

Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date
May 2026

Join us for the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2026

Lots more still come this May

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Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine is presented as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity.

Tipperary Arts Office and the Tipperary Library Service, are delighted to work together once again to present a full and varied programme of events and activities across the county. 2026 is the final year celebrating the theme *Lust for Life*, based on Iggy Pop's iconic punk-era song celebrating life's dreams, ambitions, intoxications and excesses. We hope you will join in and attend some events, embracing your own Lust for Life this year!

Most events are free but pre-booking is advised.

The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival Programme can be viewed [Here](#) or pick up a copy from local libraries, district offices and arts venues around the county.

For further information contact

artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie Or libraries@tipperarycoco.ie



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CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night Tipperary 2026: Open Call for Events

What is Culture Night?

Culture Night is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts. Arrange of Organisations present hundreds of **FREE** events, tours, talks and performances for you, your family and friends to enjoy.

This year, Culture Night will be celebrated on Friday 18 September. It will take place from 4pm till late.

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

What events are we looking for?

Ranging from live music and arts events to book readings, outdoor projections on buildings or multicultural celebrations, Culture Night is about inclusion and is particularly suited to encourage venues / locations to open their doors and new audiences to participate. We encourage and support participation by all voices and cultures that make up Ireland today.

Check out www.culturenight.ie for inspiration.

Will funding be available?

Yes, funding is available, however applying for funding does not guarantee that your event will be funded. The maximum grant per event is **€550**. Please read the information sheet and application form and fill in Part C of the application form if you wish to apply for funding for your event.

The deadline for funding application is 12 noon on Thursday 18 June 2026.

You will be notified if you have been successful with your application in early July 2026.

If your event does not need funding, please also fill in the application form, as the Tipperary Arts office is coordinating all Culture Night events in County Tipperary and we want to make sure your event is promoted on the national website to reach a maximum audience!

If you do not require funding, the deadline does not apply, you can fill out the application form on an ongoing basis.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Arts Office via artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie or 0818 06 5000.

You can find the information sheet and application form [via this link](#).

OPPORTUNITIES



MUTUALISM, Film Still, RAYLEEN CLANCY & BEATRICE O'CONNELL

Open Call for Submission—HOMELAND PROJECTION 2026

Homeland Projection in collaboration with Damer House Gallery and Barcelona Loop Festival 2026 invites artists to submit contemporary video/film works on the theme "**Warrior**"

Inspired by Patricia Hurl's Warrior series, this year's programme will showcase 3 to 5 Irish and international artists, plus one invited artist from Barcelona.

Selected works will be screened in Damer House Gallery (September 2026), Culture Night, and Barcelona Loop (November 2026).

How to apply:

- ◆ Submit 550 word proposal plus 4 stills
- ◆ Film length under 9 minutes (max 10)
- ◆ Email: homeland_projection@gmail.com

Or

- ◆ Post: Silverbarn Studios, Ballybritt, Roscrea, Co Tipperary, E34XW71



'Warrior' 2022, Patricia Hurl Oil on Canvas

This year's selectors are independent curators, Àngels Garcia, Natalia Foguet, Barcelona & Educator David Quinn, Institute of Art Design and Technology, Dunlaoghaire, Dublin Ireland. Project curator and advisor to selectors, Therry Rudin.

Deadline : Thursday 14 May, 2026, 5.00pm

Opportunity Clonmel Guided Tour—Expression of Interest

Expressions of interest are sought from self-employed/contractors/organisations for seasonal engagement to devise and deliver a guided walking tour of Clonmel based on its history and heritage between June and September 2026.

The Opportunity

- Designing and delivering guided walking tours of the town of Clonmel on a pilot basis over the Summer of 2026.
- Establish a regular week day and weekend offering.
- Inclusion of Heritage Week tours
- Engaging safely with members of the public both locals and visitors alike
- Managing groups in public spaces
- Ensuring historical accuracy and cultural sensitivity
- Complying with health and safety and council requirements

Tours should be approx. 90 minutes in duration and will be held on agreed dates/times. Tours should be based on but not limited to the history, architecture, archaeology, heritage and folklore of Clonmel.

The successful applicant will have the input and support of Tipperary Museum's Education and Outreach Officer in the development of the tour. Marketing and promotion will be done via Tipperary Museum/Tipperary County Council. The successful applicant must be tax compliant and will be required to provide evidence of insurance showing indemnity to Tipperary County Council. They will also be required to carry out and provide a completed risk assessment.

Skills, Qualifications and Experience

- Demonstrated knowledge of local history, heritage or culture
- Experience in guiding, tourism, education, or public engagement
- Strong communication and presentation skills
- Ability to manage groups in outdoor/public environments
- First Aid training (*desirable but not essential*)

TO APPLY please email the following to julia.walsh@tipperarycoco.ie

- A short biography (300 words maximum)
- CV, including a referee
- An example of a similar tour/creative project you have devised and delivered
- A written or recorded video statement (no more than 2 pages or a 4-minute video) outlining why you are interested in this opportunity and how your experience is relevant.

Rates Of Payment

The budget for the project is €5000 - this will cover tour development, preparation, delivery for an agreed number of tours, any printing/props required and insurance obligations.

Garda Vetting may be required.

The deadline for applications is Friday 22nd May.

Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Shortlisting may apply.

If you have any queries about this role you can email julia.walsh@tipperarycoco.ie



Brand-new Good Cause Legends competition are now open!

Has your organisation previously received National Lottery part-funding through The Arts Council, this means **you are eligible to enter and you are encouraged to apply**. It couldn't be easier.

What makes a Good Cause Legend?

The National Lottery Good Cause Legends celebrates the people and projects who are making a legendary difference across Ireland — with the support of National Lottery Good Causes part-funding.

This isn't just about what you do.

It's about why it matters.

It's about the moments that changed lives.

It's about the stories that make you/your organisation a true Legend.

Who can enter?

The competition is open to any organisation, club, individual or project in any of the twenty-six counties in the Republic of Ireland that received funding from any grant, scheme or programme part-funded by the National Lottery in the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025.

Why enter?

Following a judging process, 9 Good Cause Legends will be selected across three categories:

- 1) Sport & Wellness Legends
- 2) Cultural & Heritage Legends
- 3) Community Legends

Each of the nine Good Cause Legends will receive an award of **€15,000** and a bespoke trophy.

Winners will be celebrated locally and nationally with a marketing promotional campaign.

Whether you support wellbeing through sport, preserve culture and heritage, support our youth, or work at the heart of your community, this is your opportunity to showcase the difference your work makes.

How to enter

You can check eligibility, review the full Terms & Conditions, and submit your entry online at:

www.lottery.ie/goodcauselegends

Entries are now open until **Friday 22nd May**.

You are encouraged to put your organisation, project or group forward and become part of our 2026 List of Legends.

For any queries, please reach out to us at goodcauselegends@lottery.ie and we will be delighted to assist.



Show that you care!

A creative writing workshop with Sean O'Connor and Clonmel Applefest

Are you a writer or would like to start writing?

Join us for an inspiring creative writing workshop to explore care and creative ways to convey texture, emotions and poetic moments.



1. Become familiar with a range of narrative approaches.
2. Understand how to generate emotional resonance in your writing.
3. Understand the editing process.
4. Become familiar with a range of editing techniques.



Tuesday 26th May
6 pm - 9pm

Sean O'Connor is an award winning poet, author and editor from Nenagh. He is the founder and editor of The Haibun Journal, was editor of the Irish print journal Haiku Spirit 1998-2000 and has judged several international literary contests. O'Connor's work has been widely published, translated, and anthologised worldwide. He has facilitated writing workshops and mentored writers extensively.

register at
applefestpress@gmail.com
or with link



Show that you Care Book Project

An exploration of Clonmel's care landscape

An inspiring creative writing workshop exploring care and creative ways to convey textures and complex emotions.

Writers Workshop Callout

Clonmel Applefest are seeking writers to attend a writing workshop hosted by writer and poet Sean O'Connor with a view to writing a short essay on Care to be published as part of our annual book project which will be compiled and edited by Applefest Director Theresia Guschlbauer and Sean O'Connor and designed by Pokslag.

The workshop will take place on Tuesday 26 May from 6 to 9pm.

For more information and to register visit www.clonmelapplefest.ie



ConCorda is an exciting international chamber music course for young string musicians supported by the Irish Association of Youth Orchestras, the Irish Chamber Orchestra and The Arts Council.

ConCorda Chamber Music Course for Strings 2026 will take place in Villiers School, Limerick from Monday, 27 July to Monday, 3 August, 2026.

ConCorda is open to string players aged 14 to 24 of grade 5 or equivalent playing standard and above.

Closing Date for applications is **Sunday, 10 May**. You can [make an application online](#).

You can find more information on the course at concorda.ie

The Irish Association of Youth Orchestras runs a **Bursary Scheme** to support young musicians to take part. For more information and to find out how to apply visit [Bursary Scheme](#) Page



Poetry Ireland Partnership Scheme 2026

The Poetry Ireland Partnership Scheme is now open for applications from poetry organisers, curators and programmer for support towards poetry readings, workshops and activities taking place between 1 July to 31 December, 2026.

Applications close on Wednesday 20 May, 2026 at 5pm

To find out more and how to apply Click [Here](#)



Festival Makers Conference 21 to 23 May, 2026

The Arts Council in partnership with the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, Atlantic Technological University (ATU), the British Council and Create: supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) present two conference events: **Festival Makers** and **Festival Makers Connect** over three days in Sligo.

Event Details

The Festival Makers Conference is Ireland's national gathering for festivalmakers and festival stakeholders, bringing together practitioners that organise and support festivals through conversation, networking and shared learning.

The conference will for the first time be all-island; bringing together festivalmakers from across Ireland and Northern Ireland.

The conference theme for 2026 is FLUX: Resilient Together. The programme will feature keynote talks, panel discussions and workshops addressing key themes including **collaboration & partnership, navigating change, adaptation and sustainability, strengthening sectoral voice and collaboration and new horizons & future planning.**

Two conference events will take place: **Festival Makers** on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May followed by **Festival Makers Connect** on Saturday 23 May presented by the British Council and Create: supported by PEACEPLUS.

For more information and to book your tickets click [HERE](#)

For general enquiries please contact festivalmakers@artscouncil.ie

CREATIVE PRACTITIONER CALL OUT

CREATIVE PRACTITIONERS WITH A BROAD RANGE OF CREATIVE PRACTICES, ALL ARE WELCOME!
DRAMA, MUSIC, GLASS MAKER, VISUAL ARTS, WEAVERS, ENVIRONMENTAL, ARCHAEOLOGISTS, BAKER...

WE WANT YOU!!



Applications



**NOW
OPEN**

Scan QR or click below for more information.



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Closing Date: 5th June



Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



Call out for Creative Practitioners 2026

An opportunity for creative practitioners of all disciplines to broaden their practice through the Teacher Artist Partnership+ Summer Course and a subsequent TAP+ Residencies in the 2026/2027 school year. All creative practitioners who complete the TAP+ Summer Course will be on the Local and National Register of TAP+ Trained Creative Practitioners and will be eligible to be offered a BLAST in school Residency

TAP+ is a creativity rich national initiative where creative practitioners train and collaborate alongside primary and special school teachers, developing shared approaches to creativity, wellbeing, and partnership with schools

Successful applicants will receive funded training and residencies that bring creativity and the arts into schools across Ireland.

Application Deadline: Friday, 5 June, 2026 at 5pm

For more information click [Here](#)

See below links for Online Application Form and Guidelines

[Application Form](#)

[Guidelines](#)



An tOireachtas
GRÉASÁN NA nGAEL



OÍCHE CHULTÚIR

Oíche Chultúir 2026

Tá An tOireachtas, i gcomhpháirt le hOíche Chultúir, anois ag glacadh le hiarratais d'imeachtaí Gaeilge ar Oíche Chultúir 2026. Ag filleadh don t-aonú bliain is fiche, tionólfar Oíche Chultúir Dé hAoine, 18 Meán Fómhair 2026.

Fáiltíonn An tOireachtas roimh iarratais ar na téamaí seo a leanas ach níltear ag cur ealaíona eile as an áireamh ach oiread: Na Taibhealaíona Teangabhunaithe; Damhsa; Ceol; Na hAmharcealaíona; Ceardaíocht; Litríocht; Dioscúrsa; Turas; Oidhreacht & Scannán.

Is é Dé Céadaoin, 10 Meitheamh 2026, an spriocdháta d'iarratais.

Is í an aidhm atá ag An tOireachtas ná freastal ar ghréasáin úsáidte Gaeilge timpeall na tíre trí phacáiste tacaíochta a chur ar fáil do ghrúpaí atá lonnaithe taobh amuigh de cheantair Ghaeltachta chun iad a spreagadh le himeacht a reáchtáil trí Ghaeilge ar Oíche Chultúir. Cuimsíonn an pacáiste tacaíochta na nithe seo a leanas: deontas (uasmhéid €250, ach féadfar cás a dhéanamh d'ócáidí eisceachtúla); agus poiblíocht ar na meáin shóisialta, náisiúnta agus áitiúla.

Cuir chugainn d'iarratas ag www.antoireachtas.ie/imeachtaí-eile/oiche-chultuir





Dé hAoine, 18 Meán Fómhair 2026

Tá An tOireachtas ag glacadh le hiarratais
d'Oíche Chultúir 2026!

Spriocdháta d'iarratais: 10 Meitheamh 2026

 Gach eolas faoi na himeachtaí Gaeilge ar fáil anseo:
www.antoireachtas.ie/imeachtaí-eile/oiche-chultuir

 Foras na Gaeilge

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**Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival
31st July to 7th August, 2026**

Open Call Outdoor Arts Trail 2026:

Artists are invited to submit proposals for temporary outdoor works as part of the 2026 Arts Trail.

Artists are encouraged to propose pieces that engage with the public realm in creative and accessible ways. While works placed at street level must be durable and suitable for outdoor display, two secure venues are also available for more delicate work.

Particularly proposals are welcome for works that can be installed at height, such as hanging textiles, lightweight sculptural pieces, or suspended installations, offering new perspectives and visual interest throughout the trail.

Selected artist will receive an artist fee of €100 and will be included in an Open Call opportunity for a solo exhibition in 2027.

Closing Date: Saturday, 6 June

If you cannot access the form please email details of your submission to birrvintageweekarts@gmail.com

Annual Open Submission Exhibition 2026:

**Here & Now
Small Squares, Big Presence**

This year's Open Call invites artists to respond to the theme of Presence through work created in a foot-square (30 x 30cm) format.

Presence brings a playful sense of discovery—inviting audiences to notice how we shape and inhabit our surroundings, and the traces we leave behind. Blending echoes of history with everyday life and imagined futures, the trail offers a curious exploration of memory, ecology, and imagination.

Selected artists will also be considered for a solo exhibition in 2027

Submission Deadline: Wednesday 1st July, 5.00pm

For more information, Guidelines and how to apply visit

[Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival](#)



Helium Arts, run **free** art workshops—both **in-person** and **online**—for children and young people with lifelong physical health conditions like diabetes, epilepsy, spina bifida, heart conditions, juvenile arthritis, rare conditions, and more.

Bookings are now open for Helium’s **Free** Summer Art Camp in **Nenagh**.

Tyone Community Centre

Ages 8 to 12

Artist: Agnieszka Radzewicz

Workshop Dates: 21 to 23 July

Workshop Times: 10.30am to 12.00pm: 14.00 to 16.00

To book your space click [Here](#)

If you have any questions email hello@helium.ie



The Mask Project—Clonmel Junction Arts Festival

Supported by Creative Ireland

Cork-based visual artist Tom Campbell is returning to Junction Festival to lead The Mask Project—a community engagement project centred on making large—scale papier-mâché masks and performing with them. It builds on last year’s hugely popular 100 Dogs Project.

What’s Involved:

Workshops cover both making and performing with the masks. Completed masks will form an exhibition in the Showgrounds Shopping Centre, Clonmel exhibition during the festival, with a street performance finale on Saturday 11 July.

Who it’s for:

Schools, community groups, and the general public (suitable for ages 10+). It would also offer valuable work experience for students at Technology University of Shannon (TUS)

Key Dates:

- Workshops: 5 to 27 June at The Platform, Unit 12A Showgrounds Shopping Centre, Clonmel
- Public Drop-in Saturdays: 6 to 27 June
- Performance workshops: 7 to 10 July
- Street performance: Saturday 11 July
- Festival runs: 3 to 12 July

How to apply/get involved:

Schools & Community groups: email info@junctionfestival.com to book

Public drop-ins: follow social media for full details junctionfestival.com



Silver Stage Summer Camp

Calling all young music makers! Silver Stage Summer Camp returns to Nenagh Arts Centre for five creative days of writing, composing, producing and performing original music.

Whether you are into singing, rapping, DJing or music production, this hands on camp is all about exploring your sound, building confidence and collaborating with like-minded young creatives.

Guided by experienced facilitators, participants will develop new skills, make new friends and work towards creating something truly unique by the end of the week.

A brilliant opportunity for ages 12 to 16 to get creative and take centre stage.

20 to 24 July

11.00am to 3.00pm

€130

Limited to just 14 places, early booking advised

Book now at nenagharts.com or 067 34400



An Roinn Gnóthaí
Eachtracha agus Trádála
Department of
Foreign Affairs and Trade

Shared Island Civic Society Fund—Call for Applications

This is the 6th round of applications since its establishment in 2023.

All applications must be submitted through Grant Application Portal [here](#). Please note Grant Application Portal will not accept late applications and all applications must be denominated in Euro.

All technical questions relating to the online Grant Application Portal can be sent to PortalAdmin@dfa.ie

For organisations interested in applying, full details of the Shared Island Civic Society Fund, can be found their website: [gov - Shared Island Civic Society Fund \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie).

There is a frequently asked questions document at the end of [Who should apply and fund principles](#) section of their website which may be of assistance in drafting applications.

Any questions about the Fund that you cannot find in the FAQ may be directed to sharedislandcsfund@dfa.ie .

Closing Date: Tuesday 2 June, 2026 (at 11.59pm)



An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe
agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta
Department of Rural and Community
Development and the Gaeltacht

New Grants Announced for Community Centre upgrades.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Dara Calleary TD, has announced the fourth round of funding under the Community Centre Investment Fund (CCIF) aimed at enhancing existing community centres.

Following previous funding rounds totalling over €111m, the new 2026 scheme will accept online applications starting 29th May, with a **closing date of 13th July**.

Grants range from €10,000 to €100,000, covering various refurbishment projects.

Applicant groups must register online and are encouraged to prepare their applications in advance. Information sessions will be held to assist with the application process.

Minister Calleary urged groups to take advantage of this funding opportunity to improve their community facilities.

For more information go to Gov.ie



Upcoming VAI Events



Art Practice—Project and Time Management with Jackie Ryan

Online

Tuesday, 14 May

11.00am to 12.30pm

Connected Horizons: From Studio to Collection

Online or on phone

Tuesday 19 May

11.00am to 12.30pm



Connected Horizons: The Artist as Curator

Online

Tuesday 26 May

2.00pm to 3.00pm



International Artist Talk: Ireland Wisdom

Online

Wednesday 27 May

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

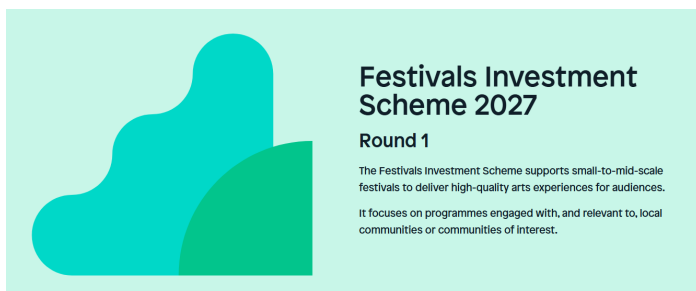


To register: [Upcoming VAI events | Visual Arts Ireland](#)

ARTS COUNCIL 2026 FUNDING SCHEDULE

More information: [Available funding | The Arts Council | An Chomhairle](#)

FUNDING PROGRAMME	OPENING	CLOSING
Arts and Disability Connect Scheme—Round 1	Open	12 May, 2026
Shared Island Touring Scheme 2026	Open	14 May, 2026
Festival Investment Scheme—Round 1	28 April, 2026	28 May, 2026
Reel Art	5 May, 2026	4 June, 2026
Bursary Award—Round 2	19 May, 2026	18 June, 2026
Artist in the Community Scheme—Bursary Award	2 June, 2026	20 July, 2026



Festivals Investment Scheme 2027 Round 1

The Festivals Investment Scheme supports small-to-mid-scale festivals to deliver high-quality arts experience for audiences.

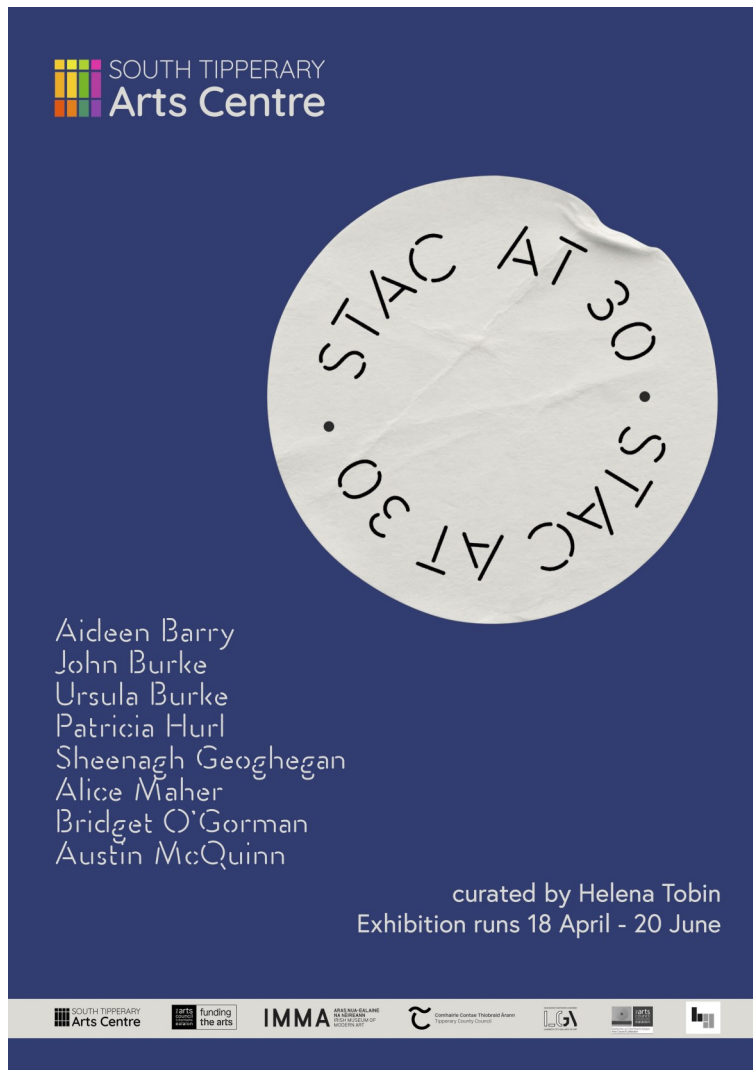
It focuses on programmes engaged with, and relevant to, local communities or communities of interest.

Opening Date: 28 April, 2026

Closing Date: 28 May, 2026, 5.30pm

For more information and how to apply: [Festivals Investment Scheme 2027](#)

EVENTS

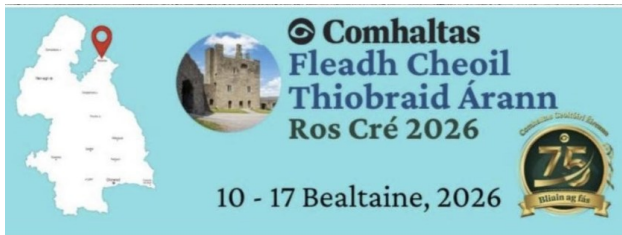


STAC at 30 18 April to 20 June 2026

April 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of the opening of STAC. This group exhibition *STAC at 30* will showcase contemporary work from our national collections by some of the best-known artists connected to Tipperary, including Alice Maher, Aideen Barry, John Burke, Patricia Hurl, Austin McQuinn, Ursula Burke, Sheenagh Geoghegan and Bridget O’Gorman. To narrow the selection process, the curatorial criteria focused on works from the 30-year period (1996 to the present) and on artists who worked with or were supported by STAC during this timeframe.

‘STAC at 30’ will be the first exhibition of a yearlong programme (April 2026 – April 2027) that focuses on the wonderful artists and work that continues to come out of the region.

Some Upcoming Festivals/Events in Tipperary for May/June



The **Tipperary Fleadh Cheoil** will take place in Roscrea this year running from 10 May to 17 May.

Roscrea Comhaltas will host the Tipperary Fleadh Cheoil, bringing together musicians, dancers and visitors from across the county to celebrate the wonderful tradition of Irish Music and Culture.

To find out more visit their facebook page

[roscreacce](https://www.facebook.com/roscreacce)

Clonmel Borough District presents Live & Loud

With Ruaile Buaile

23 May, 2026

7.00pm to 10.00pm

On O'Connell Street, Clonmel

Visit their facebook page for updates

[Clonmel Borough District Festivals & Events](https://www.facebook.com/clonmelboroughdistrictfestivalsandevents)



Rhododendron Walking Festival Roam, Respect, Protect

Clogheen, Co Tipperary

28 to 31 May, 2026

For more information and to book visit

www.vee.ie

Some Upcoming Festivals/Events in Tipperary for May/June



When Next We Meet

Raheen House, Clonmel

29 to 31 May, 2026

For more information and to book your tickets

www.whennextwemeet.ie

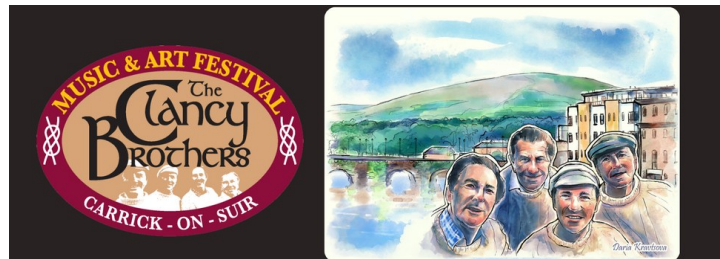
The Clancy Brothers Music & Arts Festival

Carrick-on-Suir

27 May to 1 June, 2026

For more information

www.clancybrothersmusicfestival.com

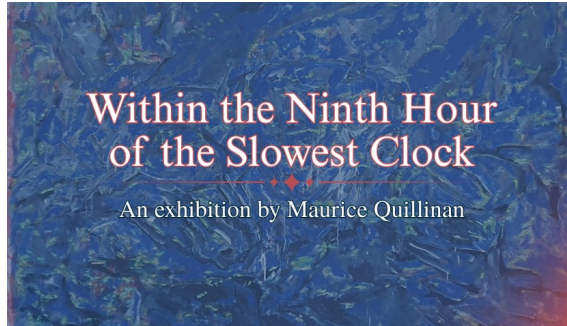




Within the Ninth Hour of the Slowest Clock

An exhibition by Maurice Quillinan

27 April to 18 May



Bealtaine Festival 2026

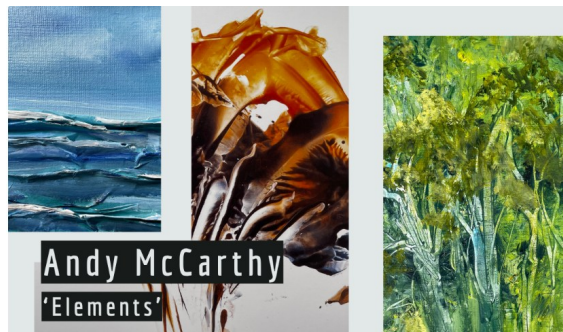
1 to 31 May, 2026

Free Events

Elements

An Exhibition by Andy McCarthy

18 May to 5 June



Tipperary Film Festival, 11 to 13 September

Entries sought for Tipperary Film Festival, an exciting new initiative. Festival aims to celebrate film, storytelling and creativity, with a strong focus on encouraging people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved.

Submission are now open and closes **31 July**.

For more information and to submit your film Click [Here](#)

To find out more information on the above and to see more upcoming events click [Here](#)



Lunchtime Talks

15 May

1.00pm

Come and learn more about this exhibition celebrating 30 years of South Tipperary Arts Centre, the artists and artworks.

National Drawing Day

Explore the art of portraiture in response to the 30th Anniversary exhibition STAC at 30.

Saturday 16 May

Artist—Annie Hogg

45 minute portrait drawing sessions

FREE—No booking required

Session Times:

11am—11.45am

2.00pm—2.45pm

3.30pm—4.25pm



Word Sparks

Session 2: Saturday 23 May, 11am to 12.30pm

This is a free event, no booking required.



SOUTH TIPPERARY Arts Centre

STAC TALKS

11am: What is an Arts Centre Anyway?
with Michele Horrigan - Curator, Askeaton Contemporary Arts
Paul O'Neill - Curator, PUBLICS Helsinki
Helena Tobin - Artistic Director and curator, STAC

2pm: Making Art in a Regional Context
with Aideen Barry
Ursula Burke,
Sheenagh Geoghegan
Austin McQuinn
Bridget O'Gorman

Saturday 30 May
11am - 3.30pm

FREE but booking essential

arts council funding the arts
Comhairle Contae Thír na nÓg
Tipperary County Council

www.southtippartscentre.ie

STAC Talks

Saturday 30 May

11am to 3.30pm

STAC Chapel, Kickham Plaza

As part of 2026 anniversary programme, there are a series of 'STAC Talks'. The first edition which is part of the public programme around *STAC at 30* exhibition, will look at the question 'What is an Arts Centre anyway?' and 'Making art in a regional context'.

The title is a provocation of sorts and a loose umbrella under which to discuss the variety of ways artistic practice is supported, produced, and disseminated in rural/de-centred locations.

Free Event but booking is essential.
Click on the link below to book your ticket

<https://www.southtippartscentre.ie/events/stac-talks>

One ticket includes admission to both talks

Cruinniú na NÓg—Telling Stories with Pictures

6 June, 2026

12pm to 4pm

Children ages 3 to 12 to explore the world of award winning illustrator and Clonmel Native Roisin Hahessy.

Free Event
Drop-in event—no booking required



To find out more information on the above and see upcoming events click [Here](#)



Mind the Gap

A collaborative installation project that explores suspended emotions in places defined by leaving.

Led by a newly formed group of local multidisciplinary creatives, this exhibition highlights "a growing need for third spaces so that artists and intermediaries can work, collaborate and feel more involved in their communities"

Sat 30 May to Sat 27 June

Meshes | Summer Arts Project

13 to 17 July, 2026

Ages: 14 to 18 years

10am to 3 pm

Fee: €100

This week-long project invites teenagers to explore dreamlike storytelling, inspired by 'Meshes of the Afternoon' a 1943 film by Maya Deren and Alexander Hammid. The workshop introduces participants to creative techniques that transform everyday places and objects into strange, mysterious, and imaginative worlds.



Fracture Youth Theatre: Spill the Teen

Unfiltered stories from the next generation!

Spill the Teen is bold showcase of monologues, poetry and short scenes.

Saturday 9 May, 2026

8.00pm

Tickets: €12.00

To find out more information on the above and to see upcoming events click [Here](#)



Youth Forum Art Showcase Meet Ups (Online & In-Person)

A short creative programme: May online art workshops leading to a June in-person session, building up to Helium's All-Island Youth Forum 2026

Online & In-Person

Ages: 13-16, 16+

Artist: Ana Colomer

Workshop Dates: 2, 16, 23 May, 27 June

Workshop Times: 11AM - 1PM



Youth Forum Art Showcase Meet-Ups

Helium Arts are inviting young people aged 13–16+ to take part in the Youth Forum Art Showcase Meet Ups—a short creative programme leading up to Helium's All-Island Youth Forum in September, 2026.

The programme includes three online workshops in May and one in-person workshop in June, during which participants will work with a professional artist to explore ideas and create artwork for the Youth Forum Art Showcase.

Workshop Dates:

Online workshops (Zoom): 2 May, 16 May & 23 May

In-person workshop: 27 June at Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin

More information click [Here](#)

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To submit information for consideration for our Newsletters:

Please send us your information to artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie with the text 'next arts bulletin' in the subject line. Submit your text only information under the following headings:

Title entry: (10 words or less) Short title to grab people's attention

Main entry: (500 words max.) The main content of your submission, make sure to include dates, location, cost (if any)

Contact info: (100 words max.) A contact name, phone number, email are essential. Please send your information as text only, no PDF's etc as these items can't be included.

Note: Submission is not a guarantee of inclusion.

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The calendar is easy to use and organisers can register their events on the website. Cultural, Community and Sporting events are categorised under a range of headings and users may search by date or type of event. Categories include: Arts; Children's; Family; Comedy; Exhibitions; Fairs; Shows; Markets; Festival; Film; Heritage; Historical; Lectures; Readings; Music; Theatre, Sports & Outdoors.

