



At the Wood Exchange exhibition in the City Gallery: Sean McCrum, curator (LL)

Irish and Canadian wood art exchange

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WORKS in wood from Irish and Canadian sculptors and designers are currently on show at Limerick City Gallery.

Wood Exchange—between Ireland, Newfoundland and Labrador—looks at how wood, a very flexible and varied material, is used creatively by individuals working in a number of disciplines.

Their work is exhibited together so that artists and viewers can contribute and draw ideas from the contrasting approaches developed on either side of the Atlantic.

Taoiseach Bertie Ahern welcomed the exhibition to Ireland, stressing the importance of exchanging new work and

new ideas.

"This reflects the lengthy cultural, social and economic relationships between Ireland and Newfoundland and Labrador which has the highest proportion of Irish descendants world-wide.

"In addition to being our closest western neighbours, it has the oldest Irish community in North America. This exhibition plays an important role in the creative, environmental, cultural and business development of the partners in the project and I congratulate all of those involved in it."

The exhibition opens in a number of venues on both sides of the Atlantic where works made of wood such as vases, bowls, settees, various sculptures, musical instruments, and chairs are on display. The exhibition runs in Limerick until February 5.



Bebhinn Joyce helping out at the Wood Exchange exhibition in the City Gallery (LL)

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