HIDDEN COST Action

The History of Identity Documentation in European Nations (CA21120)

Final Event in collaboration with the National Gallery of Ireland

Art, Migration and the Politics of Belonging



Agenda for 17th and 18th September 2026
Venue: National Gallery of Ireland,
Dublin 2

Supported through funding from the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Association

Day 1: 17th September 2026

9.15 – Registration for HIDDEN members – courtyard (come in Merrion Square entrance), Tea & Coffee will be served.

Parallel Sessions: 10am – group splits into three groups led by guides from the National Gallery of Ireland:

Group 1 – Tour of HIDDEN themed Library & Archives display, tour of National Gallery for HIDDEN inspired curated tour, then guided visit to *Arbitrary Nations* exhibition, Education Studio

Group 2 – Guided visit to *Arbitrary Nations* exhibition, Education Studio, Tour of HIDDEN themed Library & Archives display, then tour of National Gallery for HIDDEN inspired curated tour.

Group 3 – Tour of National Gallery for HIDDEN inspired curated tour, guided visit to *Arbitrary Nations* exhibition, Education Studio, then tour of HIDDEN themed Library & Archives

10.30-12.30 Parallel Workshop: 'My Historical Backpack', led by Dr Izabela Dahl (Södertörn University) and Dr Jimmy Engren (Örebro University), Location: Education Studio.

11.15am groups brought to Lecture Theatre (venue for events for rest of the day).

11.30am – 12.30pm – Welcome from National Gallery of Ireland Director (TBC) and keynote by Dr Jennifer Redmond, Chair of HIDDEN: 'The History of Identity Documentation in European Nations COST Action: how it began and where it is going'. Chaired by Dr Nemanja Radonjić, WG2 Co-Leader.

12.30 pm Group photo

12.35 pm – 1.45 pm lunch – At delegate's own expense

1.45pm – 2.45pm Roundtable from HIDDEN Working Group Leaders: short presentations reflecting on the Action and looking towards the future. Chaired by Dr Jennifer Redmond

2.45pm – 3.30pm The lived reality and SDG16.9 in Ireland

Nick Henderson, Chief Executive Officer, Irish Refugee Council; Maria Hennessy, Government Liaison Officer, UNHCR Ireland, Chaired by Dr Susan Rottmann, HIDDEN WG3 Co-leader.

3.45pm-4.00pm– comfort break

4.00pm-5.00pm: Lightning talks: Dr Giorgia Donà (University of East London), Daniel Franco (University of Navarra), Dr Isabel Arce Zelada (University College Dublin), Dr

Francesca Piana (International Committee of the Red Cross), Dagmar Hovestadt (ICHR, University of Galway), Dr Susan Rottmann (Özyeğin University), Dr Zoë O'Reilly (Maynooth University) with Subhashini Goda (Rua Red Gallery). Chaired by Dr Ana Belén Martínez García, HIDDEN WG5 Co-leader.

5.00-6.00pm: Break

6.00pm-8.15pm – Film Screening: *Aisha* (2022), Lecture Theatre

Introduced by Dr Jennifer Redmond, followed by Q and A with Tristan Orpen Lynch, *Aisha* producer and Lucky Khambule, consultant for *Aisha*, Chaired by Dr Jennifer Redmond.

Close of Day 1

Day 2: 18th September 2026

9.15 – 10.00 HIDDEN Delegates Registration in the Shaw Room (come in Merrion Square entrance), Tea & Coffee

10.00 – 10.05 Welcome - Sinéad Rice, Head of Education and Public Programming, National Gallery of Ireland

10.05 – 10.15 Introduction from Special Rapporteur Dr Ebun Joseph.

10.15 – 11.00 Opening Keynote: Artist Brian Maguire, introduced by Dr Ebun Joseph.

11.05 – 11.30 *Memoir* Session 1: Evgeny Shtorn, HIDDEN COST Action member and author of *The Refugee Chronicles*, in conversation with Dr Jennifer Redmond, Chair, History of Identity Documentation in European Nations COST Action network (CA21120).

11.30-11.35 Comfort Break

11.35 - 12.35 *Belonging* Session 1 – *Community and Care*

Chair: Brina Casey, Education Manager Special Projects, National Gallery of Ireland.
Panel: Art Psychotherapist Andrea Plunkett, Community Development Professional and Advocate for Women's Empowerment & Inclusion, Mary Thebe, and Primary School Teacher and Education Manager with Black and Irish, Peace Chukwurah.

12.35 – 12.45 Dr Ebun Joseph - Morning Summary.

12.45 -2.30pm Lunch
Guided Thematic HIDDEN inspired tour of collections 1.30 and 1.45
Open access to Library and Archival Display and *Arbitrary Nations*

14.30 – 15.30 Panel: *Belonging* Session 2 – *Art and Ireland Today*
Chair: Sinéad Rice
Visual artist and journalist, Ala Buisir, visual artist and curator, Ben Malcomson; and director and photographer, Tolu Ogunware.

15.35 – 16.05 Memoir Session 2 – Suad Aldara, HIDDEN COST Action member and author of *I Don't Want to Talk About Home*, in conversation with Dr Rita Sakr, Maynooth University

16.05-16.15 Comfort Break

16.15 – 17.15 Closing Keynote Sally Hayden, author of This is also a love story, in conversation with Lara Marlowe.

17.15 – 17.30 Dr Ebun Joseph Closing Comments

Symposium ends.

18.00 and 19.15 Performances by *Citadel*, Shaw Room.

For more information, including biographies of speakers and the full programme of workshops, see https://www.nationalgallery.ie/what-we-do/our-organisation/collections-research/education-department/art-migration-and-politics