



# ‘CRUTHÚ’ | CREATE

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Designed for schools with a mix of  
digital and live experiences.

## **Background**

In late Spring 2021, Candlelit Tales embarked on the first round of test phases for the game. Working with our Creative Consultants at Scoil Aoife, Citywest and St Mary's Tallaght, the team ran a series of six workshops with 75 children aged between 10 and 11.







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Explore, invent, imagine, and build a world. Decide on its challenges, and then figure out how to overcome them.

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With Cruthú, the class collaborate to create the world: each member of the class becomes one of the Settlers - new arrivals to a magical island. Guided by the Filí (the facilitators), they all build on each other's ideas, adding and embellishing but never destroying. They conjure animals and plants out of the magic mists, decide on geography, topography, weather... and on monsters, mysteries, and dangers.

Within the setting that the group have created, a story then begins to unfold. In the second session, the class become the Tribes who inhabit this island. Their story is guided by the Filí's prompts, who keep it on track (and on time), but decided by the class. Will they be able to rise to the challenges that they themselves have set? Or will their unique, magical island be lost?

As the story unfolds, the Filí keep a record. The epic tale that is created in the game will be scripted, and recorded as a storytelling video for the class to watch back after the workshops.


Through active participation, the players learn to problem solve as a collective, challenging their cooperation by pushing their creativity as they find ways to survive and co-exist on this island.

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## **What will Happen?**

Introduction (Introduction Video)

Each school class will be sent a film where they were introduced to the Filí (facilitators and story recorders).



The Filí will set out the premise and rules of how to play the game. The classes will learn that, beyond the basic premise of the story they are responsible for the creation of the world and society in which the game takes place.

### **Creating the Land (Workshop 1, delivered remotely by zoom)**

A workshop, which will be delivered remotely through Zoom, will see the children begin to build the world in which their story would exist. Following a series of prompts from the Filí the class will begin to make a series of choices about the type of world they are building.

### **The Story (Workshop 2, LIVE)**

The Story will be delivered in person in the school playground with social distancing being observed. During this workshop the players will delve deeper into the problems of this new world, have to find ways around obstacles and ultimately collaborate to achieve success for their people.

### **The Legend (Video)**

A filmed piece of traditional storytelling, by our Filí, will be sent to each class retelling the story they created. Through active participation, the players learn to problem solve as a collective, challenging their cooperation by pushing their creativity as they find ways to survive and co-exist on this island.

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**In 2022 we are inviting your school to participate.**

### **Dates**

**March 28th, 2022:** Introductory Zoom Meetings with Class

**April 25th, 2022:** Introduction Video and Creative Learning Pack Sent to Schools

**May 3rd to 6th, 2022:** x1 ZOOM Workshop with Class

**May 10th to 13th, 2022:** x1 LIVE Workshop with Class

**The video will be sent to class groups to view in early June, 2022.**





### Who are We?

The Civic Theatre Tallaght's programme for young people: Ready, Steady, SHOW! And Candlelit Tales. Cruthú was commissioned by Ready, Steady, SHOW! (The Civic) in 2020.

### About Ready, Steady, SHOW!

Ready, Steady, SHOW! is an ongoing and bespoke commissioning and artist development programme run by The Civic with a specific focus on creating transformational art experiences across both a live and a digital platform for young audiences. The key focus for RSS! is PLAY & STORYTELLING with a particular emphasis on supporting artists as they develop new and innovative experiences for babies, children and young people via individual, educational, peer group and family contexts.

### About Candlelit Tales

Candlelit Tales are a group of storytellers, performers, and musicians who tell Irish myths to a live audience with live music. Driven by a passion for Irish mythology, Candlelit Tales want to let stories live and breathe in a multitude of interactive storytelling guises.

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