



How to use this guide

Arts in Junior Cycle encourages active engagement when using short films in the classroom. The suggested questions and activities below are a sample of how this film featuring Draíocht Arts Centre, can be incorporated into classroom practice. In adapting this resource for your students, you should consider the age and stage of the students within your school context. This film was produced in collaboration with Draíocht Arts Centre, Dublin 15.

Key Skills focus: Working with Others | Communicating | Being Creative

Before Viewing

Consider prior knowledge

- What is the purpose of an arts centre?
- Who do you think arts centres are for?
- Is there an arts centre in your local area, and what might you experience there?
- Have you been involved in any arts projects? Describe your experience(s).

While Viewing

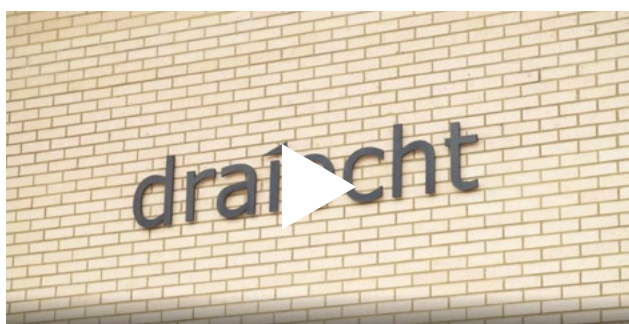
Support active viewing. On second and subsequent viewing, pause for specific focus

- Draíocht Arts Centre is described as a multidisciplinary arts space, with galleries, theatres, workshop spaces and an artist studio. Which of these spaces would you be most interested in visiting and why?
- Sarah Beirne, Children & Youth Arts Officer, explains that Draíocht aims to serve all residents of Dub-lin 15 including schools, families and community groups. Can you suggest any ways that arts centres could make their spaces more welcoming and inclusive?
- Draíocht is always open to exploring new ideas and stories. What would you like to see or experience in your local arts centre?

After Viewing

Follow up on key ideas and reflect on what has been learned

- Do you think arts centres, such as Draíocht, benefit local communities? Why/Why not?
- How might you become involved in your local arts scene?
- With others, research arts events and programmes on offer in your local arts centre that may appeal to your class. Present your findings and make recommendations.
- Organise a visit to an exhibition or performance at your local arts centre. Complete a reflection on your experience of engaging with the arts in written, visual or audio format.



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