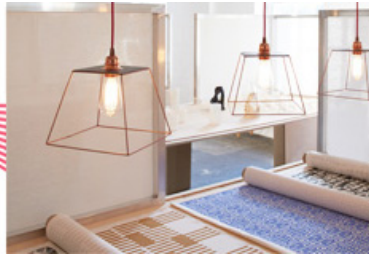


## WEATHERING



Weathering brochure



Shane Holland Design, Print Block



Snug, Ceadogán Rugs with Katie Hession

**Weathering**, an exhibition of contemporary Irish design and craft, was widely regarded as one of the highlights of Tent London during London Design Festival 2014.

Featuring new work from over 25 designers and craftspeople, the exhibition attracted an estimated 16,000 visitors over four days, including influential retailers, journalists, architects and interior designers from all over the world.

**Weathering** was officially opened by His Excellency Daniel Mulhall, Irish Ambassador to Great Britain, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. During his address to over 250 guests at the launch reception, the Ambassador commended the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland for presenting such a strong showcase of Irish creativity and design and congratulated the participating designers and makers.

Curated by Steven McNamara, the exhibition showcased objects that exemplify simplicity of form, respect for materials and a keen awareness of the end user. **Weathering** built on the story and explorations of the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's two previous shows - **Vernacular** (LDF 13) and **A Place to Gather** (LDF 12) – and featured furniture, wood, glass, ceramics, textiles, lighting, leather and basketry.

Several exciting and exclusive collaborations between Irish makers and internationally renowned designers were unveiled as part of the exhibition. Award winning architect and designer Andrew Clancy of déanta Design teamed up with boat builder Matthew O'Malley to create the "Carvel Chair"; Horizon Furniture's "Stanley Lounge Chair" in a solid frame in Irish Oak was upholstered in Donegal Tweed by Molloy & Sons; pepper mills designed by Makers & Brothers were handcrafted by wood turner Matt Jones and Úna Burke's figurative leatherwork complemented the carafe made by The Irish Handmade Glass Company especially for Tent 2014.

Visitors to **Weathering** also had a unique opportunity to meet with internationally renowned basketmaker Joe Hogan and to see him at work. During his live demonstrations, Joe created six stunningly simple functional baskets from the natural willows that he grows and harvests in scenic Loch na Fooley, Co. Galway.



Official launch by His Excellency Daniel Mulhall



Weathering at Tent London



Live Demonstrations by Joe Hogan

**18th-21st September 2014**

**Tent London**

Hall T4-B

First Floor Old Truman Brewery,

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**Exhibitors**

Designers and makers featured in **Weathering** included:

*Furniture:*

- Déanta Design: Andrew Clancy with Matthew O'Malley
- Horizon Furniture with Molloy & Sons
- Nest Design
- Snug
- Stickman
- Tierney Haines with Alan Meredith
- Woodenleg
- Cillian Ó'Súilleabháin

- Derek Wilson
- Andrew Ludick

*Glass:*

- J. Hill's Standard
- Scott Benefield

*Textiles:*

- 31 Chapel Lane
- Ceadogán Rugs with Katie Hession
- Cushendale Woollen Mills
- Molloy & Sons
- Muriel Beckett
- Print Block

*Ceramics:*

- Jack Doherty

*Wood:*

- Glenn Lucas
- Makers&Brothers with Matt Jones
- The Local Maker Co.

*Lighting:*

- Shane Holland Design

*Basketry:*

- Joe Hogan

*Leather:*

- Úna Burke with The Irish Handmade Glass Company

## **About the Curator**

**Steven McNamara** is the founder of the studio, Roji Designs. He is passionate about promoting good design and has spoken on panel discussions at international design events such as Habitare AHEAD and OFFSET, and has collaborated with many organisations, amongst them the Irish Pavilion at the Venice Biennale 2012. He led a multi-disciplinary collective to design and curate two exhibitions, to represent Ireland and promote Irish design on behalf of PIVOT Dublin at World Design Capital Helsinki 2012. In 2013 Steven was the exhibition designer for 'Vernacular', the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's show at Tent London as part of London Design Festival. As well as working towards London Design Festival 2014 on behalf of the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland this year, Steven is the curator and exhibition designer for Cork Craft & Design's showcase exhibition in Kinsale, August 2014, and is the current Exhibitions Officer for the Architectural Association of Ireland. [www.rojidesigns.com](http://www.rojidesigns.com)

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