

## **CONSTRUCTIONS Exhibition Opens in National Craft Gallery, Kilkenny**

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A unique exhibition highlighting the methods, techniques and processes used by some of Norway's leading craftspeople opens in the National Craft Gallery in Kilkenny this weekend.

Constructions features 15 Norwegian artists who each approach construction in different ways. They include: Ingrid Larssen whose jewellery design draws on structure, formation & colours in the landscape for inspiration; Harvard Larsen recognised as one of the most skilled practitioners in traditional Sami crafts in the Nordic countries; Marianne Moe who uses traditional Norwegian icons in her textile work; Inger Blix Kvammen whose crochet techniques in silver wire jewellery are inspired by the ethnic groups of Northeast Norway; Aslaug Juliussen whose use of reindeer antler and bone has attracted international attention and Marit Helen Akslen who takes elements from clothing to create social commentary on themes such as social differences and misuse of power.

*"With Scandinavia being world-renowned for its cutting edge design, Constructions will appeal to young and old as the exhibition puts the spotlight on the techniques employed by the 15 participating Norwegian artists. Constructions gives visitors the opportunity to see the celebrated work of the artists, which includes reindeer antlers and birch burls, up close and gain greater insight into their methodology",* said **Úna Parsons, CEO, Crafts Council of Ireland.**

### **Exhibition Opening Times**

Constructions runs from 14th March to 26th April in the National Craft Gallery, Castle Yard, Kilkenny.

Opening times are Mon-Sat from 10am to 6pm. Admission is free.

The National Craft Gallery is the Crafts Council of Ireland's flagship exhibition space which is housed in Castle Yard, the former stables of Kilkenny Castle.