



Culture Night 2026

Fri 18 Sept
ONE NIGHT FOR ALL



Applying to Hold Events in Tipperary

What is Culture Night?

Culture Night is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts. It will take place on Friday 18th September, 2026 from 4pm till late. Arts and cultural organisations present hundreds of free events, tours, talks & performances for you, your family and friends to enjoy.

Building on the success of previous years, County Tipperary will again celebrate Culture Night in 2026. Coordinated by Tipperary County Council, we are now inviting arts organisations, creative practitioners, artists, performers, community groups and schools to hold an event(s).

What's special about Culture Night?

- Everything is FREE of charge to the public.
- Doors will open later and special and unique events will be specifically programmed at participating locations.
- People are encouraged to visit cultural venues and experience culture and creativity in their area.
- It's a great opportunity for cultural organisations, artists, venues, artists studios, performers, galleries, art collections, archives, interesting buildings, places and spaces, museums, arts centres and libraries to reach new audiences.



Clay workshop at Cahir Arts, Culture Night 2025

Programming Content

Culture Night is about access, is geared at all ages, and provides a unique opportunity for everyone to make new discoveries in their area.

We encourage and support the inclusion of all voices and cultures that make up Ireland today. We seek to engage with and create opportunities for increased participation with those who may not always have easy access to events of a cultural nature, particularly but not limited to, the following:

- Asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.
- D/deaf culture or arts and disability.
- Irish Traveller culture.
- Under-represented groups.
- Those promoting gender equality.



'World Cuisine event', Nenagh Arts Centre, Culture Night 2025

Funding Deadline

12 noon 18 June 2026



Tipperary Town Library, Manga drawing workshop, Culture Night 2025

How do I apply to be part of Culture Night Tipperary 2026?

- Make sure you have read this information sheet carefully.
- Download an application form from <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/arts-and-culture/culture-night-programme> or phone the Arts Office at 0818 06 5000.
- Consult your group or organisation and relevant community partners to plan what event(s) you will hold.
- Consult owner of proposed location for your event(s) to ensure permission will be forthcoming.
- Research costs - if any.
- Complete the application form and submit by **12 noon Thursday 18 June 2026**.
- Everyone who plans to organise an event for Tipperary Culture Night is asked to apply, whether you need funding or not. This way, your event can be promoted via the official Culture Night website and social media.

Will funding be available?

You should always complete parts A and B of the application form. If you require funding for your event you should also complete **Part C** of the application form. **The deadline is 12 noon Thursday 18 June.** This is a competitive open call and the panel's decision is final. Applying for funding does not guarantee that your event will be funded. The maximum amount awarded for this open call is €550 per event and one event per organiser. You will be notified if you have been successful during July 2026.

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What types of events could I hold?

Culture night is an opportunity to showcase unique cultural and arts events using venues such as museums, galleries, castles, libraries, heritage and arts centres, interesting buildings, places and public spaces.

- Live music and live art
- Street performances
- Exhibitions and workshops
- Book readings or storytelling
- Film screenings
- Cultural trails
- Walking tours
- Outdoor projections on buildings
- Multicultural celebrations

Visit www.culturenight.ie for inspiration.

If possible, consider an ongoing 'drop-in' event (rather than a ticketed event) to reduce barriers of participation and allow for flexible, spontaneous interaction between events - where there are a number of events taking place in a town.



Clonmel Theatre Guild performance, Culture Night 2025

Priority will be given to events that fulfil at least two of the following criteria:

- Support the making of work by artists based in Tipperary.
- Align with the aims of Culture Night.
- Events that are in-person.
- Make Culture Night visible in the county by using an unlikely venue or public setting.
- Encourage participation in a new part of town or the county.
- An ongoing 'drop-in' event rather than ticketed (if suitable).
- Implement the Arts Council 'Paying the Artist' Policy.
- Run later in the night in order to extend the Culture Night experience.
- Diversify the offering to attract and reach new audiences.
- Ensure that funding allocation achieves a good geographic spread across the county.

Terms and Conditions:

- Funding for venue hire will only be provided in exceptional cases.
- Funding of maximum €550 euro is available per event and one event per organiser.
- Funding will not be provided for refreshments or for capital costs such as buying equipment.
- Successful applicants must satisfy Tipperary County Councils Health and Safety requirements.
- Successful applicants must have a public liability insurance policy in place.
- Applicants awarded financial support will have to provide specific indemnity to Tipperary County Council on their insurance policy in respect of the event(s) and submit to the Arts Office by the deadline specified in letter of offer.
- Artistic content should be suitable for intended audiences.
- An online programme containing all events will launch in late July 2026 and successful applicants must submit information by deadlines required for the website.
- Receipts (proof of payment) will be required to claim funding.
- If your application is successful, funding claim must be submitted to the Arts Office by early October 2026.
- Access to all events must be open to the public, **free of charge** and take place on Friday 18th September after 4pm.
- After assessing the applications, the Arts Office might contact you to discuss adjusting your event/time to prevent (too much) overlap between events and have the best possible programme for audiences. The Arts Office also encourages organisers to get in touch with each other at an early stage to synergise their events as much as possible.

How to Submit:

Post, email or delivered applications must be clearly marked: “**Culture Night Application 2026**”

By Post:

addressed to
Arts Office
Tipperary County Council
Civic Offices
Nenagh
Co. Tipperary
E45 A099

By Hand:

delivered to any Tipperary County Council customer service desks as follows:

- Clonmel Civic Offices, Emmet Street, Clonmel.
- Nenagh Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh.
- Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Offices, Rosanna Road, Tipperary Town.
- Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Offices, New Street, Carrick on Suir.
- Thurles Civic Offices, Castle Avenue, Thurles.

By Email: to artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie

Deadline: 12 noon, Thursday 18 June, 2026.



Culture Night TIPPERARY is brought to you by the Arts Council, in partnership with Tipperary County Council and cultural organisations throughout the county.