

Press Release

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Longford County Council Unveils New Public Art Piece

The latest public art commission to be completed by Longford County Council is entitled Dushlan na Sine or Challenge of the Elements. The suite of ceramic pyramid shapes was commissioned to mark the opening of the new Cllr. Paddy Belton memorial Fire Station in Lanesborough.

The suite of the ceramic features, the work of Longford based ceramic sculptor Ed Walshe is composed of five pyramid shaped columns, the basic theme being the battle between the destructive power of fire and the power of water to counter that danger.

Four black pyramids with orange and yellow markings standing approx 150mm x 150mm x 800mm each standing on a concrete plinth 800mm x 800mm represent the flames that are the ever-present enemy of fire fighters. The slightly larger fifth column measuring 200 mm x 200 mm x 1150 mm is predominantly white with blue markings, represents the power of water and the capacity of water to defeat fire.

The new feature, which is clearly visible from the road, is an attractive addition to what is in itself a very attractive new fire station. The county's latest public art feature along with all local authority commissioned public art features may be seen on [www.visuallongford.ie/Public Art](http://www.visuallongford.ie/Public_Art) .

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