

FNCI Annual Garden Party cancelled due to Coronavirus

Dear Members,

The onset of the coronavirus pandemic in March and the restrictions placed on gatherings – including social and cultural events – has greatly impacted the activities of the FNCI this year. The restrictions introduced by the government to fight the spread of the virus necessitated the cancellation of the Annual General Meeting at the end of April and the very popular Annual Garden Party in mid-summer which was always much anticipated by all of you. As well as member events the FNCI Council has also been unable to hold its council meetings.

On behalf of the FNCI Council we would like to ensure all our valued members that we very much appreciate your support as paid-up members of FNCI this year. However, your personal safety is paramount at this unprecedented and dangerous time, so we hope you will understand our actions in your best interests.

Our main concern is to know that you and your families and friends are safe and well and that you are not exposed to any danger of infection as this virus remains in circulation.

We are currently looking at ways to meet virtually, and as auction houses re-open and art sales become available electronically, we are planning as soon as possible to return to our core activity of acquiring works of artistic importance and historic interest for donation to public collections throughout Ireland.

We apologise for any inconvenience or disappointment caused due to current events and we will be in touch again as soon as possible with another update for members.

Tom Ryan
President FNCI
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