

**NATIONAL
HERITAGE
WEEK 2021
14-22 AUG**



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**LAOIS
HERITAGE
WEEK
EVENT
GUIDE**



HERITAGE WEEK PLANNER

Saturday 14th August, 11am

Guided Walk Timahoe Round Tower

Laois PPN
Laois Heritage Society

Join Laois PPN and Laois Heritage Society for a guided walk of Timahoe early Christian site with its 12th Century Round Tower. Learn about the project to digitally record carved stones at Timahoe, Killeslin & Clonenagh.

Booking Required
ppn@laoiscoco.ie

Saturday 14th August, 3pm

War of Independence & Civil War

Laois Libraries,
Irish History Live

Fun, online history event for children, with Irish History live, to bring alive the historical events and personalities of past times in a lively and entertaining show that engages and educates children of all ages, with costumes, artefacts & colourful storytelling

Booking Required
library@laoiscoco.ie

Tuesday 17th August, 7pm

Talk - James Fitzmaurice and aviation history

Col Fitzmaurice
Commemoration Cttee

Hear about the life, early career and achievements of the Portlaoise man who was part of the first East- West Transatlantic flight in 1928, from Teddy Fennelly. A recording of a presentation given in 2019

Online www.facebook.com/laoisheritageoffice

17th & 19th August, 11.30am

Round Towers & Castles of Laois

Dig It Kids online workshop

Dig it Kids in association with Laois Heritage Office and Laois Libraries present an online workshop for on the round towers and castles of Laois. These fun online events are free and suitable for children aged 6 - 12 years.

Supported by the Heritage Council

Book at
digitkids.ie/book-online-courses/

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James Fintan Lalor & the Land War in Laois

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Wednesday 18th August, 8pm

Talk - Fitzmaurice Newspaper Archive

Col Fitzmaurice
Commemoration Cttee

Talk on conservation of newspapers & other documents relating to James Fitzmaurice and first east-west transatlantic flight, by conservator Liz D'Arcy, & presentation by Liam Byrne on memorabilia relating to the first flight.

[Book on Zoom - click here](#)
Livestream
facebook.com/laoisheritageoffice

Thursday 19th August, 3pm

Napoleon Bonaparte - Irish History Live

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Thursday 19th August 11:30am

Everyday life in Ireland in the 1920

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Friday 20th August 7pm

"Opening a Window on the Past" Reading

Laois Libraries & Regina Dunne

Reading from new book on Helen Roe and Lucy Franks by Historian in Residence Regina Dunne, With the support of Laois County Library Services, the Decade of Centenaries Programme, and Creative Ireland Laois. The book will be available at Laois Libraries and local bookstores.

Livestreamed

www.facebook.com/LaoisLibraries

Saturday 21st August 6pm

Return home of the Portlaoise Plane

Col Fitzmaurice

Commemoration Cttee

The Portlaoise Plane, built in Portlaoise and flown in 1912 will be on display in Fitzmaurice Place, with music from Music Generation Laois Trad Orchestra and details of the restoration.

Due to covid restrictions booking is required.

Details will be at www.portlaoiseplane.com

Saturday 21st August 2:20pm

School of Irish Archaeology Big Dig

Laois Heritage Office

Creative and hands-on learning for young people through a simulated archaeology dig. As they dig, participants will unearth treasures and artefacts dating back 1,000 years.

Neurotypical sessions booked out. Autism-friendly session - some spaces left

<https://fb.me/e/60AKe6zxd>

Saturday 21st August

Bulfin Heritage Cycle "Lords & Legacies"

Starting & Ending in Durrow

This year's Bulfin Heritage Cycle will take place over one day with a limited number of cyclists, due to Covid Restrictions so book soon!

A gently paced heritage cycle through the Laois countryside with stops for talks, chats and food, visiting Grantstown, Clough and Abbeyleix.

durrow.doings@gmail.com

All Week - Online

Carraig an Aifrinn (The Mass Rock)

Aisteoirí an Lóchrainn
Cheatharlach

YouTube video detailing the origin of Mass rocks and linking with a Mass rock here in Laois using an old school textbook "Éire Sean is Nua" published over eighty years ago.

Watch at any time:

<https://youtu.be/YrDLJ2Wcals>

21st & 22nd August

Sunflower Power

Heath House, The Heath

Pick your own sunflowers, donation to local charities, 11am - 12.30pm, 12.30 - 2pm, 2pm - 3.30pm, 3.30pm - 5pm each day. Bring your own scissors or secateurs.

All proceeds to Portlaoise Parish Services Centre and Laois Offaly Families for Autism.

All week - on site

Abbeyleix, Mountrath Mountmellick Trails

Laois Libraries

An outdoor heritage activity suitable for children of all ages, this is a fun and interactive way for children to learn about the fascinating history and heritage of their town. Collect from the Library, follow the trail, answer the questions & return to the library to win a small prize.
library@laoiscoco.ie

19 - 22 August

Twin Trees Art & Culture Festival, Ballinakill

Twin Trees Committee

'En Plein Air' tutored outdoor painting event in Ballinakill open to all, Aug 19 -21

21st August 2021, Guided Historical Walk of Ballinakill & Heywood takes place, departing from the Village, at 11am. with local historian Ger Dunphy.
<http://twintrees.ie/>



LAOIS STORIES

Three specially commissioned films about the artefacts and places that are precious in Laois, and the people who look after them, will be premiered as part of Heritage Week 2021.

Created by Bailey & Blake films, for Laois Heritage Office, with the support of the Heritage Council and the communities of Laois, the films explore the story of the Portlaoise Plane, the wildlife of the Laois bogs and conservation in the county's graveyards.

Premiere Monday 16th August 8pm
youtube.com/LaoisHeritage &
facebook.com/laoisheritageoffice



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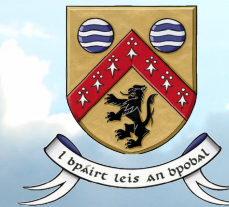


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All events will run in accordance with public health guidelines. Outdoor events may be subject to change due to weather. Please contact event organisers with any queries.

For details of all events in Laois and nationwide see full listings at heritageweek.ie

For more information on Heritage in Laois see www.laois.ie/heritage

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Portlaoise, email heritage@laoiscoco.ie

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