



John Crumlish is CEO of Galway International Arts Festival. During his 20-year tenure, the festival has developed into one of Ireland's best-known cultural enterprises and is now a major European festival which achieved an attendance of over 400,000 in 2023. In his time, he has also overseen the emergence of the festival as a major producer of new award winning work in both theatre and visual arts that tours both nationally and internationally.

John graduated from the University of Galway with a BA in Psychology, has an MA in Adult and Continuing Education from the University of Ulster and an MBS from IMI/University College Cork.

John served as a member of the Arts Council (2006-2011) and as chair of its Business and Finance sub-committee (2009-2011). He sat on the Fáilte Ireland West Forum (2010-2013), on the Project Board of *The Gathering* (2012-2013), chaired the Galway European Capital of Culture 2020 bid committee and subsequently became a member of the Galway 2020 board. He is a *Fellow of the Institute* of the Galway Mayo Institute of Technology and was conferred with an honorary doctorate by NUI Galway.

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