

# Welcome

If you are from the AV sector and have recently arrived in Ireland due to the war in Ukraine, please contact us. We want to welcome you to Ireland, and if you are interested, help link you in with the AV community here!

We can assist with making contacts, building a network, navigating the sector in Ireland, looking for work, or even just introduce you to people to grab a cup of coffee with, or answer questions.

The AV Sector includes but is not limited to the following types of production:

- Animation
- Live Action Film and Television
- Documentary/ Factual
- Post-production

## Who we are

**Animation Ireland** is the representative body for the animation industry in Ireland, with thirty five member studios. The sector is well spread geographically with members operating in all parts of the island. There are established creative hubs in Galway and Kilkenny and other members located in Clare, Cork, Offaly, Louth and Roscommon. Members are producing 2D and 3D animation for television and feature films for the domestic and international market.

Animation Ireland operates at the centre of a very sophisticated ecosystem and has regular engagement with broadcasters, RTE & TG4; state funding agencies, Broadcasting Authority of Ireland and Screen Ireland; Revenue re S481 tax credits; European funding through Creative Europe and state investment agencies, Enterprise Ireland, the IDA and Intertrade Ireland. Contact us at [support@animationireland.com](mailto:support@animationireland.com)

**Screen Producers Ireland (SPI)** We are a representative group composed of independent film and television producers. We represent a broad range of producers and production companies across factual, children's, drama, live action, entertainment and digital. SPI advocates on behalf of members and works with broadcasters, government bodies, Unions, educational bodies, Guilds and other representative groups to ensure a sustainable environment for production and a positive working environment for the industry. We are members of CEPI, the European Audiovisual Production Association and are working as part of CEPI to ensure coordinated pan-European support for those fleeing Ukraine. Contact us at [info@screenproducersireland.com](mailto:info@screenproducersireland.com)

## Links to Information & Assistance

The European Union (EU) has put in place a [Temporary Protection Directive](#) to allow Ukrainian citizens and others fleeing Ukraine to move through the EU as EU citizens. If you are a Ukrainian citizen or if you are fleeing Ukraine, the Irish Government will help you when you arrive in Ireland.

You can find information below on the supports and services available while you are in Ireland.

### Government supports

#### **Citizens Information- supports for Ukrainians in Ireland**

Citizens Information provides comprehensive information on public services available in Ireland and collates information from various government departments and agencies. They have compiled a [list of helpful information](#) for those arriving in Ireland from Ukraine.

## Industry links

**Screen Ireland** is the national agency for the Irish film, television drama, animation and documentary industry, Screen Ireland is the creative partner to the sector, investing in talent, creativity and enterprise. Screen Ireland has information about funding, skills development opportunities and the Irish Film and TV sector.

**Screen Composers Guild of Ireland** is the industry representative organisation for Irish and Ireland based composers creating original music for Film, TV, Animation, Video Games and advertising. We work to improve visibility of composers working in this area, offer support and resources and advocate for composer rights.

**Screen Guilds of Ireland** represents film and television workers across the many departments within the Film and Television Industry in Ireland with the aim of establishing and promoting a fair, transparent and rewarding working environment for all workers engaged in the industry, spanning national and international productions of all scales and genres.

**Writers Guild of Ireland** represents over 600 Irish writers for film, television, theatre, radio, animation and games. We campaign to ensure writers are recognized as the creative force without which, there is no production. All Guild members have access to bespoke networking events, expert advice on contracts, funding alerts through our newsletter, and an annual awards ceremony that celebrates their achievements.

**National Talent Academies** are a new national initiative of Fís Éireann/ Screen Ireland offering Courses, Programmes and Career Opportunities for the Irish Film, Television and Animation Industry.

**Minding Creative Minds** is Ireland's first 24/7 (32 county and our Irish overseas) wellbeing support programme for the entire Irish creative sector.

**Minding Creative Minds'** counselling services (in association with Spectrum Life across 30+ languages) *includes a **24/7 Dedicated Phone Line; Short-term intervention, telephone Counselling, secure video counselling and comprehensive web portal and app enabling live chat function with a counsellor.***

**Minding Creative Minds** programme looks to the wellbeing of the entire individual so also includes access to a number of additional services designed to help users overcome various practical issues they may face and we also offer support for non-Irish nationals & their families, helping to make the transition into the Irish system as smooth as possible\*\*  
**\*\*We want to make the transition into the Irish system, workforce or education as smooth as possible for non-nationals and their families. Our team are readily available to handle the range of queries and challenges faced by newcomers to Ireland. Our team can assist non-nationals in areas such as:**

- Finances and banking
- Political system and voting
- Foreign embassy/consulate
- Education
- Social welfare
- Health services
- Housing

Our team can be referred to for provision of information, guidance and best practice in each of these fields to ensure users are ready for potential obstacles when settling into life in Ireland. They can also advise around liaising with all the relevant organisations in the Irish system. For this kind of support, a user can reach out to Minding Creative Minds (MCM), once per specific issue.

### **How to contact Minding Creative Minds?**

- **24/7 Dedicated Phone Line** - Phone 1800 814 244 | **Calling from NI / UK** – 0800 0903677 **International** – 00353 15180277
- **By texting 'Hi' to 087 369 0010 for SMS & WhatsApp Support (standard rate applies) with a qualified psychotherapist / counsellor.**
- **Extensive Web Portal & App enabling live chat function with a counsellor.**
- You can **download The Spectrum Life app via your phone or computer, and choose Minding Creative Minds.**

\*When registered you are entitled to 30mins free advice per topic. If you need financial assistance but in a couple of different areas, you are entitled to 30mins advice on each. For example; Taxation (30mins), Mortgage enquiry (30mins) etc.