

Capital designs in June



Eibhlin Curley of DCEB and Elizabeth O'Kane in her studio in the Design Tower, Dublin

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Designer Dublin will see craftspeople showcasing their work throughout the month of June, writes *James Enright*.

Various events, including exhibitions, workshops and seminars, will be held around the capital as part of the initiative. The events are being organised and funded by the Dublin City Enterprise Board (DCEB) as part of the Craft Council of Ireland's Year of Craft 2011 celebrations.

"We are encouraging people to visit studios around the city and raise

the profile of designers," said Eibhlin Curley, assistant chief executive of the enterprise board. "The city is awash with talented designers and this initiative is a rare opportunity for the public to get a behind-the-scenes look at their work."

Various craftspeople including jewellers, sculptors, milliners, ceramicists and textile artists, will use the opportunity to raise their profile and boost the creative sector's coffers. One of the events includes the De-

signer Dublin Craft Studio Trail, taking place on June 10, which will see 21 studios and workshops opening their doors for free to the public.

Exhibitions will also take place in several locations around the city, including The Design Tower at Grand Canal Quay, The Malthouse Design Centre on North Circular Road and The Irish Design Shop on Bow Lane. A full listing of the events and venues is available on www.designer.dublin.ie.