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## **Bright Future for Irish Photography: Photo Museum Ireland Announces Youth Panel 2025**

Photo Museum Ireland today announced a call for six ambitious young people with a passion for photography, aged 16–25, to join its Youth Panel and help shape forthcoming exhibitions, events and digital initiatives. Three panelists will be selected through the open call—running now through 30 September 2025—while three additional members will be nominated by a partner local school. This initiative offers a unique opportunity for the next generation to leave their mark on Ireland's photographic landscape.

This Youth Panel builds on the success of the Museum's Student Council programme. Along with other hands-on education initiatives, such as Teen Summer Camps, and the Young Photographer of the Year awards, now in its fifth year, this initiative underscores the organisation's ongoing commitment to supporting young artists. These programmes have continuously championed fresh talent and nurtured creative leadership across the community.

"This Youth Panel invites emerging creatives to share their perspectives and help shape our artistic programmes," says Director Trish Lambe. "By empowering the next generation with dedicated mentorship, space to connect with artists and engage with great work, together we can bring innovative projects to life. We're proud to champion the ideas of these young people and shine a light on the bright future of Irish photography."

— Trish Lambe, Director, Photo Museum Ireland

Panelists will gather for regular sessions during the programme, collaborating with artists, curators and educators. They will share feedback on exhibitions, co-create events and advocate for an inclusive museum experience.

"Through the Youth Panel, young people will collaborate to explore bold ideas that shape key aspects of the Museum's work - bringing new insight to the heart of what we do. We can't wait to see how their vision sparks fresh conversations around photography in Ireland"

— Vita Ryan, Education Officer, Photo Museum Ireland

Successful candidates gain practical experience, mentorship and free access to workshops and events as part of the programme. Applications close 30 September 2025. Visit [photomuseumireland.ie/youth-panel](https://photomuseumireland.ie/youth-panel) to apply.

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### **About Photo Museum Ireland**

Photo Museum Ireland is the national centre for contemporary photography. We lead the way in showcasing the very best of photography for all audiences, encouraging debate and new thinking about the role of the photographic image in society. Innovative exhibitions showcase work by established Irish and International artists to address important artistic, cultural or societal issues and reflect emerging photographic practices. With 5-6 exhibitions annually, we enlighten, challenge and inspire over 60,000 visitors to Photo Museum Ireland annually. Founded in 1978 as the Gallery of Photography, it was Ireland's first public gallery dedicated to photography. In 2022, we established Ireland's first photo museum. Our dedicated photography collection defines, preserves and promotes the canon of photography in Ireland. Our dynamic engagement programmes foster increased awareness of photography and enhance the comprehension of photography and visual culture. By creating innovative and inclusive opportunities for people to engage with our events, we build connections and promote meaningful exchanges between artists and the public. Photo Museum Ireland believes photography is for everyone. Supported by The Arts Council and Dublin City Council.

For more information visit: [www.photomuseumireland.ie](http://www.photomuseumireland.ie)



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