

Vanessa Daws CV
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Upcoming Projects:

2021 - 2023 "Swimming a Long Way Together" a series of live art events in Ireland, the UK and France including a solo exhibition at Fabrica Gallery, Brighton, UK 2022 and The LAB, Dublin 2023.

Currently I'm on residency at The Fire Station Artists' Studios, Dublin 2018 - 2021

Awards

2021	Arts Council Open Call Award
2020	Arts Council Visual Art Bursary Award
2018	Arts Council Project Award
2018	Arts Council Participatory Arts Bursary Award
2018	NEIC Community Community Grants Scheme
2017	Docklands Arts Fund, Business to Arts, Dublin
2016	Fingal County Council Artists' Support Scheme
2015	Nevill Johnson Award - UCD Art in Science
2015	Travel and Training Award - Arts Council of Ireland
2014	Artist in the Community Award - Arts Council of Ireland & Create
2011	Kilkenny County Council Bursary Award
2008	Artist Bursary Award - Galway County Council Arts Office

Artist Residencies

2018/21	The Fire Station Artists' Studios, Dublin.
2017	Recipient of the Temple Bar Gallery and Studios 'Project Studio Award'
2017	Sirius Arts Centre, Co Cork in August
2016	Digital Residency at the Fire Station Artists' Studios, Dublin
2015/16	UCD Art in Science, UCD, Belfield, Dublin
2015	Resort Case Study II - Lynders Mobile Home Park. Co Fingal Arts Office
2015	Channel Surf- 202K floating residency on the Rideau Canal, Canada
2014	RHA studio residency January - June
2013	Research Residency - Studio 468 Common Ground, Rialto
2011	Studio residency - Endangered Artist Studios, Kilkenny
2010	Artist in Residence - Áras Éanna, Inis Oirr, Co Galway
2009	Artist in Residence - Kilkenny Arts Office

Solo Exhibitions and Projects

2019	Beyond Islands - a nighttime journey, with participants choosing whether to travel by land (walk) or water (swim) in Skerries, Co Dublin. Arts Council of Ireland Project Award.
2018	The Magic of Water - a performance created with young swimmers from Sean McDermott Swimming Pool, Dublin. NEIC Community Grant Award & The Five Lamps Arts Festival.
2017	The South Wall Swim - a group swim and film work that celebrated the aquatic traditions in the Docklands area of Dublin The River Liffey - Arts to Business Award. Other Space - Underwater explorations of the RMS Tayleur - Portrane. Fingal Arts Office.
2016	What is a Lake? - UCD Lake, Belfield Campus, Dublin. UCD Art in Science residency. Lambay Circumnavigational Swim, Dublin Bay
2014/16	The Lambay Swims - Site specific project on sites around Lambay Island, Co Fingal
2015	Lambay Solo Swim Expedition - Dublin Bay In as Well as On - The Rideau Canal, Canada The 1st Solo crossing of UCD Lake - Dublin
2014	Psychoswimography: Santa Barbara - California USA Uncharted - Low Rock, Malahide, Co Dublin Lambay Swim a Collaborative Journey - Dublin Bay
2013	Slippery Pole Competition - Grand Canal Basin, Dublin
2012	Urban Swimming - a swim intervention exploring various cities fountains.
2011	Kings River to Guillamene - The Garter Lane Arts Centre, Waterford
2010	Swim to Work Day - The River Nore, Kilkenny Cascade - The Linenhall Arts Centre, Co Mayo

- 2009 The Three Sisters - Kilkenny Arts Office
- 2009 Volute - Ballina Arts Centre, Co Mayo
- 2009 Swirlpool - South Tipperary Arts Centre
- 2009 Escapade - The Courthouse Gallery, Co Clare
- 2009 Layers - The Norman Villa Gallery, Galway
- 2008 Faoi Scáth - Gnó Mhaigh Eo, Westport Arts Festival
- 2007 Chrysalis - Galway Town Hall Theatre Gallery
- 1998 Adventures in Wood - Little Killary Adventure Centre, Co Galway
- 1996 Tyne Bridge Banner - Year of Visual Arts Newcastle upon Tyne

Recent Group Exhibitions

- 2019 Een Zwemmer is een Ruiters - WARP Contemporary Art Platform, Sint Niklass, Belgium
- 2018 TRESPASS! - Old Post Office Gallery, Sheffield Institute of Arts
- 2017 in -with - along - through - commissioned by aemi for their "port | river | city" project 2017
- 2015 A Different Canal - as part of Invisible Stories in Allenwood, Co Kildare
- 2015 States of Being, Primary Resource #4 Mart - Gallery 126, Galway
- 2014 Performing the An-archive, Gallery 101 Ottawa, Canada
- 2014 On the Beach - BABEL Working Group, Santa Barbara, United States
- 2014 RHA 184th Annual Exhibition, Dublin
- 2014 Little Kingdoms, members festival - Catalyst, Belfast
- 2014 Shortlisted for EVA 2014
- 2013 Playful Interventions - Kinsale Arts Festival, Co Cork
- 2013 Excess Baggage - Tallinn, Estonia
- 2013 Zero Sum Games - Mart, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2013 I Could Read the Sky - Ballycroy, Co Mayo
- 2013 Gasworks Film night on the River Princess, Cody Dock, London
- 2012 Live Stock, Winter Shorts "Launch" - Live Art Performance
- 2012 The Water Tower Arts Festival - Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2012 Experimental - Catalyst Arts, Belfast
- 2011 Gathering Ground, Turlough House, Co Mayo
- 2011 Making do with Paper Crowns - IMOCA, Dublin
- 2010 Put a Lid On It - Galway Arts Centre
- 2010 F.T.L.O. Change - Mill Street Gallery, Dublin
- 2009 Visual Deflections - Corbet Place, London
- 1991/96 I exhibited in group shows in the UK including, Fresh Art in London and Treadwell's Art Mill, Bradford.

Conferences and Artist Talks

- 2019 Invited speaker at Talkie-Walkie cross-Channel art event at Fructose, Dunkirk.
- 2018 Marine Transgressions, Bristol and Bath University
- 2017 AEMI's 'port | river | city' project for Port Perspectives
- 2015 The Geographical Turn, funded by the IRC supported by Space and Place, Maynooth, Dublin
- 2015 Women and the Sea, National Maritime Museum, Dun Laoghaire
- 2015 Pathways to New Perspectives, The Lab as part of the UCD Art in Science Residency
- 2015 NCAD Artist Lecture series, NCAD, Dublin
- 2014 BABEL Working Group, UCSB, Santa Barbara, America

Training

- 2011 - 2013 NCAD, Dublin - Fine Art Masters Art in the Digital World
- 2003 - 2004 NCAD, Dublin - Higher Diploma in Community Art Education
- 1989 - 1992 Newcastle Upon Tyne Polytechnic - BA Honours Fine Art
- 1988 -1989 Nottingham Trent University - Art Foundation

Commissions

- 2019 A series of drawings for "Ocean" by Steve Mentz' 'Ocean' Bloomsbury Press: 'Object Lessons'
- 2017 'in - with - along - through' commissioned by AEMI's 'port | river | city' - Port Perspectives
- 2012 Abhainn Rí Festival, Callan, Co Kilkenny - King's River Project 2012
- 2012/13/14/15 Distance Week - Channel Swimmers training camp Co Cork
- 2012 - 2018 Leinster Swim - Sea Swim Races including the Liffey Swim