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## OÍCHE DÁR SAOL

Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir, organised by the Arts Council, is a national event that opens the doors to Ireland's most cherished cultural institutions and hidden gems. Arts centres, pubs, streets, libraries and performance spaces come alive with dynamic programming which showcases the creativity and talent that defines our cultural landscape. It promotes the idea that our rich and varied culture is accessible to everyone, fostering a sense of community and celebration around the arts. This year's Culture Night will take place on **Friday, September 20th, 2024.**

In its fourteenth year, Offaly Culture Night provides communities, artists and venues the opportunity to connect through a diverse range of FREE events such as music, dance, visual arts, literature and more. Explore the events in your area and create your unique cultural experience. Whether you're a lifelong arts enthusiast or a curious newcomer, Culture Night offers something for everyone.

As part of this year's Culture Night celebrations, Offaly County Council Arts Office is excited to announce the funding of five artist commissions. These commissions aim to enrich our cultural landscape by supporting innovative projects that foster connection and celebration within our communities. Each commissioned artist brings a unique vision, creating works that span various disciplines, including music, visual arts and film. By funding these commissions, we are not only promoting artistic excellence but also ensuring that Culture Night remains a dynamic and inclusive event that reflects the diverse talents and stories of our community. Keep an eye out for the official Commission stamp in the following pages – your sign that this event has been proudly commissioned by Offaly County Council.

Culture Night is more than just an event; it's a national moment to recognise and cherish the creative spirit that thrives in our communities. Mark your calendar and join us for a night of discovery, inspiration and community. **Celebrate Culture Night 2024 – One Night For All!**

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# At a glance...

EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Children's Dance Workshop, Esker Arts	Tullamore	4.00pm
Open Mic Session: Music Generation Offaly, Esker Arts	Tullamore	4.00pm
<i>In Dreams</i> Exhibition, Esker Arts	Tullamore	4.00pm
<i>Sonic Kaleidoscope</i> - Commission, Esker Arts	Tullamore	5.00pm
Cultures of Edenderry, Edenderry GAA Club	Edenderry	5.00pm
The Offaly Down Syndrome Video Launch, Esker Arts	Tullamore	5.30pm
Alma Duo Concert - Commission, Esker Arts	Tullamore	6.00pm
<i>An Evening with Patricia Gibney</i> , Tullamore Library	Tullamore	6.00pm
<i>Autumn Airs</i> , Edenderry Library	Edenderry	6.00pm
<i>Play in Progress</i> , Birr Library	Birr	6.00pm
<i>BOLD</i> : Donlon Dance, Esker Arts	Tullamore	6.30pm
<i>Cupán Tae sa Chistin</i> - Commission, Granny's Cottage	Clonmacnoise	7.00pm
<i>A Trip to the Moon</i> - Silent Film & Live Music, Esker Arts	Tullamore	7.00pm
<i>Whale Fall</i> - Commission, J.J. Hough's Singing Pub	Banagher	7.00pm
<i>Music, Culture and Colour</i> - Dan and Molly's Parlour	Kilcormac	7.30pm
Eóin Dooley: <i>No Sympathy</i> Book Launch, Esker Arts	Tullamore	8.00pm
<i>Journeying Together</i> , Birr Theatre & Arts Centre	Birr	8.00pm
<i>Musical All Sorts</i> , Friends Meeting House	Clara	8.00pm
<i>Teach Ceoil</i> - Commission, Cloughmoyle Hall	Shinrone	8.00pm
<i>Here Comes the Night</i> - DJs until late, John Lee's Bar	Tullamore	9.00pm



## BANAGHER

### WHALE FALL

J.J. Hough's Singing Pub,  
R42 E240, 7pm



*Whale Fall* is an evening of artists' film and painting at J.J. Hough's Singing Pub in Banagher. The event will feature two films: *Whale Fall* by Offaly artist Patrick Hough, a short fiction film shot on location in Offaly about the mysterious appearance of a humpback whale in a desolate bog. The second film is *The Wexford Whale*, a short animation by artist David Begley, based on the true story of a blue whale captured outside Wexford Harbour in March 1891. Additionally, a series of new paintings by artist Sheila Hough, responding to the films' themes, will be on display.

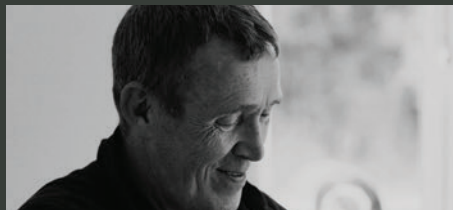
Booking not required.

For more information, please contact Sheila on 087 775 1933 or shoughait@gmail.com

## BIRR

### JOURNEYING TOGETHER: Celebrating Irish Traveller Traditions and Culture

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre, R42 X407, 8pm



Experience the rich tapestry of Irish Traveller culture as renowned artist Thomas McCarthy and his ensemble showcase songs and stories from their series of Creative Ireland workshops. With special guest Paddy Keenan of The Bothy Band, the evening promises unforgettable musical virtuosity and cultural resonance. Celebrate a vibrant heritage brought to life in this evening of connection and inclusivity.

Booking: [www.birrtheatre.com](http://www.birrtheatre.com) or 057 912 2911 (Mon - Fri, 1 - 5.30pm)



## CLARA

### MUSICAL ALL SORTS

Friends Meeting House, R35 T205, 8pm



For decades, Clara Musical Society has been captivating audiences in the Midlands with their high-quality entertainment and nationally recognised productions. This year, they are excited to come back to Culture Night with an engaging and interactive musical theatre experience. Attendees can look forward to renditions of beloved show tunes, accompanied by a live pianist.

Booking: [claramusicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:claramusicalsociety@gmail.com) or 087 9366247. Spaces are limited. Booking essential.



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## CLONMACNOISE

### CUPÁN TAE SA CHISTIN

Granny's Cottage,  
N37 XV80, 7pm



Rosemarie Langtry's exhibition will display ways to recycle, repurpose and reuse china cups, mugs or teapots. The purpose of this new artwork is to start a conversation about the Irish welcome and the importance of the cupán tae, its welcome and comfort in many situations. Rosemarie also wishes to address environmental issues and strike up a conversation on her passion for recycling and repurposing, encouraging others to do likewise. The exhibition will be open from 7pm. Music, storytelling and dance will commence at 8.30pm and continue throughout the night until 10pm.

Booking: langtry2@gmail.com

## EDENDERRY

### CULTURES OF EDENDERRY

Edenderry GAA Club, R45 W659, 5pm



You are invited to Cultures of Edenderry - an evening celebrating the diverse cultures and nationalities of Edenderry at the GAA Club. It will be an opportunity for local people to showcase and sample some of the distinct cultural activities and produce from Ireland and around the world. Come and explore the food, fashion, music and much more! Everyone is welcome to come along during the evening and discover the diversity of cultural offerings in Edenderry.

Booking:  
nesrinelazaly@gmail.com





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## KILCORMAC

### MUSIC, CULTURE & COLOUR

Dan & Molly's Parlour, R42 FH01, 7.30pm



Visual artist Esther Lambe, in collaboration with young musicians, will host an evening of art, music and culture. The event will feature traditional music with instruments like the fiddle and tin whistle, followed by a demonstration on how to paint these instruments. This demo will include a discussion on the various parts of the instruments and will be interspersed with several tunes from a variety of instruments. Participants can interact with musicians, handle instruments and explore art materials, encouraging them to start their own artistic journeys. Refreshments will be served.

Booking: Esther Lambe - 086 8518288  
or [esther.lambe@gmail.com](mailto:esther.lambe@gmail.com)  
Caitríona Boland - 087 6370302



## SHINRONE

### TEACH CEOIL

Cloughmoyle Hall, R42 YN97, 8pm



Cloughmoyle Hall, decorated in the aesthetic of an old Irish 'rambling house', will host an intimate Culture Night event in Shinrone. There will be featured music acts from local performers, Ruairí O'Shea and Luran Beth, and open-mic segments between the two where attendees can perform music or spoken-word performance.

Booking not required  
For more information, please contact Ruairí on [ruairioshea87@gmail.com](mailto:ruairioshea87@gmail.com)



## TULLAMORE

### CHILDREN'S DANCE WORKSHOP

Esker Arts Workshop Room, R35 NY50, 4pm

Come along and learn a variety of dance with Tracy McEvoy. Aimed at 8-10 year olds, this workshop is open to complete beginners, and will introduce children to the world of dance. Tracy is a member of

the Red Embers, a dance group based in Offaly that have performed at Birr Vintage Week and Arts Festival, Shakefest and Castlepaloosa.

Booking: [eskerarts.ie](http://eskerarts.ie) or 057 9383801





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## TULLAMORE

### OPEN MIC SESSION: Music Generation Offaly

Esker Arts Foyer, R35 NY50, 4 - 6pm



Music Generation Offaly invites all young singers and musicians to their open mic event as part of the Offaly Culture Night celebrations. Come along to Esker Arts to showcase your singing and playing. All are welcome to support our bright young stars of the future!

For more details and to book your performance spot, please email [mgo@loetb.ie](mailto:mgo@loetb.ie)  
Booking: [eskerarts.ie](http://eskerarts.ie) or 057 9383801



## IN DREAMS

Esker Arts Gallery, R35 NY50, 4 - 8pm



*In Dreams* is an exhibition of work by Arno Kramer and Cecilia Bullo. From the Netherlands, Arno Kramer has been exhibiting in Ireland since 1995 and has shown at Green on Red Gallery, Limerick City Gallery of Art, The Model, Ballina Arts Centre, Galway Arts Centre and The Mermaid Arts Centre. Cecilia Bullo works primarily in sculpture and installation. Her practice is informed by historical, mythological, psychoanalytic and ecofeminist theories, creating a vital conceptual framework for her physical work. In particular, she is interested in material cultures relating to rituals of healing and transformation. Cecilia will give a Gallery Talk about the exhibition at 7.30pm.

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### TULLAMORE

#### SONIC KALEIDOSCOPE

Esker Arts Dressing Room 3,  
R35 NY50, 5 - 7pm



Music and Visual Art can share universal languages that evoke emotion and inspiration together to create a certain feeling, mood or point that can powerfully amplify the emotional impact on an individual or audience. Visuals, especially through abstract painting, can be explored through colour composition and technique, consistency and design, but through a collaborative and interactive aspect, how can it relate to musical tonality? Come and help us experiment with and explore how music and abstract visual improvisation interact and influence each other in this kaleidoscopic multi-sensory and participatory experience.

Booking: [eskerarts.ie](http://eskerarts.ie) or 057 9383801



#### THE OFFALY DOWN SYNDROME CHRISTMAS SINGLE VIDEO LAUNCH

Esker Arts Auditorium, R35 NY50, 5.30pm



Offaly Down Syndrome Association have teamed up with Simon Casey to release their own version of John Lennon's *Happy Christmas (War Is Over)* for the upcoming festive season. On Culture Night, they will be presenting their amazing music video to the public for the first time.

Booking: [eskerarts.ie](http://eskerarts.ie) or 057 9383801



#### ALMA DUO CONCERT

Esker Arts Foyer,  
R35 NY50, 6 - 7pm



Join Alma Duo for a concert of classical and folk music for viola and double bass, performed by Aoise O'Dwyer and Camilo Gaete Puga. Featuring music by celebrated Hungarian composer Béla Bartók, Austrian composer Karl Dittersdorf, contemporary solo pieces and arrangements of international folk songs and dances.

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## TULLAMORE

### **BOLD** Donlon Dance

Esker Arts Auditorium, R35 NY50, 6.30pm



Choreographed by Amy Donlon along with the Donlon Dance students, *BOLD* is a dance piece that will focus on contemporary floor work, with a long history dating back to the early 20th century. Floor work has become a prominent feature in Contemporary dance and the movements were inspired by the human body and its connection to the earth. *BOLD* aims to show strength and resilience while also using our bodies to connect softly to the floor. Contemporary dance is an expressive style that combines elements of several dance genres including modern, Jazz, Lyrical and Classical Ballet. *BOLD* will also feature two duets.

Booking: [eskerarts.ie](http://eskerarts.ie) or 057 9383801



### *A TRIP TO THE MOON* & AN ASSORTMENT OF SILENT FILM

with Live Music Accompaniment

Esker Arts Auditorium, R35 NY50, 7pm



As part of Esker Arts' Culture Night lineup, we present George Méliès' 1902 science fiction film *A Trip to the Moon* and an assortment of silent films alongside live music accompaniment by Gregory H Ward and Sophie Ward. The musical duo will present a combination of contemporary and traditional musical sounds, combining acoustic piano and synthesisers to create a captivating experience perfectly suited to the surrealism of Méliès' pioneering film. Gregory and Sophie Ward are a married couple living in Birr, Co. Offaly. They have previously performed at OFFline Film Festival, Birr Festival of Music and Birr Vintage Week and Arts Festival.

Booking: [eskerarts.ie](http://eskerarts.ie) or 057 9383801





## TULLAMORE

### EÓIN DOOLEY: *NO SYMPATHY* Book Launch

Esker Arts Bar Foyer, R35 NY50, 8pm



*No Sympathy* is the debut novel from Tullamore-based author Eóin Dooley. A fresh, philosophical take on urban fantasy, it follows Theo as he alienates the last of his friends in Berlin and is summarily kicked out onto the street. Unbeknownst to him, by cutting the last of his social ties he accidentally falls into a world of magic, allowing him to immediately transport himself anywhere across the globe. Eóin's work has featured in publications by Solar Press Books, Manawaker Studio and Elegant Literature Magazine. *No Sympathy* was published in August by Android Press.

Booking: [eskerarts.ie](http://eskerarts.ie) or 057 9383801



### HERE COMES THE NIGHT

John Lee's Bar & Venue,  
Church Street,  
R35 Y161, 9pm



John Lee's Bar and Venue is proud to announce a double header of two talented DJs. Starting with an 80's classic vinyl set with DJ Bazy B, followed by DJ Amore fusing jungle and garage, along with some belters and a surprise or two along the way. Each DJ will play over 2 hour sets giving them time to take you on a musical journey. Local photographer Eva Donlon will be on hand to capture the night with her award-winning eye for detail as the night progresses, the tunes get deeper and we give you the night to let loose.

Booking: For more information, please contact [joeleesbar@gmail.com](mailto:joeleesbar@gmail.com) or 083 4277180





# Offaly Libraries

## BIRR LIBRARY

### PLAY IN PROGRESS

R42 KD37, 6pm



*Play in Progress*, as titled above, aims to show the audience an early reading of a play prior to performance on stage. Three actors will read a script based on the life of Lettice FitzGerald Digby, 1st Baroness Offaly, Renaissance poet warrior with the Mona Lisa smile. Audience participation is invited as a means of acquiring initial response to the play/sound effects and lighting. Introduced by author Eileen Casey, background narrative will precede the reading.

Booking:  
birrlibrary@offalycoco.ie



## EDENDERRY LIBRARY

### AUTUMN AIRS

R45 RX48, 6pm



Eden Chorale, a mixed-voice community choir, will perform a varied selection from an ever-expanding repertoire. There will be pieces to suit all musical tastes including favourites such as *Danny Boy*, *What A Wonderful World*, *Queen's Somebody To Love* and some ABBA. A thoroughly enjoyable evening for all is assured.

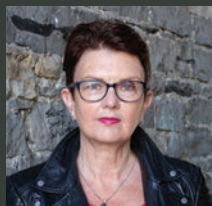
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## TULLAMORE LIBRARY

### AN EVENING WITH PATRICIA GIBNEY

R35 X226, 6pm



Patricia Gibney is a bestselling author whose debut novel, *The Missing Ones*, soared to number 2 on the Amazon UK Kindle charts and number 6 in the US. Additionally, it secured the top spot in all its categories and is a bestseller in the UK, US, Canada, and Australia. Join Patricia as she engages in a captivating discussion with Claire O'Brien, presenter of the Midlands 103 arts show, exploring the inspiration behind her gripping stories and the journey to literary success.

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tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie





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