



## RDS - Art Fair 09 Programme of Events

### In the Reading Area

The insights from Artists and Curators, and others who work in the Art sector have always provided food for thought when the public delve into the workings of the Art World, never more so than in contentious and changing times. As part of Art Fair 09 RDS, this programme of events provides an informal atmosphere to discuss and converse around the themes of relevant and current debate.

All talks take place in the Reading Area of the Main Hall:

- **Valerie Connor, Artist, Curator, Commissioner for Ireland at Sao Paolo Biennale 2004 & Venice Biennale 2003** in conversation raises key points for consideration around the future arenas for International Gatherings for the Visual Arts.  
**Saturday, 14 November 2.00pm**
- In a lively discussion, key Art world personalities discuss '**Are the Arts indispensable to National Recovery?**' With participants **Mark O Kelly, Artist, Oliver Dowling, Curator and Arts Consultant, and Sean McCarthaigh, Director of Public Affairs, Arts Council of Ireland**  
**Saturday, 14 November 4.00pm**
- **Liz Burns, Firestation Studios and Qasim Riza Shaheen Artist** in conversation demonstrating the collaboration between Artist, Curator and Institution.  
**Sunday, 15 November 2.00pm**
- **Aideen Darcy, Curator, former Director, thisisnotashop** talks about the opportunities and challenges of being an Independent Curator in Ireland in these times.  
**Sunday, 15 November 3.00pm**
- **Mick O Dea, Artist** talks about his approach to being an artist in 21<sup>st</sup> century Ireland  
**Sunday, 15 November 4.00pm**