

List of Oscar Wilde quotes on the plinths.

"Pathos leaves the artist unmoved but beauty, real beauty, can fill his eyes with tears" Oscar Wilde. Previously unpublished extract from a note book discovered by Osborne in the Clarke Andrews Memorial Library, Los Angeles.

"You have set yourself to music" Tom McIntyre, Playwright.

"The world is made by the singer for the dreamer" Dorothy Walker, Art Critic.

"Beauty has many meanings as man has moods" Eavan Boland, Poet.

"To reveal art and conceal the artist is arts' aim" Christy Moore, Singer/Songwriter.

"The true tragedy that dogs the steps of most artists is that they realize their ideal too absolutely" Cormac Boydell, Artist.

"Being natural is simply a pose" Eliane Pierce, Artists Model.

"It seems to that we all look at nature too much and live with her too little" Barrie Cooke, Artist.

"I find it harder and harder every day to live up to my blue china" Richard Murphy, Poet

"I have nothing to declare except my genius" Chris Stillman, Geologist.

"They are the elect to whom beautiful things mean only beauty" Jimmy McCarthy. Singer/Songwriter.

"All art is at once surface and symbol" Paul Durcan, Poet.

"Lying, the telling of beautiful untrue things, is the proper aim of art" Paddy McEntee, Barrister.

"All art is quite useless" Robert Ballagh, Artist.

"The truth is rarely pure and never simple" Michael D Higgins, President of Ireland.

"Who, being loved, is poor?" John Montague, Poet.

"Conscience must be merged in instinct before we become fine" Maurice Desmond, Artist.

"No work of art ever puts forward views" Charlie Tyrrell, Artist.

“Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask and he will tell you the truth” Bono, Singer/Songwriter.

“A man who allows himself to be convinced by an argument is a thoroughly unreasonable person” Ger Scully, Costume Designer.

“Thought is not catching” Pat Scott, Artist.

“Poets you know are always ahead of science” Camille Souter, Artist.

“Nothing that is worth knowing can be taught” Geraldine Osborne, Doctor.

“There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about” Martin Gale, Artist.

“Literature always anticipates life. It does not copy it but moulds it to its purpose” Micheal O’Siadhail, Poet.

“We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars” Kirk Makepeace, Jade Mine Owner.

“Wickedness is a myth invented by good people to account for the curious attractiveness of others” Merlin Holland, Grandson of Oscar Wilde.

“Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes” Jean Kennedy Smith, Former American Ambassador to Ireland.

“I can resist everything but temptation” John B Keane, Playwright.

“The suspense is terrible. I hope it will last” Tim Goulding, Artist.

“A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing” Torgeir Garmo, Thulite Mine Owner.

“Life is not complex. We are complex. Life is simple and the simple thing is the right thing” Erling Kagge, Writer and Publisher.

“Those whom the gods love grow young” Ronnie Tallon, Architect.

“No gentleman looks out of the window” Derek Mahon, Poet.

“...that little tent of blue which prisoners call the sky” Charlie Haughey, Former Taoiseach.

“Punctuality is the thief of time” Gerry Wardell, Physicist.

"Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast" Sarah Walker, Artist.

"Most people are other people" John O'Leary, Poet.

"Whenever people agree with me I always feel I must be wrong" Danny Osborne, Artist.

"I drink to keep body and soul apart" Seamus Heaney, Poet.

"Nothing looks so like innocence as an indiscretion" David White. Artist.

"The well-bred contradict other people. The wise contradict themselves" Eleanor McEvoy. Singer/Songwriter.

"I always pass on good advice. It is the only thing to do with it. It is never any use to oneself" Davis Coakley. Writer and Doctor.

"For he who lives more lives than one. More deaths than one must die" Theo Dorgan, Poet

"A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it" David Norris, Scholar and Civil Rights Activist.

"My duty is a thing I never do, on principle" Daisy Richardson. Artist

"There is no sin except stupidity" Brian Friel, Playwright.