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Culture Night will take place on Friday 22nd September 2023, this celebrates the thirteenth year since Offaly first took part in the national Culture Night celebrations.

This year is **One Night For All** across Offaly as we continue to connect with and celebrate our culture together. Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir is a national moment, an annual all-island public event, brought to you by the Arts Council to celebrate diversity of culture, creativity and the arts, while promoting the belief that rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives every day.

We invite you to come and experience **One Night For All**, where artists and venues will open doors and minds through a programme of FREE entertainment as part of our national celebration of arts and culture. In its thirteenth year, Offaly Culture Night offers communities, artists and venues the opportunity to connect through music, dance, visual art and much more with an eclectic range of events guaranteed to appeal to our rich and varied communities across the county. This year we are delighted to be funding five artist commissions as part of Culture Night, broadening the reach of projects that aim to connect and celebrate. Follow the arrows to plan your Culture Night trail.



At a glance...

EVENTS	LOCATION	TIME
<i>Granny Thompson's Costumed Rag Dolls</i> – Brendan House	Birr	4.00pm
<i>Tim Quinlan's Pop-Up Portrait Studio</i> – Commission - Birr Technology Centre	Birr	4.00pm
<i>Children's Workshops</i> – Esker Arts	Tullamore	4.00pm
<i>The Mosaic Murals – Official Unveiling</i> – Marian Hall Car Park	Birr	4.30pm
<i>Cultures of Edenderry</i> – Edenderry GAA Club	Edenderry	5.00pm
<i>What is Contemporary?</i> – Dance – Esker Arts	Tullamore	5.00pm
<i>Through My Eyes</i> – Offaly Down Syndrome Association Exhibition – Esker Arts	Tullamore	5.30pm
<i>The Lemon Tree</i> – Circus & Dance – The Growery	Birr	6.00pm
<i>The Open Youth Busk</i> – Music Generation Offaly – Esker Arts	Tullamore	6.00pm
<i>One Night – Many Songs</i> with Eden Chorale – Edenderry Library	Edenderry	6.30pm
<i>The Two Faces of Tomorrow</i> – Exhibition & Screening – JJ Houghs Singing Pub Banagher	Banagher	7.00pm
<i>Birr Town Stills</i> – Short Film & Exhibition – Birr Theatre & Arts Centre	Birr	7.00pm
<i>Stand Up</i> – Short Film Premiere – Esker Arts	Tullamore	7.00pm
<i>Capturing our Story</i> – Kilcormac Development Association	Kilcormac	7.00pm
<i>Culture Night at The Growery</i>	Birr	7.30pm
<i>Edenderry Tree Trail</i> – Commission – Edenderry Library	Edenderry	7.30pm
<i>The Cultural Café</i> – Moneygall Community Café	Moneygall	7.30pm
<i>Faces of Culture and Creativity</i> – Rahan Comhaltas – Charleville Castle	Tullamore	7.30pm
<i>Karin Leitner – Flautist</i> – Birr Theatre & Arts Centre	Birr	8.00pm
<i>Voices Of Edenderry</i> – Creative Places Edenderry Open Mic – St. Marys School Hall	Edenderry	8.00pm
<i>Musical All sorts</i> – Clara Musical Society	Clara	8.00pm
<i>Paddy Slattery Book Launch</i> – Esker Arts	Tullamore	8.00pm

BANAGHER

JJ HOUGH'S SINGING PUB: THE TWO FACES OF TOMORROW



7pm til late | JJ Hough's, Banagher



'The Two Faces of Tomorrow' is a one-night film screening and exhibition by Offaly artists Patrick Hough and Sheila Hough. The film, from which the event takes its title, is a 40-minute experimental documentary about algae; how they have shaped all life on our planet, and how they relate to the issue of Climate Change today. Accompanying the film screening will be an exhibition of new oil paintings by Sheila Hough, all created in response to film's theme. The event will also include a discussion and Q&A with the artists.

Commission funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office.

Booking not required



BIRR

GRANNY THOMPSON'S COSTUMED RAG DOLLS

4pm – 6pm

Brendan House ('The Flag House') & Tin Jug Studio, Saint Brendan Street, Birr.

Granny Thompson's renowned dolls will be posed - seated or standing - in the elegant setting of



Rosalind and Derek Fanning's Georgian home, with its period and artistic interior. A selection of these charming, witty, skinny costumed characters, from the many created by Rosalind's grandmother, will be shown within the drawing room, the hallways and two to three of the bedrooms. Victorian and Edwardian music will be played in the drawing room throughout the tour.

Booking: info@tinjugstudio.com



Artist Commissions

We are delighted to be funding five professional artist commissions this year showcasing a range of artforms. Ambitious, innovative, original and inclusive they offer opportunities for audiences and communities to see, hear, question and engage with a variety of art disciplines in four of Offaly's towns. These are the artists behind the works. See individual listings for details of all event details.



- 1. Amy Donlon**
What is Contemporary?
- 2. Eileen Casey & Jackie Lynch**
Birr Town Stills
- 3. Veronica Nicholson**
Edenderry Tree Trail
- 4. Tim Quinlan**
Pop-Up Portrait Studio
- 5. Sheila Hough & Patrick Hough**
The Two Faces Of Tomorrow



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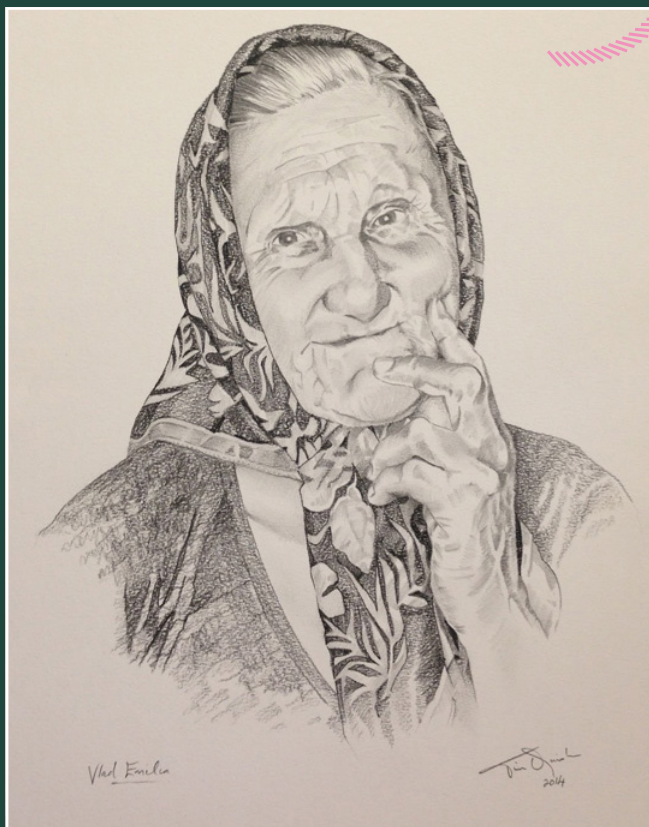
BIRR

TIM QUINLAN'S POP-UP PORTRAIT STUDIO

4pm – 7.30pm

Birr Technology Centre, R42 NT72

Commission Funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office
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Artist Tim Quinlan leads the live pop-up public art studio where participants will sit for a portrait drawing session. Visitors are also welcome to view and experience the process, which is as much about observing as it is about drawing or mark making. See art in motion as the artist uses charcoal on paper, creating fast-paced portraits on a large scale. The work will be hung and displayed for viewing.

Commission funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office.

Booking not required

Photo Credit: Tim Quinlan



THE MOSAIC MURALS: OFFICIAL UNVEILING

4.30pm

Marian Hall Carpark



This project was led by mosaic artist, Aidan Byrne with Birr Art Group exploring the heritage and culture of Birr town. The project is funded by Offaly County Council Creative Ireland Community Project and led by Birr Theatre & Arts Centre.

Booking not required

Photo credit:



THE LEMON TREE PERFORMANCE

6pm – 6.30pm

The Growery, No.1 Oxmantown Mall Garden



A comedy outdoor performance by drummer Bryan O'Connell and former Birr resident dance artist, Nick Bryson. The show includes juggling, dance, clowning, and drumming. The work was commissioned by Light Moves Dance Film Festival in Limerick and performed in Carlow Arts Festival. A show for all the family!

Booking not required

Photo Credit: Marcin Lewandowski





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BIRR

EILEEN CASEY & JACKIE LYNCH: *BIRR TOWN STILLS* EXHIBITION & FILM

7pm

Birr Theatre & Arts Centre

Commission Funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office
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Weathered wrought iron
Portal to pattern and shape
Melding together

Birr Town Stills



Poetry by Eileen Casey | Photography by Jackie Lynch

There's always a looking back, celebrating what Birr has gifted while looking forward to the future.

Through writing and photography, Poet Eileen Casey and Photographer Jackie Lynch capture impressions of a town where they were born and grew up in. A short film featuring photography and poetry will offer new insights into the landscape of Birr, focusing on 'hidden' elements as well as familiar ones, whilst the experience will be supplemented with the artists' speaking to their unique collaboration. A limited-edition publication of 'Birr Town Stills' will also be available on the night.

Commission funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office.

Bookings: www.birrtheatre.com

or the box office 057 9122911 (1 – 5.30pm)

Photo credit: Jackie Lynch



CULTURE NIGHT AT THE GROWERY

7.30 pm | No.1 Oxmantown Mall Garden, Birr



This annual Culture Night gathering features a medley of music, talks, recitals and spectacle in the environs of the urban food and cultural commons of The Growery, a tranquil walled garden restored by volunteers representing old and new cultures of Birr.

No booking required | Enquiries: 089 2324012



BIRR THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS: *KARIN LEITNER – FLAUTIST*

8pm | Birr Theatre & Arts Centre



Karin Leitner, flautist, will perform a selection of her own compositions for Irish tin whistle and orchestra along with some Irish ballads and well-known music from film scores including Film Music - Titanic, Lion King, Beauty & the Beast, Il Postino, The Mission, Cinema Paradiso. A selection of well-known Irish pieces like Inisheer and She Moved through the Fair and classical highlights will also feature during Karin's recital.

Bookings: www.birrtheatre.com

or the box office 057 9122911 (1 – 5.30pm)



CLARA



CLARA MUSICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS: *MUSICAL ALL SORTS*

8pm | Friends Meeting House

For over fifty years, the Clara Musical Society have been bringing quality entertainment and national award-winning productions to audiences in the midlands. They are delighted to return to Culture Night with an interactive fun way to enjoy musical theatre. The event will feature live performance of classic show tunes accompanied by live piano.

Bookings (Limited Numbers):
claramusicalsociety@gmail.com



EDENDERRY

CREATIVE PLACES EDENDERRY PRESENTS: *CULTURES OF EDENDERRY*

5pm to 9pm | Edenderry GAA Club



You are invited to 'Creative Community Social' – a special evening celebrating the diverse cultures and nationalities of Edenderry and surrounding areas. Hosted by Creative Places Edenderry in Edenderry GAA, it will be an opportunity for locals to both 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 that is part of our town. Everyone is welcome to come along during the evening and discover the diversity of cultural offerings in Edenderry! Interested in taking part and sharing something? Please contact: Nesrinelazaly@gmail.com

This event is supported by the Creative Places: Edenderry project funded by The Arts Council and is also part-funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

Bookings: Nesrinelazaly@gmail.com

Photo credit: Yvonne Cole-Dupuis



EDEN CHORALE PRESENTS: *ONE NIGHT – MANY SONGS*

6.30pm – 7.30pm
Edenderry Library



Eden Chorale, a mixed voice choir, will perform a varied repertoire including popular classics and sacred music in English and Latin. Musical Director Ciara O' Connor Hackett will lead the choir in this Culture Night choral celebration, with accompaniment by Brian Shanahan. The concert will reflect the varied repertoire of the choir.

Booking not required.

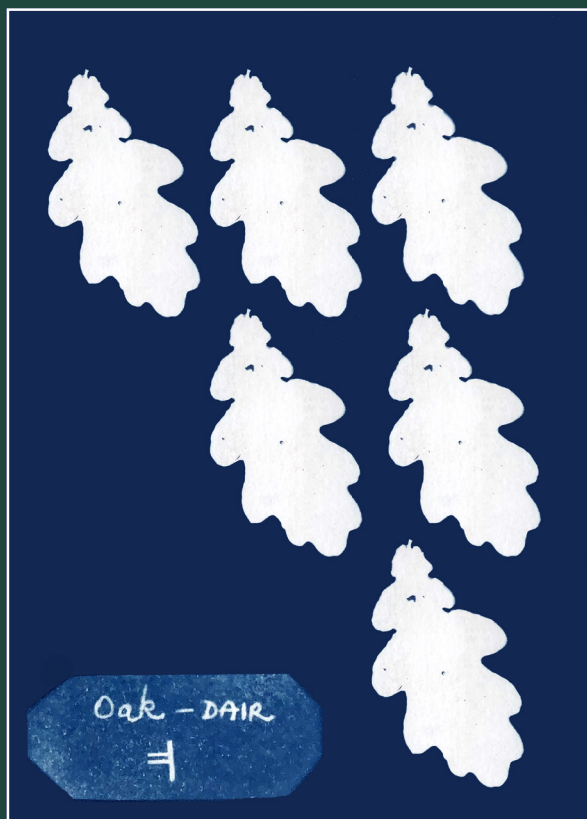


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EDENDERRY TREE TRAIL:
RIAN CRANN ÉADAN DOIRE

7.30pm

Edenderry Library

Commission Funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office
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A showing of a collection of cyanotype photographs from a collaborative project between local photographer Veronica Nicholson and students from Oaklands College Edenderry. Together they surveyed the trees in the public spaces in the town, creating a tree trail map, then created impressions of the trees on the trail using the 19th century cyanotype process. Veronica will give a short talk about the project at 7.30pm.

'No wonder that tree names pop up the names of towns and townlands, including Edenderry: brow of the oakwood. It seems we've always known the importance of trees and how they are essential to our existence.' – Veronica Nicholson

Commission funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office.

Bookings: 046 – 9732854

CREATIVE PLACES EDENDERRY PRESENTS:
VOICES OF EDENDERRY
OPEN MIC NIGHT

8pm – 10pm

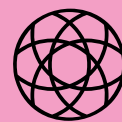
St. Mary's School Hall, Edenderry



An open mic night where group participants will perform pieces of work that were written throughout workshops run by Creative Places, Edenderry. This will be interspersed with observations, performances and readings from three guest Artists: Eugene O'Brien, John Grogan and Colin Hassar. There will also be an opportunity for local members of the Community to sign up to perform or read a piece of their own work. All welcome. Tea, coffee and cake will be served.

Booking: info@creativeplacesedenderry.ie





KILCORMAC

KILCORMAC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS: **CAPTURING OUR STORY**

7.00pm – 8.30pm

St. Joseph's Community Centre, Kilcormac



A project by Kilcormac Development Association with Maurice O'Keefe, Irish Life & Lore will be launched on Culture Night.

Irish Life & Lore was set up in 1990 by Maurice and Jane O'Keefe of Tralee Co. Kerry for the purpose of recording in audio and archiving oral history in Ireland. In 2022, they started working in association with Kilcormac Development Association to record the stories and memories of local people. Phase 2 of the project is underway. The recordings will capture memories of life as it was lived in earlier days in *the home*, the *workplace*, the *farm* and the *bog*.

The recordings will be made available to the Offaly County Library service who will host them on the local studies website.

For anyone interested in listening to recounts of times gone by, this one is for you!

For further details please visit:

www.offaly.ie/eng/Services/Libraries/Local-Studies/Local-Studies-Archives

Booking not required



MONEYGALL

MONEYGALL COMMUNITY CAFÉ PRESENTS:
INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CULTURE

7.30pm – 9pm

Moneygall Community Café



Moneygall Community Café invite our new international residents to share their cultural foods and music in our social space. We are all living in and sharing this community. Join us in our new Café, Rita's Kitchen, between 7.30pm and 9pm where we can all flavour the cultures we will share along with our national dishes, music and song. No booking required, but capacity is limited.

Booking not required



TULLAMORE

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

4pm
Esker Arts, Tullamore



Get creative on Culture Night with a workshop for the junior culture vultures at Esker Arts. Full details on www.eskerarts.ie

Bookings: www.eskerarts.ie



THROUGH MY EYES – OFFALY DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION PHOTO EXHIBITION

5.30 pm
Esker Arts Foyer

An exhibition of photos taken by adult members of Offaly Down Syndrome Association, under the mentorship of the PPAI Press Photographer of the Year for 2021 and 2022, James Crombie. In February 2023, funding allocated by Offaly County Council under the Disability Participation Fund, gave the group the resources to hire a venue to run a week-long course, purchase digital cameras for all of the participants, and curate the work of each participant. This exhibition will include images captured by the participants, some behind the scenes footage of the project as well as observational thoughts by Photographer James Crombie.

Booking not required



DONLON DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS: WHAT IS CONTEMPORARY?

5pm
Esker Arts , Tullamore



A bespoke new piece of dance choreographed and curated by Amy Donlon alongside the company students.

What is Contemporary? aims to answer this popular question through the art of movement. Contemporary dance is an expressive style that combines elements of several dance genres including Modern, Jazz, Lyrical and Classical Ballet. Throughout the creation process, the dancers will explore the connection between the mind and the body through fluid dance movements. The event will include contributions from other dance artists and community dance groups in the area.

Commission funded by Offaly County Council Arts Office.

Bookings: www.eskerarts.ie

Photo credit: James Crombie



TULLAMORE

THE OPEN YOUTH BUSK WITH MUSIC GENERATION OFFALY

6pm – 7pm | Esker Arts, Tullamore



Music Generation Offaly invites all young singers and musicians to our open mic evening as part of the Culture Night Offaly Celebrations. Come along to Esker Arts in Tullamore to showcase your singing and playing. For more details and to book your spot email mgo@loetb.ie All are welcome to support our bright young stars of the future!

Bookings: mgo@loetb.ie



STAND UP – SHORT FILM PREMIERE

7pm | Esker Arts, Tullamore



Pulling no punches, 'Stand Up' is a short film set in Edenderry about boxing and making a choice. Should Trey keep a promise to his single Mother or start to live his own life?

Directed by Diarmuid Noyes, shot and edited by Dereck McCreanor from a story by the cast and award-winning Playwright and Screenwriter, Eugene O'Brien, featuring very real authentic performances from four first time actors from The Acorn Project: Martyna Glica, Ander Mooney, Titas Sventoritas, and John Gorman. Kindly funded with assistance from NYCI.

Bookings: www.eskerarts.ie



QUIET THOUGHTS, BUT OUT LOUD PADDY SLATTERY BOOK LAUNCH AND LIVE INTERVIEW BY JOHN CONNORS & TIERNAN WILLIAMS

8pm | Esker Arts, Tullamore

The official launch of Paddy Slattery's book will include a live podcast style interview with the author hosted by John Connors and Tiernan Williams, as well as some entertainment from special guests on the night and audience talkback.

'Quiet thoughts, but out Loud' is a philosophical and observational book based on the challenges and the triumphs of Paddy Slattery's life which include a severe spinal cord injury leaving him paralyzed; two near death experiences and his debut film hitting the cinema and Netflix just as Covid was beginning to make headlines. In this book, he thinks out loud on his views of God, politics, society and everything in between.

Bookings: www.eskerarts.ie



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RAHAN COMHALTAS – *FACES OF CREATIVITY & CULTURE*

7.30pm until late | Charleville Castle

Together and under the Shakefest umbrella, Rahan Comhaltas hosts an exciting and eclectic evening of cultural talent and variety featuring a special 20-minute performance by Bubble Lock Hip Hop. Rahan Comhaltas, part of the parish of Rahan nearby, are very much involved in the support of the Charleville Castle community as a Culture Centre of the Irish Midlands and host this exciting array of entertainment as well as share their own music, dance and storytelling.

Bookings: info@shakefest.net



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