

# Cruinniú na nÓg

# Carlow



# What's On!

Saturday 15th June 2024

A day of free creativity for children and young people!  
Unleash your creative spirit!



Come join us as we celebrate our national day of **FREE** creativity for children and young people under 18. Cruinniú na nÓg Carlow celebrates and encourages participation in culture and creativity through performance, theatre, art, dance, music-making, special events and much more!

**10-11am & 11.15am-12.15pm**  
**Design Your Own Comic Book Cover Workshop with Illustrator Declan Pierce!**

@ Borris Library

Are you a Comic book fan? Then join us at Borris Library to design your own comic cover! Not to be missed by young comic fans. An artist with training in classical animation, Declan will guide budding comic artists through the process of illustration in this exciting workshop.

**For Ages 9-12**  
To book email: [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie)



**10am-11am & 11.15am-12.15pm**  
**Creative Fun Crafts with Jean!**  
@ Carlow Central Library

This workshop will focus on improving creative skills and encouraging imaginative activities. Jean is a regular at Carlow library and her arts and crafts workshops are always very popular!  
**Session 1: Ages 5-8. Session 2: Ages 9-12.**  
To book email: [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie)

**10am-12pm**  
**Cruinniú na nÓg Art Exhibition**  
@ Ballinabranna NS

The young people of Ballinabranna NS are excited to undertake a brand new Cruinniú na nÓg Art Project and Exhibition! Over four weeks, young people will work with artists from Tribe Arts Studio to create 2 amazing collaborative art projects which will go on display in the school hall on Cruinniú na nÓg.  
To find out more visit [ballinabranna-school.ie](http://ballinabranna-school.ie) or email: [principal@ballinabranna-school.ie](mailto:principal@ballinabranna-school.ie)



**10.30am**  
**Fantastical Fun with Joe the Magician**

@ Forward Steps Family Resource Centre, Tullow

Prepare to be mesmerised, thrilled and delighted as Joe interacts through a magical performance inviting you to be spellbound for Cruinniú! Suitable for children of all ages. On the day there will be face painting, balloons and ice-cream for all! Parents must remain with their children and registration is required. **To book email: [pamelaforwardsteps@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaforwardsteps@gmail.com)**

**11am AHA African Storytellers**  
@ Bagenalstown Library

An exciting morning of stories, dance, song and poetry inspired by the mystical folklore of Africa! Children will have the chance to share in African culture through song, storytelling and more in a fun and interactive way, showcasing traditional African costumes, instruments and artwork.  
For more info email: [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie)

**11am-3pm Inspire Sessions**  
@Cruinniú na nÓg Music HUB, Colaiste Aindriu, Bagenalstown

Inspire Sessions is designed to accommodate young musicians at varying levels of their development — from beginner to the more seasoned — with a focus on not just skill enhancement but also to stimulate creativity with the opportunity to work with professional guest artists from a spectrum of musical disciplines.  
**For Ages 9-18.** To book email MGC at: [musicgenerationcarlow@kcetb.ie](mailto:musicgenerationcarlow@kcetb.ie)

**11am-12.30pm & 2-3.30pm**  
**Art Outside - Forest School Workshop**  
@ VISUAL Carlow

Suitable for ages 6-12 (parents can drop off and collect participants). Join **Maura Brennan** for a forest school inspired workshop to create beautiful nature-inspired prints. There will be additional games and activities set up in the grounds of VISUAL for outdoor play.  
**Free event but booking is required through VISUAL website: [www.visualcarlow.ie](http://www.visualcarlow.ie)**



**11am-5pm The Big Dig**  
@ Carlow County Museum Carpark, College Street, Carlow town

The **School of Irish Archaeology** is proud to introduce the next step in the evolution of creative and hands-on learning for our younger generation. The workshop gives children the chance to experience what it is like to be an archaeologist by learning how to excavate the remains of a Viking house. As they dig through the site, participants will unearth Viking treasures and artefacts dating back 1,000 years. Book your free slot here: [www.tinyurl.com/The-Big-Dig](http://www.tinyurl.com/The-Big-Dig)  
**Slots are hourly from 11 until 4pm**

**11.30am-2pm**  
**The Wonder and Magic of Nature**  
@ Forward Steps Family Resource Centre, Tullow

Join **OWLS** which is the children's nature charity, this will be a unique and fun experience for children to equip them with skills of surviving outdoors and foster a love for nature, including games such as camp building and archery. Parents must remain with their children and registration is required. **For Ages 7-12.**  
To book, email: [pamelaforwardsteps@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaforwardsteps@gmail.com)

**11.30am-1.30pm**  
**Bagenalstown in Bloom Community Festival**  
@ Bagenalstown Scouts Den

The 2nd Carlow Scouts Troup, Bagenalstown in collaboration with Bagenalstown Area Community Development Group have designed a series of workshops for young people which will take place from 13th May weekly to create art in the form of Music, Dance and Pottery. On Cruinniú the young people involved will present the public with a brand new exhibition of their work. Also on the day will be children's entertainment and art workshops for young people to come and experience. This project will help earn the scouts involved a Community Badge!



For more info contact Carol: **085 7478519**



**11.30am-12.30pm & 2.30-3.30pm**  
**Art Outside - Play with Clay Workshop**  
@ VISUAL Carlow

Play with Clay is a fun workshop suitable for **ages 1 - 5**. Explore the magic of our local ancient history through clay and sculpture with artist **Siobhán Jordan**. We'll make our own imagined world with clay and natural materials. Parents must attend with their child.  
**Free event but booking is required through VISUAL website: [www.visualcarlow.ie](http://www.visualcarlow.ie)**

**12pm**  
**Tullow Road Youth Project - Community Dance and Street Performance**  
@ John Sweeney Park



Carlow Regional Youth Service Tullow Road Youth Project are thrilled to present this Community Dance and Street Performance project! Over a number of weeks, project participants will engage with a professional dance artist and spectacle performers. Young participants will learn about performance, costumes, prop design and construction and will bring a choreographed parade to the streets for the Tullow Road Community Carlow.

For more details email: [brid@carlowys.ie](mailto:brid@carlowys.ie)

**1-2pm Bridges - Fostering Connections Through Artistic Dialogue with Equal Chances Polish School**  
@ Presentation College, O'Brien Road, Carlow, R93 F298

This event, organised by Equal Chances Polish School, aims to foster cultural diversity acceptance and social interaction among young people through art and intercultural dialogue. Theatre and music workshops will focus on non-verbal intercultural communication, encouraging social interaction through theatre, dance, and music. Participants will develop skills and techniques, gaining deeper perceptions into using art for cross-cultural understanding.  
**To find out more email [Elzbieta Jurek: rowne.szanse@o2.pl](mailto:Elzbieta.Jurek@o2.pl)**



2-3.30pm

## Meatball Madness – Hands on cookery class

@ The Good Life Cookery School, Knocklishen, Rathvilly, R93 C564

Grab your apron, take a spot at the island, roll up your sleeves & dig in! We will be making homemade meatballs, pasta & garlic bread! We cook, we learn, we laugh & then we feast!

**The Good Life Cookery School** in Rathvilly aims to get kids interested in food, cookery and all the fun that goes with it! This Cruinniú na nÓg we are looking forward to seeing new faces enjoy the process and maybe even trying some new tastes! This is the mother of all classes and it's going to be epic! **For ages 5-12.**

To book email: [nataliecassells@yahoo.com](mailto:nataliecassells@yahoo.com) / **086 170 2462**



5-7.15pm

## Creative Places Bagenalstown's Pop-up Cinema Event

@ McGrath Hall Bagenalstown, R21 WR66

### 5.30pm: A Short Movie by Animating Bagenalstown Project & Create School

Join us as students from Queen of the Universe and St. Brigid's Boys national schools come together to create their own stop motion animation movie using Lego minifigures. Crafted through weeks of immersive workshops, the students will delve into the town's local history capturing the essence of our community's heritage and showing it creatively using stop motion animation. The project will take place over the month of May and one thing is for certain, you won't have seen Bagenalstown like this before!



### 5.40pm: The Secret of Kells (pc)

(Suitable for Primary School Age)

In the remote Irish woods, Cellach (Brendan Gleeson) prepares a fortress for an impending attack by a Viking war party. Unbeknownst to Cellach, his young nephew Brendan (Evan McGuire) – who has no taste for battle – works secretly as an apprentice in the scriptorium of the local monastery, learning the ancient art of calligraphy. As the Vikings approach, revered illuminator Aidan (Mick Lally) arrives at the monastery and recruits Brendan to complete a series of dangerous, magical tasks.

This is a free event but booking is required on: [www.eventbrite.com/e/cinema-cruinni-na-nog-bagenalstown-tickets-886153327457](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cinema-cruinni-na-nog-bagenalstown-tickets-886153327457)



Online from 11am

## St. Bridget's National School Arts Radio!

### Radio Programme - online

Supported by Creative Places Bagenalstown, Artist-nun organisation Muine Bheag Arts will work with students from St Brigid's NS, Muine Bheag on a series of workshops which will facilitate the children to produce their own radio programme. The final outcome will be broadcast through Muine Bheag Arts Radio on 15th June to coincide with Cruinniú na nÓg.

**The St. Bridget's National School Arts Radio episode will be available from 11am on 15th June on [www.muinebheagarts.com/Radio](http://www.muinebheagarts.com/Radio) and across all major streaming platforms.**



From 12pm

## Lego STEAM Masterpiece! with Bishop Foley NS

Exhibition @ Bishop Foley NS, Railway Road, Carlow

Use your imagination to re-think the world of arts! Over several weeks students from Bishop Foley NS will imagine and innovate new ways to create and communicate art across the globe. Through a series of innovative workshops children will be introduced to STEAM concepts through designing and building Lego to create their own masterpieces, and their finished work will be exhibited at the school from 12pm..

To find out more email: [p.doran@bishopfoleyschool.ie](mailto:p.doran@bishopfoleyschool.ie)

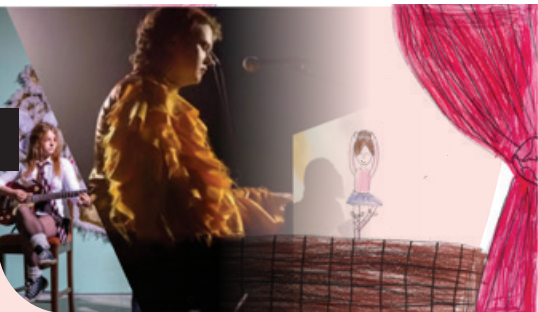


VISUAL Carlow's Learning Programme in collaboration with VISUAL Collective presents:

## BEHIND THE CURTAIN CLUB

Young people aged 15 - 20 are invited to join this new music club at VISUAL led by **Tadhg Griffin** with **DJ Robbie Kitt**. During these weekly sessions the group will write, share and learn songs together, perform as a band and work towards a public event on Cruinnú at VISUAL, the first ever Behind The Curtain Club night! Electronic music artist Robbie Kitt will host DJ workshops. Participants will get a chance to learn how DJing works, get a hands-on experience of using DJ equipment and facilitate them to play their favourite music at the Behind The Curtain Club night. Participants can bring instruments they play, though participation is encouraged if you don't play or sing; everyone will be included!

To book a place please email Clare Breen at: [learning@visualcarlow.ie](mailto:learning@visualcarlow.ie) Places will be limited. Sessions will take place: Afternoons of 17th, 24th and 31st of May, 7th, 8th and 14th of June. **Event takes place on the 15th June** - participants should try to participate in all sessions!



6-9pm

## A night of Music by and for Young People

Live Performance & Disco @ VISUAL, Carlow

Will you be there for the first ever Behind The Curtain Club night? Young people are invited to come on down to VISUAL for the first ever Curtain Club night with live music performance and disco hosted by the VISUAL Collective with artist Tadhg Griffin and DJ Robbie Kitt. This night of celebration will showcase performers and musician's talents in VISUAL's galleries.

All are welcome, admission is free, first-come first served basis. For more info: [www.visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/behind-the-curtain-club](http://www.visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/behind-the-curtain-club)



Online from 11am

## Seomra Traidisiúnta

Film on Facebook [CreativeIrelandCarlow](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeIrelandCarlow)

This is an immersive, creative programme for children and young people under the expert guidance of traditional singer & folklore collector **Rachel Uí Fhaoláin** (Ceol Mo Chroí) and digital storyteller **John Ó Faoláin** (Traditional Archive Channel). In the weeks leading up to Cruinniú na nÓg, John & Rachel will work with the pupils from St. Michael's National School, in Newtown, Co. Carlow. The children will actively engage in traditional song & folklore, with a specific focus on the customs associated with the month of May, including the May Bush tradition in Co. Carlow, local sayings and traditional rhymes. With hands-on learning with professional filming and audio equipment, the children will take a leading role in digital technology. A special film piece created by the children of St. Michael's will be premiered online as part of Cruinniú na nÓg.

A link to the film will be available on the day from [CreativeIrelandCarlow](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeIrelandCarlow) on FaceBook



12-3pm

## The Vault Percussion Sessions

@ CRYS: The Vault

The team at the Vault are delighted to host a series of **Percussion Workshops** for young people to try their hand at drumming through box drumming and classic drumming, and work together to compose a piece to perform on Saturday 15th of June as part of Cruinniú na nÓg.

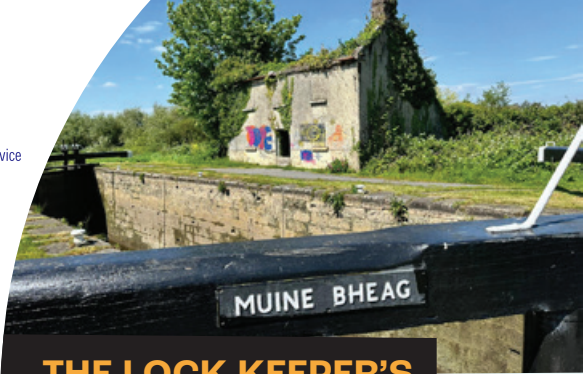
On the 15th of June young people will perform the pieces they have developed and curated with the aid of facilitator **Aran**.

Refreshments and food will be provided to the young people and members of the public on the day, including halal food for people of different cultural/religious backgrounds.

To get involved contact Amy Brophy @ CRYS: amyb@carlowys.ie



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## THE LOCK KEEPER'S MEMORIES

11.30am & 3pm

The Lock Keeper's Memories is an inclusive promenade performance made for, with and by the local community of Bagenalstown, and directed and written by artist **Hugh W. Brown**. This unique happening in Bagenalstown is commissioned by Creative Places Bagenalstown. The artist has been working with the local community for several months to devise this participatory experience for all the family to come and see and features a cast of actors, musicians and circus performers from the local community and beyond.

Starting at the Lock Keeper's House on the River Barrow, it leads its audience on a theatrical journey to a variety of special locations in the town of Bagenalstown, finishing at the Parochial House, Station Road.

Led by the irrepresible and charmingly eccentric **Cairdín Sweeney** you can expect to witness the unfolding of a fun and magical tale that in it's telling of one man's recollections finds us encountering and celebrating our own special memories.

### WHERE ?

**Starting Point:** Lock Keeper's House on the River Barrow

### WHEN ?

Either **11.30am & 3pm**

### DURATION ?

Please note: **allow 2 hours, this is a walking event which includes a steep hill!**

For details email: artsservice@carlowcoco.ie



## 2pm Unveiling of the 'Taking Flight' Mural!

@ Borris Town Library

Carlow Regional Youth Service - South Carlow Hub - are delighted to present **'Taking Flight'** - a visual art project based on the themes of growing up and nature. Over 8 weeks of workshops participants will develop a visual art and poetry piece that will depict **the life cycle of the Crow**, a bird native to the South Carlow area - the work will also reference the young people's own experiences of growing up and flying the nest.

On Saturday 15th of June the finished art work will be unveiled to the community of Borris, South County Carlow.

To find out more visit: [www.facebook.com/carlowyouth](http://www.facebook.com/carlowyouth) or email: [marcella@carlowys.ie](mailto:marcella@carlowys.ie)



## On Facebook from 3pm Curious Carlow Podcasts

@ Carlow County Museum

Carlow County Museum, Create School and Bishop Foley National School are teaming up for this year's Curious Carlow podcast project! The project will be undertaken in the weeks leading up to Cruinniú na nÓg with the two 5th classes in Bishop Foley NS with a launch hosted on the afternoon of June 15th in Carlow County Museum.



The staff of Carlow County Museum and Create School will work directly with the pupils both in the classroom and in the Museum to learn, research, script write, record and edit a series of podcasts about Carlow's history. The podcasts will have a focus on intergenerational podcasts where pupils will interview their grandparents about life in Carlow in yesteryear. Carlow County Museum is admission free.

A link to the podcasts will be available on Facebook [CreativeIrelandCarlow](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeIrelandCarlow) More info, email: [dmulligan@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:dmulligan@carlowcoco.ie)



## 3-4pm This Is Us!

@ the grounds of VISUAL Carlow

Carlow Youth Theatre presents 'This is Us!' - a project developed by Carlow Youth Theatre. Working on the theme, 'What We Thought You Needed to Know' - young participants will present a devised performance piece by young people of Carlow, based on their own lives, concerns and thoughts.

For details visit: [www.facebook.com/CarlowYT](http://www.facebook.com/CarlowYT)

## 6.30pm Theatre Performance

## OUR JOURNEY TO YOUTH REACH!

@ An Gairdín Beo, Old Dublin Road, Carlow, R93 E1HF

Take A Part Carlow in collaboration with Carlow Youth Reach is delighted to present Our Journey to Youth Reach!

Over 15 weeks young people from Youth Reach Carlow will work with writer **Clifton Redmond** and theatre practitioner **Emma O'Brien** and graphic artist **Paul Byrne** to develop a brand new theatre piece designed, developed and created by, with and for the young learners at Carlow Youth Reach. It will feature their own words, dramatisation, costumes, props and acting and will be based on telling the story about their journey to Youth Reach.

For details email: [takeapartcarlow@gmail.com](mailto:takeapartcarlow@gmail.com)



12-3pm

## Creative Ireland Project: Rhyme Island - Rap is for Everyone with Carlow Regional Youth Service

@ CRYS: The Vault

Creative Ireland Carlow working with CRYS and Rhyme Island commissioned a Rap song writing workshop for 13-18 year olds which took place in May. A special film will be presented on Saturday 15th June showcasing the performance!

For details email: [amyb@carlowys.ie](mailto:amyb@carlowys.ie)



Creative Ireland and Carlow Arts Office would like to acknowledge the following for their support on this programme:



Cruinniú na nÓg Carlow is part of the Creative Ireland Programme and is coordinated and managed by Carlow County Council Arts Service.

# Your Cruinniú na nÓg Carlow Guide

All events are FREE. See full event listings for booking information.

Venue	Event	Time	Age
Borris Library, R95 HF25	<b>Comic Book Workshop</b> Design Your Own Comic Book Cover	10-11am & 11.15am-12.15pm	9-12 years
Carlow Library, R93 K126	<b>Creative Crafts with Jean</b> Showcase your creativity skills	10-11am & 11.15am-12.15pm	5-8 years 9-12 years
Ballinabranna NS, R93 T9N4	<b>Student Visual Arts Exhibition</b>	10am-12 noon	open to all
Forward Steps, Tullow	<b>Fantastical Fun with Joe the Magician</b>	10.30am	open to all
Forward Steps, Tullow	<b>The Wonder and Magic of Nature</b> - magic, making and mayhem - fun day!	11.30am-2pm	open to all
Carlow County Museum	<b>The Big Dig</b> - Hands on archaeology dig	11am-5pm	open to all
Facebook CreativelrelandCarlow	<b>Seomra Traidisiúnta &amp; St. Michael's NS Newtown</b> students show premiere of short film of traditional song, folklore & performance	11am	open to all
www.muinebheagarts.com/ Radio	<b>St Brigid's NS X Muine Bheag Arts Radio</b> stream an episode online	11am	open to all
Muinebheag Library, R21 X529	<b>AHA African Storytellers</b> Interact with the mystical folklore of Africa	11am	open to all
MGC c/o Coláiste Aindriú Bagenalstown, R21 EH2	<b>Inspire Sessions</b> with guest musicians Cruinniú na nÓg Music HUB workshops	11am-3pm	9-18 years
VISUAL Carlow R93 A3K1	<b>Art Outside</b> - Forest School Workshop	11am-12.30pm & 2-3.30pm	6-12 years
VISUAL Carlow R93 A3K1	<b>Art Outside</b> - Play with Clay	11.30am-12.30pm & 2.30-3.30pm	1-5 years
Bagenalstown Scouts Den, R21 PK40	<b>Bagenalstown in Bloom</b> - Exhibition and fun activities	11.30am-1.30pm	open to all
Lock Keeper's House on the River Barrow	<b>The Lock Keeper's Memories</b> - 2 hour walking event	11.30am & 3pm	open to all
Presentation College, R93 F298	<b>Bridges: Fostering Connections Through Artistic Dialogue</b> - Inclusive Art Workshops	1-2pm	open to all
Bishop Foley Memorial School, R93 P825	<b>Lego STEAM Masterpiece Exhibition</b> built by Bishop Foley students	12-2pm	open to all
John Sweeney Park, R92 WNI12	<b>Community Street Performance</b> choreographed parade for the Tullow Road Community	12-2pm	open to all
The Vault, CRY5, Burrin Street, R93 X039	<b>Rhyme Island x CRY5 RAP Video</b>	12-3pm	open to all
The Vault, CRY5, Burrin Street, R93 X039	<b>The Vault Percussion Sessions</b> - performance of pieces developed by Carlow young people	12-3pm	open to all
The Good Life Cookery School, R93 C564	<b>Meatball Madness</b> Roll up your sleeves and get cooking	2-3.30pm	5-12 years
Borris Library, R95 HF25	<b>Taking Flight Mural Unveiling</b> - art piece exploring the theme growing up	2pm	open to all
Carlow County Museum	<b>Curious Carlow Podcast Launch</b> - Grandparents share their life stories with their grandkids	3pm	open to all
VISUAL Carlow grounds	<b>This is Us!</b> performance by Carlow Youth Theatre	3-4pm	open to all
McGrath Hall, Bagenalstown	<b>Pop-Up Cinema and Film Premiere of 'Animating Bagenalstown'</b>	5-7.15pm	5 years+
VISUAL Carlow R93 A3K1	<b>Behind The Curtain Club Night</b> Disco night with music performances	6-9pm	15-18 years
An Gairdín Beo, R93 EIHF	<b>Our Journey to Youth Reach</b> - Theatrical Evening developed by, with & for Youth Reach	6.30-8pm	open to all

For more information on FREE Cruinniú na nÓg events: Aileen Nolan, Creative Communities Engagement Officer, Carlow County Council Arts Service

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