

# BLOCK T

Presents



## LINK CULTUREFEST

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012

For immediate release

**BLOCK T** is proud to present **LINK CULTUREFEST**, a weekend festival that aims to showcase and celebrate the culture, art and people that make up the diverse community that exists in Smithfield and its surrounding areas. Between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May **LINK CULTUREFEST** will host participating local and international artists, musicians and curators in a series of events for the public. The festival kicks off with the launch in Smithfield Square on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May with a large-scale exhibition featuring over 70 artists, and musical events in St. Michan's Church and The Joinery.

The three day programme will feature **Art Exhibitions, Live Concerts, Open Studios, Artist Talks, Screenings and Performances**. This year's festival will bring together a number of creative enterprises located between Stoneybatter and Capel St. and includes over 100 participating artists. The festival will be hosted in up to 20 different buildings around these areas, encompassing the gallery and studio spaces of participating organisations, as well as breathing life into a number of vacant properties.

We are delighted to welcome three international partners, **Château de Servières** in Marseille, **Castelo d'If** and **Plataforma Revolver** in Lisbon from which eighteen selected artists will be hosted by locally based artists and studio spaces in Dublin. This project will focus on developing a model for a continuing transnational exchange programme. **LINK CULTUREFEST** will facilitate a dialogue between art spaces and professionals in the area, with the purpose of developing lasting national and international relationships across the cultural field.

**BLOCK T** presents **LINK CULTUREFEST** with a number of partners that have been integral in the establishment of a thriving cultural and creative community in the area. These friends include **The Joinery, New Art Studios, bio.space 033, The Complex, Lighthouse Cinema, Market Studios, Supafast Building, Ormond Studios, Brunswick Mill Studios, Stoneybatter Guild, Flatpack Studios, The Chancery Studios, The Visual Arts Centre, The Little Green St. Gallery, Lilliput Press, Loom Studios** and support from **d.ploy**.

**LINK CULTUREFEST** is a **BLOCK T** initiative. **BLOCK T** is a multi-disciplinary creative organisation located in Smithfield.

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