world as a graphic designer for over 20 years before setting up the business.

She had been painting all her life and prior to taking it up fulltime, she studied Colour Theory and Contemporary Art Practice at NCAD. She also did a course with renowned artist Róisín O'Farrell on setting up a business for artists.

Bríd creates a wide range of products – first she paints the original art works and from those she creates fine art prints, cushions and lamps to give her art a wider reach.

The prints, cushions and lamps are available in 12 tourist retail shops along the Wild Atlantic Way, and her original pieces have sold to collectors all over the world.

The company was one of six craft businesses selected by Meath LEO to exhibit at Showcase in 2022 and 2023. She also exhibited twice at Art Source, Ireland's largest art exhibition.

Bríd found that the support from other participants and from her Lead Entrepreneur on the ACORNS programme was hugely beneficial.

Her plan is to keep creating, growing the business and building her collector base – particularly in North America.

Providing early stage female entrepreneurs, living in rural Ireland, with the knowledge, support and networking opportunities to meet and even exceed their current aspirations.



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