



CULTURE NIGHT

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FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026



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Culture Night Roscommon 2026: A Night to Remember!

One Night. Endless Possibilities.

Culture Night is a chance to connect with your community, discover hidden gems and celebrate the rich tapestry of Roscommon's cultural life.

Every Event is Free



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Ballaghaderreen

BALLAGHADERREEN LIBRARY

THE OPEN BOOK LIBRARY

A fun and interactive event where readers bridge the gap between the young and old. Students of St. Nathy's joined by Tuesday Whitfield will "borrow" a community member exploring history and personal stories.

Time: 16.00 – 17.00

Booking required: creativeplacesballagh@gmail.com

MARKET SQUARE, BALLAGHADERREEN

THE KIOSK CONVERSATIONS

An invitation to gather, reflect, and imagine together. Join Creative Places Artist Researcher Catherine Fanning to design a suspended hexagonal installation! A welcoming space where ideas and conversations can unfold, share your hopes for the future of the Creative Places Community Kiosk.

Time: 17.00 – 19.30

Booking required: creativeplacesballagh@gmail.com

Ballinlough

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

STORIES IN THE MAKING

Screening of short documentary film *Stories in the Making* by local film maker Kathy Raftery in collaboration with the Ballinlough – Granlahan Active Retirement Association. Screening every half hour from 5.30pm. Knitting and crochet work on display by members of the Active Retirement Association.

Time: 17.30 – 20.30

No booking required

Ballydangan

MOORE COMMUNITY HALL

ARTS SHOWCASE

Showcasing art, crafts, poetry, music and dance from the local community and further afield.

Time: 18.00 – 22.00

No booking required

ANNEMARIE HYNES

AnneMarie Hynes performing some of her own music woven with songs by Dolores Keane. Accompanied by Maura O'Brien and the Forget Me Not Community Choir.

Time: 19.30 – 20.15

No booking required

Boyle

BOYLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

BOYLE FILM CLUB

Boyle Film Club Evening of Puppetry with the show *Granny and the Salmon of Knowledge* by Little Gem Puppets followed by screening of documentary film *Pulling Strings - Eugene Lambert*, directed by Damien Farrell.

Time: 18:30 - 21:00

No booking required

CREIGHTON'S BAR

CHRISTINE TOBIN WITH PHIL ROBSON

There is a Place for Us, Christine Tobin with Phil Robson - inspired by the Leonard Bernstein song and by the warmth and welcoming community spirit of the Hidden Heartlands.

Time: 20:15 - 21:30

Booking requested not essential: creightonsbar@gmail.com

KING HOUSE

RORY NEVIN

Rehearsed reading and Q&A Session of work in progress *The Bovinity*. The play explores the dairy industry, methods and processes of dairy farming, treatment of animals (and cruelty) in terms of making profits, Irish mythology and language and cows.

Time: 18.00 - 18.50

Booking requested not essential: 087 144 4739 / kinghouse@roscommoncoco.ie

SINGER / SONGWRITER DEIRDRE CUNNINGHAM

Deirdre is an Irish singer songwriter and guitarist. Deirdre's writing styles encompass Folk, Rock, Country and Contemporary. Deirdre and her band will lead you on a magical musical journey to the wilds, open roads, mountain peaks and beyond.

Time: 19.00 - 20.00

Booking requested not essential 087 144 4739 / kinghouse@roscommoncoco.ie

BOYLE CIVIC ART COLLECTION

Culture Night provides an opportunity to view the Boyle Civic Art Collection exhibited in King House. The 2024-2026 Exhibition presents 90 pieces of painting and sculpture, showcasing a broad range of media and the best of contemporary Irish artists, capturing the essence of the Boyle Civic Art Collection.

Time: 17.00 - 20.00

No booking required

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Boyle

NEW ART GALLERY

MEET THE ARTISTS

Meet the Artists - An informal evening to visit the gallery, meet and talk to the artists about their practice and exhibited artworks.

Time: 17.00 - 19.00

No booking required

ÚNA BHÁN TOURISM

PERFUME WORKSHOP

Make Your Own Perfume workshop with Ola Gan Ora Aromatherapy. Learn about natural fragrance blending. Create your own personalised perfume.

Time: 17.00 - 18.30

Booking: unabhanmanager@gmail.com

Castlerea

CASTLEREA LIBRARY

PAPER CRAFT-MAKING

Yvonne Platt Paper craft-making. Using material that has been discarded, the activity will provide the opportunity to make sustainable art from what is usually called 'rubbish'.

Time: 16.00 - 17:00

No booking required

TRINITY ARTS CENTRE

VISUAL ART TRAIL AND EXHIBITION

Memory Lane, an historical art trail based around Castlerea accompanied by an exhibition comprised of a collection of 2D and 3D artworks created by GRETB art students.

Time: 18:00 - 22.00

No booking required

RED LINE COMEDY

Red Line Comedy is bringing the Wild Galway Comedy Club Experience to Trinity as part of their Irish and European Tour. Your host is Roscommon Comedian & Red Line co-founder Cathal Shanagher. Acts on the night include Enda Whitney, Seán Ryan, Ken Lindsay and Headliner Colin Murphy.

Time: 20:00 - 22:00

Booking required via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Cootehall

MCGAHERN BARRACKS

READINGS FROM JOHN MCGAHERN

As evening falls come for readings from and about John McGahern, where memory, landscape, and story entwined, illuminating the quiet beauty of the ordinary that lies at the heart of his work.

Time: 19:00 – 20:30

No booking required

WORKSHOP FOR WRITERS

Wayne Denniston - Discussion and workshop for writers on how to get their work published. Wayne will also discuss his forthcoming novel *Fake Tan*.

Time: 20:30 – 21:00

No booking required

Clonown

CLONOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

AMY ABDULLAH BARRY

Writer Amy Abdullah Barry hosts a lively, family-friendly celebration of poetry, music, song and magic, featuring performances by Clonown NS school children playing musical instruments showcasing their musical talents.

Time: 19:00 – 20:00

No booking required

Frenchpark

DOUGLAS HYDE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

CLAIRE ROCHE - HAPIST

A beautiful selection of songs presented with 3 Harps – an 1850's Erard Concert Harp, a 1998 Paddy Cafferky Irish Harp and a Camac Deborah Henson Conant electric blue harp.

Time: 18:15 – 19:15

No booking required

BANJO SOCIAL

Join Therese Hanly and Colm Beggan for an evening of all things banjo. They hope to give inspiration, motivation and encouragement to people of all ages learning music.

Time: 19:30 – 21:00

No booking required

Keadue

ST. RONAN'S HALL

ANAM AN CHEOIL

An evening of music, song and dance presented by the very talented members of Keadue CCÉ.

Time: 20:30 – 22:30

No booking required

Knockcroghery

CULLEEN HALL

HERITAGE AND STORYTELLING

A night of local heritage and storytelling in the atmospheric Culleen Hall.

Time: 20:00 – 21:30

No booking required

Monksland

MONKSLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE CHAPTER CLINIC

A practical creative writing workshop for adults and young adults (16+) on how to craft a compelling opening chapter. Led by novelist and writing tutor Martin J. P. Devaney, it explores character, voice, pacing and structure, and looks at what agents and publishers expect from a strong opening.

Time: 18:00 – 19:30

Booking requested not essential: 085 138 4776/ bookings@martinjpdevaney.com

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Roscommon Town

JJ HARLOW'S

THEATRE / COMEDY PERFORMANCE

Roscommon Drama Group present bite-sized theatre – a lively engaging sketch comedy performance designed to bring accessible, high-quality drama, directly to the heart of the community. (2 x 20-minute performances)

Time: 17.30 and 20.00 No booking required

ROSCOMMON ARTS CENTRE

DANCE WORKSHOP

Undercurrent presents a cultural dance celebration. An intergenerational and intercultural workshop event celebrating the joy of dance, community and culture! No previous experience needed - all welcome.

Time: 16.00 - 18.30

Booking: <https://roscommonartscentre.ie/> (0)90 662 5824

PERFORMANCE ART BY NOEL MOLLOY

Somewhere someone is ... 2026 Live Performance Art by Noel Molloy in the foyer. Somewhere someone is doing abnormal things in normal situations.

Time: 17.30 - 18.00

Booking: <https://roscommonartscentre.ie/> (0)90 662 5824

NOEL MOLLOY AND ARTHUR DUIGNAN IN CONVERSATION

A conversation on the development of Noel's Art Practice in Roscommon and related topics on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Roscommon Arts Centre - its beginnings and development.

Time: 18.00 - 18.30

Booking: <https://roscommonartscentre.ie/> (0)90 662 5824

HOLDING GROUND ART EXHIBITION

Through sculpture and painting, Kate Oram, Conor O'Connell and Marita O'Hanlon each approach place from a distinct perspective, considering archaeology, ecology and personal experience. Curated by Laura Mahon.

Time: 16.00 - 21.30 No booking required

Roscommon Town

ROSCOMMON ARTS CENTRE

ECHOES OF ÉIREANN

Echoes of Éireann presented by Roscommon Older People's Council, showcases Irish culture. Featuring music, singing, sean nós dancing and storytelling with contributions from Piper's Cross Band, Mná na hÉireann, Cór Comáin and a traditional Irish Music youth orchestra, among others.

Time: 19.30 - 21.30

Booking: <https://roscommonartscentre.ie/> (0)90 662 5824

MARKET SQUARE

AN MADRA RUA PUPPETS ON THE MARKET SQUARE

Sean Egan/Miachara Productions: A fox wakes from her slumber, emerges from her den and bounds around, interacting with the audience until a hunter arrives...

A mature piece of theatre for young audiences that conveys an environmentalist and anti-fox hunting message.

(6 x 10-minute performances)

Time: 16.00 - 18.00 No booking required

Strokestown

STROKESTOWN PARK

FLOWERS ART WORKSHOP

Join Jacqueline Duignan in the heart of the Victorian Walled Garden for a hands-on art workshop inviting participants to explore the creative possibilities of mixed media using a combination of pastels, inks, collage materials, and print. Participants will create individual floral artworks.

Time: 16.00 - 18.00

Booking required: <https://strokestownpark.ie/events/>

CAOINEADH AIRT UÍ LAOGHAIRE /

THE LAMENT FOR ART O'LEARY

A one-off bilingual performance of Eibhlín Dubh Ní Chonaill's riveting keen Caoineadh Airt Uí Laoghaire 'The Lament for Art O' Leary' in the Vaulted Stables. Christina Carty (Downton Abbey/Belonging to Laura) will play Eibhlín, while Iranian English director, Amelia Hashemi directs.

Time: 19.00 - 19.45

Booking required: <https://strokestownpark.ie/events/>

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STROKESTOWN PARK

TRADITIONAL CONCERT

Emily Keane (Flute) and Emma Benson (Harp) in the Galleried Kitchen. Two of Roscommon's most accomplished musicians for a duet performance celebrating the traditional music of North Connacht, with a focus on Roscommon's distinctive repertoire and style.

Time: 20:00 - 21:00

Booking required: <https://strokestownpark.ie/events/>

Tulsk

RATHCROGHAN VISITOR CENTRE

CEOL & FILÍOCHT / MUSIC & POETRY

Deaglán O'Finthigheirn Ceol & Filíocht i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla - Music & Poetry in Irish and English.

Time 20:30 - 22.00

Booking required: 071 963 9268 / info@rathcroghan.ie

Fringe Event

Friday 18TH

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| 17:00 | Boyle GAA Pitch Launch of Irish Hot Air Ballooning Championship 2026
Face painting and DJ (Weather dependant) |
| 22.00 | St. Patrick's Well 80's Disco |

Saturday 19th

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| 18:30 | King House Music in the Courtyard |
| 21:00 | Fireworks (Weather dependant) |

Irish Hot Air Ballooning Championship 2026 Lough Key Forest
Saturday 19th September to Friday 25th inclusive Irish Hot Air Balloon Championships
<https://www.ballooningchampionships.ie/>

Culture Night Late

MOTION CHAPEL, GRANLAHAN, CO. ROSCOMMON

Doors: 8.00pm | Performance begins: 9.00pm

Free event | Booking essential

www.motionchapel.com/culturenight2026

Celebrate Culture Night with an unforgettable evening of spectacle, contemporary circus, fire and live music at Motion Chapel.

The night begins outdoors with Ephemera, a stunning spectacle production by VolkiDána. Combining giant puppetry, aerial acrobatics, dance, fire performance and immersive procession, Ephemera tells the story of an ancient deity awakened for one final journey across the earth. Rich in mythology, striking visuals and contemporary circus, this is a powerful experience for audiences of all ages.

The evening also features special guest performances from Cikada Circus.

From 11.00pm until late, the celebrations continue inside the chapel with a high-energy live set from Death Milkshake, whose unique blend of disco, punk, alt-rock and live looping promises the perfect end to Culture Night. Food/Refreshments on the night MK Bia / Brewpoint

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FULL DETAILS OF EACH EVENT AVAILABLE AT

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