

EMO

Exhibition and Free Guided Tour of Emo Court

Emo Court is one of the finest stately homes in Ireland. Designed by James Gandon in 1790 for the Earls of Portarlington. It is a magnificent example of neo-classical architecture. **“Through the Eyes of Father Browne”** - an exhibition on the life and photographs of Father Frank Browne is also on display. On your visit take in a walk around Emo Lake and Gardens developed by the OPW in 2014 T: 057 8626573

Venue: Emo Court, Emo
Time: 2 free tours commence at 6pm & 7pm (extended opening hours)

MOUNTRATH

‘Hidden Spaces’

A Jen Donnery Pop Up Art Exhibition in collaboration with the owners of Roundwood House, Hannah & Paddy Flynn. Artist Jen Donnery will present an exhibition of works celebrating the beautiful hidden spaces at Roundwood House, one of Laois’s treasured heritage houses. The exhibition will take place in one such hidden space, the Long Barn, and following the viewing visitors will be invited back to the library for tea/coffee & homemade biscuits.

Venue: Roundwood House, Mountrath
Time: Tour commences at 5pm

MOUNTMELICK

The Ashling Art Group

The Ashling Art Group will exhibit their work at the Gallery in Mountmellick Library.

Venue: Mountmellick Library
Time: Normal opening hrs

Music with the residents and friends of St. Vincent’s

Music with the residents and friends of St. Vincent’s community nursing unit in Mountmellick. Mountmellick Comhaltas, a small voluntary group will perform in the nursing unit to entertain and join with the residents to celebrate culture night.

Venue: St Vincent’s Hospital, Mountmellick
Time: 6pm-7pm

The Best of the Irish

Devised and directed by Frances Harney. A night when the great Irish writers of prose, poetry, drama, music and song come alive. Join us for 90 mins of non-stop entertainment from the best of local talent.

Venue: The Balcony Theatre, Mountmellick Arts Centre
Time: 8pm-9.30pm



PORTARLINGTON

Puppet Show and Storytime with Julie Rose McCormick

The adventures of Puss & Boots and the Millers son who’s daddy gives him a cat, and the boy gives the cat a pair of boots and a bag... **Story Telling** - Oisin in Tir Na Nog – Oisin son of Finn MaCool Great follows the beautiful Naeive into another world, called Tir Na Nog, find out what happens? Family show all welcome.

Venue: Portarlington Library, Portarlington **Time:** 3.30pm

“Open Studio” at Mount Henry Art Studio

Come and meet the artist Mary Slevin and experience life in an art studio. Make some art, have a look around, a chat and a cup of tea. All welcome. No booking required

Venue: Mount Henry Art Studio, Killenard, Portarlington, R32 XH93 **Time:** 9am-7pm

SPINK

Traditional Evening with Spink Comhaltas

Enjoy an evening of traditional Irish music, singing, storytelling, and dancing in the beautiful Community Hall in Spink, with some of the best musicians in the country performing as part of the evening. Registration for classes will also take place. Contact T: 086 2660768 or E: ccespink@gmail.com.

Venue: Knock, Community Hall, Spink **Time:** 8pm-9.30pm

STRADBALLY

The Laois Arthouse

The Laois Arthouse will open for a specially commissioned exhibition in honour of Culture Night by Arthouse resident studio artists from Japan, UK and Ireland. Artists include: Maria O’Brien, Caroline Keane, Jen Donnery, Eriko Yano, Cathy Whelan, and David Tully.

Venue: Laois Arthouse, Gallery, Stradbally **Time:** 5pm-8pm (extended opening hrs)

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Laois County Council would like to thank all those involved in organising events in Laois.

For more information about Culture Night please contact: The Arts Office, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co Laois. T: 057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie or W: www.laois.ie or visit the National Culture Night website www.culturenight.ie

Culture Night is brought to you by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the Creative Ireland Programme in partnership with Laois County Council.

An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta a dhéanann comhordú ar an Oíche Chultúir, i gcomhpháirt le Comhairle Chontae Laoise.



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CULTURE NIGHT IN LAOIS

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FREE EVENTS in Laois to celebrate
Culture Night on Friday 21st September



Introducing our Laois Culture Night Ambassador Actor Emmet Byrne, a native of County Laois. He most recently starred as Sean Bourke in “Cell Mates” at The Hampstead Theatre, London and in RTÉ’s “Striking Out”. The Arts Office is delighted to have Emmet as this year’s Laois Culture Night Ambassador.

PORTLAOISE

Circus skills performance and workshops

Circus skills performance and workshops with Maria Corcoran – including stilt walking, juggling, hula hoop, balance, acrobatics and more for all the whole family to enjoy.

Venue: The Plaza, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise
Time: 4.30pm-5.30pm

Visual Arts, Free Bus Tour

Visual Arts, Free Bus Tour will leave from Portlaoise to visit the rural setting of Roundwood House, Mountrath to view the Pop up Exhibition by artist Jen Donnery. T: 057 8664033/13 to book a place.

Time: 4.30pm (outside Laois County Council Offices)
Return: 6.30pm

Exploring Cultural Connections

Exploring Cultural Connections - *Through Music, Dance, Conversations, Displays and much more!* A unique opportunity to explore the many cultures living in County Laois, to promote the richness of diversity, sanctuary and inclusion. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Laois Integration Network on 087 9775080.

Venue: The Parish Centre, Portlaoise
Time: 6pm-8pm

Portlaoise Comhaltas - Free trial music lesson

Explore Traditional Irish Music including accordion, banjo, bodhrán, concertina, fiddle, flute, harp, mandolin, uilleann pipes and whistle. Port laoise Comhaltas branch engages a panel of highly qualified teachers to provide classes for each instrument in a group setting. All welcome to attend.

Venue: St Francis School, New Rd, Portlaoise
Time: 6pm-7pm

Dunamais Arts Centre and the Laois Arts Office presents

‘A Painted Otherworld’ a group exhibition at the Dunamais Arts Centre curated by Rebecca Deegan. It brings together eight artists working with the medium of paint, from Laois and across Ireland, whose work focuses on the surreal.

Venue: Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise
Time: 7pm



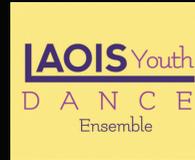
Writers Showcase

Laois Writers Group will host a **Writers Showcase** to include local and visiting writers. “Do you like to write? Have you ever shared your writing with anyone else? This is your chance! We want to hear your poetry, memoir piece, novel extract, short story, essay, blog post. This event is for anyone who has ever dreamed of becoming a writer. Meet people with the same interest.

Venue: Portlaoise Library, Lyster Square, Portlaoise
Time: 7.30pm

Laois Youth Dance Ensemble – 3 Events in 1

Laois Youth Dance Ensemble is offering 3 events in 1 for culture night: **Heart**, a vibrant and unique collection of photographs created by LYDE artistic director Erica Borges and photographer Terry Conroy. The beauty and richness of Laois Heritage sites form the backdrop to the dance forms captured in the photographs. **Bridges**, a Dance film by LYDE and Company B, premiered at Laois Dance Platform 2018 and recent tour to Portugal. A **Contemporary class taster** for young people aged 14-24 and trial for those interested in joining in 2018/2019. T: 0871328852; W: www.lyde.ie



Venue: Ensemble Dance Studio, 74A Main Street Portlaoise
Time: 7pm-8pm

Mountmellick Embroidery

Portlaoise Group wish to celebrate the completion of a work left unfinished by a former deceased member. The group as a collective have finished this work and will exhibit it at an open evening where the public are invited to take part or view how this age old craft is made and to encourage new members to join.

Venue: Parish Centre, Portlaoise
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm

James O'Connor Singer-Songwriter

Performance by singer songwriter James O'Connor and his band at the Dunamais Arts Centre to showcase new and original work from his forthcoming album, ‘A Cluster of Narratives’. Presented by Music Generation Laois.

Venue: The Dunamais Arts Centre
Time: 9pm



ABBEYLEIX

Stories from the Past

Children from primary and secondary schools in Laois will read stories collected during the schools collection initiative in the 1930s and add new stories of their own to this collection. A guest speaker for the National Folklore Collection will give a talk on the importance of the Folklore Schools Collection.

Venue: Heritage House, Abbeyleix
Time: 6pm



ARLES

Arles Art Group exhibition of Arts and Crafts

All exhibits will be the work of members who meet every Monday for classes. Entertainment will be provided by local talent and refreshments will be served. Special appearance by a mystery guest. For more info T: 059 8625107/0851308465

Venue: Community Hall, Arles
Time: 8pm-10pm

BALLYFIN

Pop Up Gaeltacht

Pop Up Gaeltacht - Mile Fáilte do gach duine to come and use cúpla focal in this Bliain na Gaeilge. An informal evening of chat as Gaeilge with cupán tae nó caifé.

Venue: An Sean Chistin, Irej, Ballyfin, R32X5D6
Time: 8pm

DONAGHMORE

Tours of Donaghmore Famine Workhouse

Tours of Donaghmore Workhouse led by Trevor Stanley will explore the history of the famine in Laois, and also introduce visitors to the great agricultural and country life collection at the museum, reflecting its importance as a farmers’ co-operative in the early years of the State.

A short audio-visual presentation tells the story of the famine in Laois, and the site of part of the Laois Heritage Trails app and audioguide. For more see www.laois.ie/heritage

Venue: Donaghmore Workhouse, Donaghmore
Time: 6pm-8pm



DURROW

Fold and Rise

A perspective on the folding and unfolding nature of time. The metaphor and material of the folding and rising of dough is used to have a conversation around women, labour, politics and culture in our time and in the adjacent time of Constance Markievicz. This intimate, multi-disciplinary workshop combines performative action, discussion and participation. *Bring a mixing bowl!*

Venue: Castlewood Farm, Durrow
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm