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CIRCUS FESTIVAL IRELAND

CIRCUS FOR ALL

At NCFI, we have embarked on a journey of Circus for All. We want to make sure that our festival connects to our whole society so there are no barriers between us and you, our joyous audience.

Circus is a powerful force for connecting people and challenging preconceptions. Circus creates beauty, fun, death-defying and life-affirming experiences. Our festival is for audiences, artists, circus makers and all of us dreamers.

We know some things already about diversity. Artists are often 'outside' of the mainstream, particularly contemporary circus artists, because it is still relatively new in Ireland. We do our work in public spaces and we know how to use our bodies to move beyond language barriers and create immediate human connection.

We have started this 'Circus for All' journey, but we know it needs to be written by and with people we don't yet connect with.

We've invited people with different experiences to advise us, and we will continue to do so. Here are our commitments so far:

We will -

- ★ Proactively reject language or attitudes that only serve to exclude people.
- ★ Programme artists who are underrepresented in Circus and learn with them how to remove barriers.
- ★ Hold ourselves to high standards of artist pay and workplace safety.
- ★ Work with local community groups and build our understanding of how to make new audiences more welcome.
- ★ Increase the diversity of our board so that lots of perspectives are included in our governance structure.
- ★ Check our progress every year and amend our plans so that we are always learning.



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