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# **Cruinniú na nÓg celebrates children’s creativity**

A new national day of creativity for children and young people, Cruinniú na nÓg takes place on Saturday 23 June 2018.

**Cruinniú na nÓg** aims to celebrate and encourage children and young people’s participation in culture and creativity through a mix of performances, demonstrations, coding, theatre, workshops, readings and screenings, special events and much more. This variety of events for young people will be free and activity-based, with plenty of opportunities for young people to get *doing*, *making* and *creating*.

Building on the success of last year’s Cruinniú na Cásca, and a key initiative of the [Creative Youth Plan](https://creative.ireland.ie/sites/default/files/media/file-uploads/2018-03/CI_ChildrensPlan_Screen_1.pdf) to enable the creativity of every child and young person, every Local Authority will lead on creating a programme of events to showcase and share opportunities for children and young people.

"Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of creativity for our children and young people. It is about giving them the opportunity to express themselves through a specially curated programme of cultural and creative activities where they can share their ideas, learn new skills and have fun!" - Josepha Madigan TD, Minister for Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht.

Underlying the Creative Youth Plan, of which Cruinniú na nÓg is one of 18 actions, is a firm conviction that participation in creative and cultural activities from dancing to singing to coding equips our young people to flourish in their personal lives and helps give them skills that will stand to them throughout their lives.

**Cruinniú na nÓg** is an initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme at the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and is presented in partnership with RTÉ and Local Authorities.

**Expression of interest – open call**

Could you deliver or organise an event for children and young people that celebrates culture and creativity?

The emphasis is on doing, making, creating.

Through this open call we are looking for artists, dancers, storytellers, musicians, re-enactors and all manner of experienced creative professionals, in any medium or artform (theatre, dance, music, opera, film, circus, performance, fashion, photography, visual arts, digital arts, literature and storytelling, architecture, street art and spectacle).

Traditional skills practitioners or others with an expertise in landscape, flora & fauna/biodiversity, folklife, archaeological heritage, built heritage, history, vernacular architecture or any related field are also encouraged to consider how they might engage with Cruinniú na nÓg and its aim of *doing*, *making*, *creating*. Any practitioner, venue, organisation or community group may make a proposal.

**Locations**

Events will take place at public libraries in Bundoran, Letterkenny, Milford, Carndonagh and Buncrana, na Rosann - Dungloe, the Regional Cultural Centre – Letterkenny and the County Museum - Letterkenny. Other accessible venues may be proposed by the applicant. Events should be free of charge.

**Funding**

Donegal County Council will cover the costs of the selected events – including the costs of hiring artists or other culture/creativity sector practitioners and the costs of materials. The total funding available to cover all events in Donegal is €10,000 so event proposers are encouraged to make realistic submissions in terms of scale and costs.

It will not be possible to approve all proposals in which case funding will be allocated to those events which best meet the objectives of Cruinniú na nÓg. The aim is to provide variety in terms of cultural & creative experience, age groups, and locations, all of which will be considerations when deciding on applications.

Cruinniú na nÓg proposal forms can be downloaded below. Completed forms should be emailed to

CreativeIreland@Donegalcoco.ie or delivered to Creative Ireland, Donegal County Council, Rosemount Lane, Letterkenny F92 KP90 by 12 noon, 16th May 2018.