



# CULTURE NIGHT

**2024 Culture Night Roscommon  
Friday 20th September, 5pm - late**

**Roscommon Venue Call-Out  
and  
Commemorations – Culture Night Commission €5,000**

Culture Night 2024 will take place on Friday 20th September from 5pm till late.

We are delighted to open the call for Culture Night Roscommon 2024 events and now seek expressions of interest from cultural venues who would like to take part in this year's programme.

Culture Night is a national moment celebrating culture, creativity and the arts, and seeks to actively promote the belief that this rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives today and every day. All events are free of charge.

A similar call out will be made to Roscommon artists who would like to participate, and pairings can be made between venues and artists if this is not already indicated.

Celebrating culture on Culture Night includes celebrating the arts, knowledge and stories, language, traditions and rituals, techniques and skills, food and drink, shared values and sense of community.

This registration process is for Roscommon cultural organisations who wish to be included in the Culture Night Roscommon programme. The process is only open to venue-based organisations. The types of venues that can apply include, but are not limited to, galleries, theatres, libraries, historical houses, museums, parks, community centres, churches and artist studios.

Funding is limited for this venue call-out and geographical spread will be considered when allocations of support are assessed. Depending on the level of interest, the value of funding is likely to be in the region of €250 - €500 per artist/venue.

If you wish to be considered for an artist/venue pairing for Culture Night Roscommon 2024, please [fill in this form](#) online. You can also email any queries to [culturenightroscommon24@mail.com](mailto:culturenightroscommon24@mail.com).

**Deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is 5pm, June 14th, 2024.**

## Commemorations - Culture Night Commission - €5,000

Roscommon County Council Arts Office - with funding from the Commemorations Unit at the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media - wishes to support Roscommon-based artists and creative communities to develop community-led commemorative initiatives, which incorporate an event on Culture Night.

We invite cultural venues and community groups, working with an individual artist/creative or an artist/creative team to submit an application for consideration for this commission to the value of €5,000. The Commemorations Programme is offered this year to support community-led commemorative initiatives to mark the centenaries of locally significant historical events in 1924 and in the early years of the State, as well as other significant anniversaries and associated themes.

### Potential Themes

*Community-led commemoration and reflection:* Remembering local legacies, personalities, places, events, and themes that had particular significance for counties and communities in 1924 and in the early years of the State. Exploring local connections with nationally important events and how these events were experienced or received locally.

*Ireland and the Wider World:* Exploring the international dimension, including local connections, emigration, and the role of the Irish Diaspora in the events that occurred during the early years of the State. Exploring how events in Ireland were received and reported abroad.

*Experiences of Women:* Exploring the experiences of women during the early years of the State and their contribution to the events that occurred, including their changing role in society.

*Democracy and Politics:* Exploring the prominent personalities and local issues associated with elections during this period.

*Exploring other historical events and related themes:* Their significance for the local authority area (e.g. the Great Famine; the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829; the 75th anniversary of the Republic of Ireland Act).

To submit a proposal for the *Commemorations - Culture Night Commission €5,000* please email the following information to [artsofficer@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:artsofficer@roscommoncoco.ie).

### APPLICATION PROCESS

One document must be submitted, labelled with the name of the applicant and partner artist/creative, with the following details:

- Project proposal (max 2-page) outlining the ideas and concepts for the project, location of event on Culture Night, budget and timeline;
- A current CV (max 2-page, or one for each member of the team, if applicable);
- Details incl low res images of two recent, relevant projects (up to a max of 2 images per project).
- Applications will be assessed using the following **criteria** which should be used as headings in your submission:

- **Previous experience** of creating and delivering a similar commission (30/100)
- **Quality of concept** for a new and imaginative work which reflects the intention of the Roscommon commission and the Commemoration themes & objectives relevant to Roscommon (30/100)
- **High artistic merit** and work which is imaginative, engaging and relevant to Culture Night 2024 (30/100)
- **Budget detail** - value for money. Clearly achievable within the available budget and timeline (10/100)

#### **BUDGET €5,000:**

The total inclusive budget of €5,000 should include artist fees, any other professional service fees, research fees, materials, print and fabrication, insurance, transportation, travel, accommodation and VAT..

Payment will issue to the Venue/Community Group as applicant.

The final piece must be made available to Roscommon County Council and funding partners for sharing on websites/social media thereafter and for archival purposes.

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