



The Ark

A Cultural Centre for Children
Lárionad Cultúir na Leanaí

Be an Ark Angel...

Inspire, Encourage, Create.



Put on your halo or choose your wings to help The Ark inspire children through the arts...



The Ark, A Cultural Centre for Children programmes, promotes and hosts high quality cultural work, which is by children, for children and about children.

We work with a diverse range of Irish and international artists to develop original, inspirational and playful programmes for children, aged 3–14, so that they can extend their imaginations and horizons.

Be an ArkAngel or Corporate ArkAngel and become involved with Europe's first custom-built cultural centre for children. All of The Ark's activity is centred on artistic excellence and innovation, and a devotion to social inclusion. Programmes continually evolve at The Ark, reflecting a dramatically changing audience and society.

The Ark is one of the most exciting and important cultural initiatives for children to emerge in recent years. Founded in 1995, it remains the only dedicated centre of its kind in Ireland: producing, commissioning and presenting creative work across the spectrum of artistic disciplines – visual arts, performing arts, traditional arts, music, literature, new media and technology.

We recognise that all children are citizens in their own right, and are entitled to the same cultural opportunities as adults. We focus on creative events for all the family to discover together, and provide the opportunity for children and their parents, siblings, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles and friends to enrich their relationships.



As a registered charity, The Ark depends upon your generous support to carry out our valuable work and continue introducing Ireland's children to explore the wonderful, inspirational world of artistic and cultural expression, encouraging them to fulfil their potential, and adding to their quality of life.

This is an exceptional opportunity for you to become part of our very special organisation. Be the first to learn what's happening while enjoying a range of benefits as one of our cherished ArkAngels!

By becoming an ArkAngel and supporting The Ark you have a unique part to play in our unique organisation.

Help us to keep ticket prices low and the quality of our artistic activity high. Supporting The Ark means support of the cultural well-being and creative lives of children.

The arts can change lives.

Research shows that arts activities improve children's social skills, academic performance, cognitive development, personal confidence and behaviour.

ArkAngels help The Ark take flight!

By contributing to our long-term future, you can help The Ark continue its fundamental role in children's cultural lives and enable us to make a real and lasting difference.

In return for your support,

ArkAngels enjoy many exclusive privileges, including benefits for the special child in your life, as well as the benefit of a rewarding association with a centre of excellence of arts provision for children.

CORPORATE ARKANGELS



Silver wings *Benefits include:*

- » Acknowledgement on The Ark website, 365 days each year [approximately 150,000 visits annually]
- » Special mention on our Corporate ArkAngel plaque in the foyer, 365 days each year
[on average 30,000 visitors to The Ark annually]
- » Priority booking on all Ark events throughout the year, one week in advance of the general public
- » 15 tickets for your company each year*
- » Invitations to opening nights and event launches**
- » Invitations to other selected special events at The Ark
- » Regular communications on activities, developments and other corporate opportunities at The Ark
- » €1,250 per year — €1,250 provides all the art supplies for a visual art workshop, enabling 50 children to create their own art works



Gold wings *All silver wings benefits plus:*

- » A further 15 tickets for your company each year, i.e. 30 in total*
- » Utilise The Ark's unique and award winning building for your own corporate events at a 20% discounted rate [subject to availability]
- » Private tours of the building, including theatre and backstage areas, for your company and guests, upon request [subject to availability]
- » Provide staff members with unique volunteering opportunities at The Ark [subject to interview, reference checks and training in The Ark's Child Protection Policy and Health & Safety procedures]
- » €2,500 per year — €2,500 will go towards programmes for 3 to 5 year olds



Platinum wings *All gold wings benefits plus:*

- » A further 15 tickets for your company each year, i.e. 45 in total*
- » Utilise The Ark's unique and award winning building for your own corporate events, once a year, free of charge [subject to availability]
- » An exclusive invitation to an annual 'Meet the Creative Team' event
- » €5,000 per year — €5,000 helps The Ark to include a dedicated performance, each year, for children with individual physical and intellectual requirements

* The Development Officer will be delighted to coordinate your company's visits to The Ark / Tickets subject to availability

** Limited to two invites per company

For more information about our Corporate ArkAngel scheme, please contact Tanya McLoughlin, Development Officer, on 01.6707788 or email tanya@ark.ie and she will be happy to discuss the benefits for your company. Tanya will also contact you with regular news, events and booking information from The Ark throughout the year.

Corporate ArkAngel Membership Form

In order to become a Corporate ArkAngel, please complete this form and return it to:

Tanya McLoughlin, Development Officer, The Ark, A Cultural Centre for Children, 11a Eustace Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2

Company name:	Contact:
Address:	
Tel: <input type="text"/>	Mobile: <input type="text"/>
Email address:	

Please indicate your preferred method of receiving communication from us: Post Email

Corporate ArkAngel Membership categories: €1,250 €2,500 €5,000

1. Please indicate preferred payment method:

Please debit my bank/building society account Instructions to bank/building society originator ID No. 301712

To the Manager, bank/building society

Name of your bank:	
Address of your branch:	
Name of account holder:	
Account number: <input type="text"/>	Sort Code: <input type="text"/>
Signature:	

Amount per year: €1,250 €2,500 €5,000

» I instruct you to pay direct debits from my account at the request of The Ark. » The amounts are variable and may be debited on various dates. » I understand The Ark may change the dates and amounts after giving me prior notice. » Please cancel all previous standing orders and direct debiting instructions in favour of The Ark. » I will inform my bank/building society in writing if I wish to cancel the instruction. » I understand that if any direct debit is paid which breaks the terms of this instruction, the bank/building society will make a refund. » Banks may decline to accept instructions to pay direct debits from some types of account.

2. I enclose a cheque made payable to The Ark for the full amount of €1,250 €2,500 €5,000

3. Please debit my credit card account for the full amount of €1,250 €2,500 €5,000

Visa/Mastercard no.: <input type="text"/>	
Expiry Date: <input type="text"/>	
Name and billing address of card holder [if different from above]	
Signature: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>

Should you wish to make a donation to The Ark:

I would like to make a donation to The Ark. Donation amount €

All donations to The Ark over €250 qualify for tax relief under Section 484 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

ARKANGELS



Silver halos *Benefits include:*

BECOME PART OF THE ARK FAMILY WITH YOUR FAMILY...

- » Priority booking – one week in advance of the general public
- » Invitation to our ArkAngel Christmas party
- » Acknowledgement on The Ark website – www.ark.ie
- » Regular communication and advance event information from The Ark, by post
- » €125 per year — only €10 per month by direct debit

Gold halos *All silver halo benefits plus:*



PUT A SMILE ON A CHILD'S FACE ALL YEAR ROUND...

- » One free workshop ticket [subject to availability]
- » Family ticket to The Ark's summer event *
- » €250 per year — only €20 per month by direct debit

Platinum halos *All gold halo benefits plus:*



BE A SHINING LIGHT ON OUR UNIQUE JOURNEY THROUGH THE ARTS

- » Invitation to opening nights and event launches at The Ark **
- » Invitation to an annual 'Meet the Creative Team' event
- » €500 per year — only €40 per month by direct debit

* Max four tickets, must include one adult / ** Max two invites, must include one adult / Tickets subject to availability

ArkAngel benefits can include your own children, but also grandchildren, godchildren, nephews, nieces and friends! For more information about joining The Ark family, please contact Jeanine MacQuarrie, Box Office Manager on 01.6707788 or email boxoffice@ark.ie and she will be happy to talk to you about becoming an ArkAngel! Jeanine will also contact you with regular news, events and booking information from The Ark throughout the year.



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ArkAngels Membership Categories: €125 €250 €500

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Amount per month: €10 €20 €40

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€125 €250 €500

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Expiry Date:															
Signature:								Date:							

4. Please fill out this section if you are giving ArkAngel membership as a gift:

Name of gift recipient:															
Name of guardian: (if gift recipient is under 14 years of age)															
Address:															
Tel:								Mobile:							
Email address:															

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“This time last year Heather and her pals had the art workshop in The Ark. It was total magic, doing a little script and filming it etc. and then coming back later to see the results. You have no idea how much stimulation it gave them and how many scripts and lyrics have been written since. It is frightening to think how much we DON’T stimulate children to develop their creativity.”

Martin, parent

“We’ve seen how The Ark’s unique approach enables children to fulfil their own unique potential whilst satisfying our wider community and commercial objectives, practically and measurably.”

Anna McHugh, An Post

“Having my work produced at The Ark was a huge pleasure. Creatively, professionally – it really is a wonderful place.”

**Roddy Doyle,
writer**

“I thought it was the greatest thing I have ever done in a long long time.”

James, Age 8

“I found the weekly trip to The Ark to be a magical experience for both the children and I. An element of surprise lay in store as the children’s ideas developed and were valued over the course of time... the wide choice of resources available to the children opened an adventure on so many levels to them which will not cease.”

**Deirdre Hayes,
St. Mary’s National School**

“Put simply, The Ark means opportunity. A former Presbyterian Church, but now almost a fairy-tale world in the cultural centre of Dublin city where any given day is filled with magic and imagination. The Ark has now given over 13 years worth of opportunities for fun and creativity to young and old alike.”

The Event Guide

