

Adrienne Diamond

The Glass Farm



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Artist and farmer Adrienne Diamond is bringing a lifetime of creative practice to bear on The Glass Farm, a new glass-making studio based on her organic farm in Dromahair, Co. Leitrim.

Adrienne first discovered glass-making while studying at the National College of Art and Design in Dublin where she found that the process suited her instinct for quickly solving problems.

“I like things to happen fast so the immediacy of the material really suited my nature. Once I touched the hot glass, I knew I’d found a material that suited me,” she says.

With support from the LEADER programme, she built an environmentally friendly workshop constructed with eco-fibre board and sheep’s wool insulation. From there, she offers classes in glassmaking for people of all abilities – from curious beginners to artists who want to develop their practice. She also rents the facility, its unique design allowing equipment to be moved to accommodate other makers, workshops, exhibitions and social farming activities.

She explains: “North Leitrim and Sligo is full of artists. The plan is that they will be taking classes and renting the workshop. I’ve had one renter so far and she had an exhibition in the Leitrim Sculpture Centre. Some of the work in that exhibition was made in my workshop.”

Adrienne is currently working with kiln-based processes while she seeks to add an electric reheating chamber. She is committed to reducing the energy demands traditionally associated with glassmaking by moving towards well-insulated smaller electric equipment and, eventually, renewable power.

She describes ACORNS as “way more than I expected” and says the support of her group has been invaluable. “There are seven others in the group and we’re sharing information all the time. I could go to them with anything. It’s a support group and I think that’s going to grow and grow,” she adds.

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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