

Donegal

Age & Opportunity

Bealtaine Festival

Celebrating the arts and creativity as we age



Donegal County Council's
Culture Division Presents

Donegal Bealtaine Festival 2022

May 1st - 31st



Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome you to the annual Bealtaine Festival.

For the past 25 years, Bealtaine has grown into Ireland's largest co-operative arts festival with over 3,000 events taking place last year in cities, towns and villages throughout the country.

The national Bealtaine festival, co-ordinated by Age & Opportunity in partnership with local authorities and arts and older people's organisations, features older people as artists and performers, as event organisers and as audiences and participants. Janet Gaynor of the Donegal Older People's Council expressed their delight '...to be associated with the Bealtaine Programme and encourage people to attend the events...' It is this unique collaboration across generations that makes the festival special each year.

For Bealtaine 2022, we continue to celebrate the theme of In(ter)dependence.

In(ter)dependence marks the fortitude, endurance, as well as stoicism of all of us as we are still living with Covid-19 in an ever-changing situation. It celebrates our human interconnectedness, the delicate ecosystem that makes strong supportive societies and our dependence on the earth. We also celebrate the centenaries of events in 1922, which impacted on the foundation of the Irish State.

The pages of this brochure contain information on the large number of Bealtaine events taking place in County Donegal. It features a wide range of events in libraries, arts and community venues and day care centres throughout the county and should include something to suit everyone. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity and attend as many Bealtaine events as you can. Bealtaine in Donegal is organised by Donegal County Council Culture Division in association with a wide range of partners and is co-ordinated by the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Library.

Fáilte

Fáilte romhaibh uilig chuig Féile na Bealtaine na bliana seo.

Le 25 bliain anuas, tá fás 's forbairt iontach mhór tagtha ar an bhFéile náisiúnta seo a chuireann níos mó ná 3,000 imeacht i láthair i gcathaireacha, i mbailte agus i sráidbhailte ar fud na tíre.

Tá Féile náisiúnta na Bealtaine comhordaithe ag 'Aostacht & Deiseanna', i gcomhar leis na húdaráis áitiúla mar aon le réimse leathan eagraíochtaí eile ealaíon agus eagraíochtaí éagsúla a mbíonn ag plé le daoine scothaosta. Cuirtear daoine scaothaosta ag croílár na Féile - mar ealaíontóirí is mar oirfidigh, mar eagarthóirí 's mar taibheoirí, mar lucht féachanna is mar rannpháirtithe. Dúirt Janet Gaynor ó Chomhairle Dhaoine Scothaosta Dhún na nGall gur cúis mhór áthais dóibh.. 'a bheith bainteach le Clár na Bealtaine and daoine a spreagadh chun freastal ar na himeachtaí ...! Is í an comhoibriú speisialta sin, thar na gliúnta, an rud is suntasaí fán bhFéile achan bliain.

Do Bhealtaine 2022, leanaimid orainn ag déanamh ceiliúradh ar théama an spleáchais.

Taispeánan an neamhspleáchas agus idirspleáchas an neart agus seasmhacht chomh maith le stóchas i ngach duine againn, mar go bhfuilimid go fóill ina gcónaí le Covid-19 i staid atá ag athrú an t-am ar fad. Ceiliúrann sé ár n-idirnascthacht dhaonna, an t-éiceachóras íogair a dhéanann sochaithe láidre tacúla agus ár spleáchas ar an domhan. Déanaimid ceiliúradh fosta ar chuimhneacháin na n-imeachtaí i 1922, a raibh tionchar acu ar bhunús Stáit na hÉireann.

Istigh sa bhileog seo, gheobhfar na sonraí uilig fán réimse mhór imeachtaibh a bhéas ag tarlú le linn na Féile, in ionaid lae, i leabharlanna 's in ionaid ealaíon agus pobail, thart fá Dhún na nGall. Táimid cinnte go bhfuil rud inteacht ann do gach duine. Ba mhaith linn go mór go ndéanfadh gach ball den bpobal iarracht freastal ar an oiread imeachtaí agus is féidir leo, le linn na Féile speisialta seo. Tá Féile na Bealtaine i nDún na nGall eagraithe ag Rannán Cultúir Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, i gcomhar le réimse leathan de comhpháirtithe agus tá sé comhordaithe ag an Ionad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach agus Leabharlann Chontae Dhún na nGall.

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All events are free unless otherwise stated.

A big thank you to all the people involved in organising this year's festival, especially to the Donegal Cultural Services Bealtaine Committee and the staff of the Regional Cultural Centre.

Thanks also to artists, performers, participating venues and to everyone who attends.

For further information on the festival or to get involved contact:

Regional Cultural Centre,

Port Road,

Letterkenny

T: 074 91 29186

E: info@regionalculturalcentre.com

www.regionalculturalcentre.com

Libraries

Thursday 5 May

Eat Well To Live Well Cookery Demo & Talk

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Time: 11.00am

Booking: 074 91 29186 or

www.regionalculturalcentre.com

Join Pauline Sugrue of The Wild Garlic Table & graduate of Ballymaloe Cookery School, accompanied by senior dietician Anne Marie Lee of the HSE. Pauline will demonstrate how to create delicious, fresh, and nutritious meals using natural locally sourced ingredients while Anne Marie will be our guide on how to eat well to live well. **A food experience you will truly enjoy. Refreshments provided.**



This event is funded by Healthy Ireland



Friday 6 May

The Coffee Morning Music & Stories

Venue: Bundoran Community Library

Time: 10.30am

Info: 071 98 29665



Join artist & poet Maria Noonan and musician Noel Sweeney for a morning of music, storytelling and chat, all wrapped up with a cup of tea and something tasty!

A recording of this event will be available on Facebook@DonegalCountyLibrary from Tuesday 10th May.

Saturday 7 May

The County Fleadh Letterkenny Live Céilí Dancing & Music Session

Venue: Central Library, Letterkenny

Time: 12.00pm until 2pm

Info: 074 91 24950



We are delighted to host in conjunction with comhaltas a lunch time céilí session as part of the county fleadh weekend hosted in Letterkenny. It promises to be a lively session of good music and dancing. **Refreshments provided.**

Libraries

Wednesday 11 May & Tuesday 17 May

RTE's Carole Coleman News From Under a Coat Stand

Wednesday May 11

Venue: Bundoran Community Library

Time: 6.30pm

Info: 071 98 29665

Tuesday May 17

Venue: Central Library, Letterkenny

Time: 7.00pm

Info: 074 91 24950

We are delighted to have as our special Bealtaine guest RTE presenter and former Washington correspondent and author Carole Coleman. Carole will talk about her book 'News From Under a Coat Stand' which is a

personal diary and social history of the first Covid lockdown from March - June 2020 and how it turned our lives upside down! On the night, the book will be available to purchase and borrow from the library. **Refreshments provided.**



Thursday 12 May

Your Donegal Family

Venue: Central Library, Letterkenny

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Info: 074 91 24950

Are you interested in finding out more about your family history? Donegal County Library is holding an information session on family history sources and local history information. **Refreshments provided.**

Monday 30 May

Sally Hanan Author Visit

Venue: Central Library, Letterkenny

Time: 12.30pm

Info: 074 91 24950

My Heart Went Walking is a heartbreakingly beautiful novel by Sally Hanan that sweeps from the small Irish town of Donegal to the "big smoke" of Dublin City; a book that celebrates the pull of family and the chance of redemption. It is a novel for everyone who

feels connected to the Irish approach to life—that of grit and laughter—and also for everyone who loves an overriding message of hope and restoration in all things. Sally will give a reading from her novel My Heart Went Walking and answer any questions that the audience may have.



Libraries

Tuesday 24 May

Oragámaí le Cathal Mac Fhionnghaile as Gaeilge

Venue: Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair

Time: 3.00pm

Info: 074 9124613 nó

gaothdobhair@donegallibrary.ie



Bain sult as páipéar a fhilleadh, ceann de na caitheamh aimsire is oiriúnaí chun cuidiú linn fanacht óg agus beo níos faide! Tá go leor éifeachtaí meabhreacha dearfacha ag baint le fillleadh páipéir, cuidíonn sé le strus a scaoileadh agus le scíth a ligean.

Thursday 26 May

Irish Peaks - A Celebration of Ireland's Highest Mountains

Venue: Carndonagh Community Library

Time: 7.00pm

Info: 074 93 73701



Join Alan and Margaret Tees, two long-standing walkers and climbers based in Culdaff, when they will showcase the book *Irish Peaks*, Mountaineering Ireland's new guide to 100 of Ireland's highest mountains. This beautiful book, compiled by the couple, is a collection of mountain and hill walks which celebrate Ireland's summits and many of its upland areas.

Tuesday 3 May - Wednesday 18 May

Willow Craft Workshops with The Willow Woman

Tuesday 3 May

Kilcar Taobh Tíre Centre - 074 97 38376

Wednesday 4 May

Leabharlann Phobail na Rosann - 074 95 22500

Tuesday 10 May

Carndonagh Community Library - 074 93 73701

Wednesday 11 May

Central Library, Letterkenny - 074 91 24950

Tuesday 17 May

Bundoran Community Library - 071 98 29665

Wednesday 18 May

St Johnston & Carrigans Family

Resource Centre - 074 91 48551

All Events: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Learn how to weave your very own willow vase, plant pot or bird feeder with renowned crafts person Helena Golden.

Refreshments provided.

Note: Numbers restricted to 8 per workshop



'UNTOLD: Donegal Women, War of Independence and the Civil War'

Wednesday 4 May

Buncrana Community Library - 2pm

Tuesday 10 May

Twin Towns Community Library - 6.30pm

Tuesday 17 May

Milford Library - 11.00am

Info: 074 9124613 *or*

museum@donegalcoco.ie



Join the County Museum's Caroline Carr as she tells the untold stories of Donegal women on how their lives were affected during this turbulent period of our history.

Your Past in the Present Reminiscence Sessions

Monday 9 May

Community Hospital, Dungloe - 11.30am
(Open to residents and Day Centre clients only)

Tuesday 10 May

Day Centre, Termon Complex, Pettigo - 11.00am

Thursday 12

Carrick Day Centre, Carrick - 11.30am
(Open to Day Centre clients only)

Friday 20 May

Culdaff Seniors Club, Wee Hall, Culdaff - 11.00am

Info: 074 9124613 *or*

museum@donegalcoco.ie



Donegal County Museum and the County Archives use items from their collections to enable people to reminisce about their lives and their communities. Join Caroline Carr, Donegal County Museum and Niamh Brennan, County Archivist who will bring items from their collections to help reminisce, have a laugh and to enjoy looking back at past memories.

Donegal County Museum

Wednesday 18 May



Launch of Donegal Volunteer Centre & Donegal County Museum Photography Competition & Exhibition 2022

For more information on how to enter contact:
Donegal County Museum on 074 9124613 /
museum@donegalcoco.ie

or

Donegal Volunteer Centre on 074 9126740 /
info@volunteerdonegal.ie

The Donegal Volunteer Centre and Donegal County Museum are delighted to launch their photographic competition which celebrates Volunteering in the Community. **This year's theme is 'Volunteers in Action'.**

Amateur photographers are invited to submit images of volunteers at work anywhere within County Donegal either for the Volunteers in the Community Award or the Volunteering in Heritage - John McDermott Memorial Award.

Terms and Conditions apply.

Closing date for entries is 19 August 2022.

Music

Sunday 1 May

Donegal BEALTAINÉ 2022 Official Launch

Join the Bealtaine team from 5pm for the official launch of Donegal Bealtaine 2022. Entertainment and refreshments provided followed by Brendan Quinn & Friends In Concert.

Sunday 1 May

Brendan Quinn & Friends

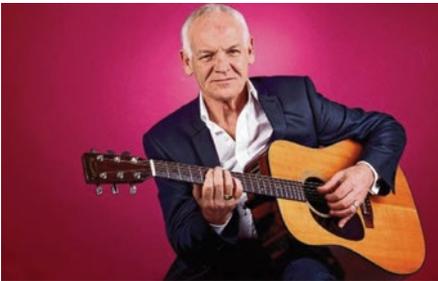
Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Time: 6.00pm

Admission: Free but Advance Booking Essential

Booking: 074 91 29186 or

www.regionalculturalcentre.com



Country music legend Brendan Quinn launches his new album and is joined by an array of Irish music virtuosos including Pat Crowley (Mary Black), Jimmy Smyth (Roger Daltrey, Chaka Khan), Nicky Scott (Van Morrison, Tom Jones), Dermot Byrne (Altan, Stephane Grapelli), Ciaran Tourish (Alison Krauss, Jerry Douglas) and Kevin Malone (Sinéad O'Connor, Van Morrison). Support from upcoming Americana songsmith Dean Maywood.

Watch Live Online

on www.regionalculturalcentre.com

Wednesday 4 May

Eduardo Martín & Ahmed Dickinson Cárdenas

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Time: 8.00pm

Bealtaine Concession: €12

Booking: 074 91 20777

www.regionalculturalcentre.com



The famous composer and guitarist Eduardo Martín joins the renowned young guitarist Ahmed Dickinson Cárdenas in a duo that masterfully explores the diverse beauty and styles of the Cuban contemporary music scene.

Friday 6 May

Gerard Bradley presents an Evening with...

Venue: Alley Theatre, Strabane

Time: 8.00pm

Admission: £6

Booking: www.alley-theatre.com or

+0044(0) 2871384444

Gerard is launching his exciting new monthly programme to bring local musical talent to The Alley and will have a new surprise guest each month. Keep an eye out on social media and The Alley website for further details.

Music

Friday 6 May

Ashley Campbell

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Time: 8.00pm

Bealtaine Concession: €15

Booking: 074 91 29186 or

www.regionalculturalcentre.com



Songwriter. Singer. Banjo player. Ashley Campbell juggles all three roles, armed with the ability not only to dream up a modern country song, but to deliver it, too.

Already known for her work alongside her father, country legend Glen Campbell — who, during his final years as a touring musician, leaned heavily on his youngest daughter as a banjo player, keyboardist and harmony vocalist. Glen Campbell's longtime fans may hear something familiar in Ashley's melodies as she embraces these similarities while distinguishing herself as a talented front-woman.

Thursday 12 May

Adria: The Firm We Loved So Well

Venue: Alley Theatre, Strabane

Time: 8.00pm

Admission: £8

Booking: +0044(0) 2871384444 or

www.alley-theatre.com



Music To Your Ears is proud to present their first live performance since March 2020, with a collection of old songs that evoke memories of the rich past of the town of Strabane. An evening of entertainment not to be missed.

This is supported by Awards For All, Big Lottery.



Music

Saturday 14 May

John Prine Celebration Show

Venue: Alley Theatre, Strabane

Time: 8.00pm

Admission: £15

Booking: www.alley-theatre.com or
+0044(0) 2871384444



When John Prine passed away in 2020 due to Covid-19 the world was bereft at the passing of a multi grammy award winning artist widely revered as one of the most gifted American singer songwriters of our time. John was no stranger to Ireland. His wife Fiona is from Donegal and they lived on and off in Kinvara, Galway.

'Illegal Smile' are a 5 piece band from Northern Ireland and are without doubt the foremost aficionados of John Prine's music in Ireland. Enjoy two hours of the very best of John Prine's songs including the classics Sam Stone, Hello in There, Angel from Montgomery and Lake Marie.

Wednesday 18 May

Cosy Evening of Singing and Storytelling

Venue: The Shamrock Bar, Main St., Falcarragh

Time: 8.00pm

Info: 089 7035689

Join the Ciorcal na nAmhran Singing Club for an evening of singing, telling yarns and share in the chat and craic! Join in or just sit back and enjoy.

Sunday 29 May

The Dusk Chorus with Ceol le Cheile - Official Close of the Bealtaine 2022 Festival

Venue: Balor Theatre, Ballybofey

Time: 7.30pm

Info: 074 91 31840 /
bealtaine@donegallibrary.ie.



Ceol le Chéile is an intergenerational choir made up of people from all walks of life in Co.Donegal. Members of the acclaimed choir along with Choral Director Veronica McCarron will sing a selection of show stoppers to close out another special Bealtaine Festival in Donegal.

Info: A recording of the event will be available on Facebook @DonegalCountyLibrary from Thursday 2nd June.

Theatre

Saturday 7 May

Kevin McAleer

Venue: An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny

Time: 8.00pm

Bealtaine Concession: €20

Booking: 074 91 20777 or

www.angrianan.com



Direct from the West End of Tyrone, Kevin McAleer emerges from two years completely locked in the back of his own head, to inflict his deranged comedy insights on an unsuspecting world. Ably assisted by his hilariously boring Uncle Colm persona from the multi award-winning Derry Girls. Brace yourselves.

Friday 13 May

3 Hail Marys By Tommy Marron

Presented By The Crokey Hill Club

Venue: An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny

Time: 8.00pm

Bealtaine Concession: €22

Booking: 074 91 20777 or

www.angrianan.com

After spending over 10 years together in the same nursing home, it's time for Mary O'Tool, Mary O' Neill and Mary O' Brien to bid farewell to one another. It might be their last day in each other's company but they decide to celebrate it in style! From nostalgia to comedy and even a few sing-songs it's going to be one hell of a hooley!

Thursday 19 May

My Wife, Her Cat and Other Stuff

Written by Brian Walsh

Performed by Conal Gallen

Directed by Kieran Quinn

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Time: 7.00pm

Admission: Admission Free but advance booking essential

Booking: 074 91 29186 or

www.regionalculturalcentre.com



My Wife, Her Cat and Other Stuff is a new play by Letterkenny writer Brian Walsh, performed by hugely popular actor and comic, Conal Gallen.

A husband relates a curious tale of domestic pet care, housetraining, keyboard warriors and animal psychology, moving gently to a conclusion that few could have foreseen. Along the way there are many laughs and absurd situations, with unlikely appearances by George Orwell, Donald Trump supporters, the Minister for Finance and Joe Duffy.

Conal Gallen is one of Ireland's best loved and most successful comedians. He has performed his legendary stand-up shows throughout Scotland, England, Australia and the US. In recent years, in a writing partnership with his son Rory, he has taken to producing comedy stage plays — including How's Your Father?, A Bit On The Side and Off Your Trolley - which have enjoyed phenomenal success, touring theatres and arts centres the length and breadth of the country.

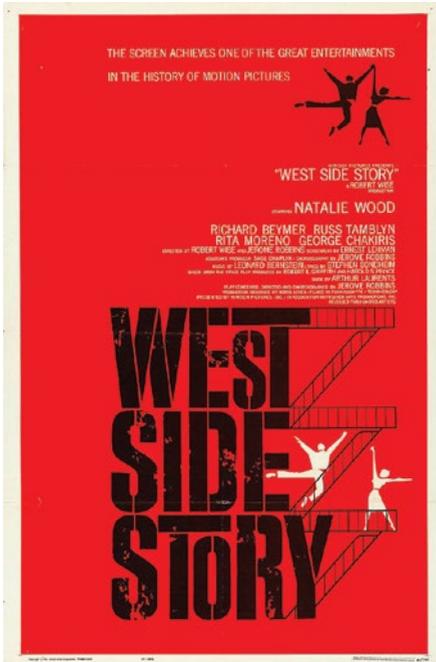
Wednesday 11 May

West Side Story (1961)

Venue: Old Library Trust, Creggan, Derry

Time: 2.00pm

Booking: 0044 (0)28 71 373870



A modern adaption of Romeo and Juliet, West Side Story is a classic musical drama based on the streets of New York. The film centres around two rival gangs fighting for control of the upper west side and features a love story between a gang member and his rival's sister.

Thursday 26 May

Rebecca (1940)

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Time: 7.00pm

Booking: 074 91 29186 or

www.regionalculturalcentre.com



A gothic psychological romance, Hitchcock's classic film Rebecca, stars Joan Fontaine and Laurence Olivier and depicts a young woman's struggle to adjust to her new life after marrying a rich widower. Upon moving into her new husband's mansion, his peculiar housekeeper and the remnants of his late wife's life begin to cause problems for the couple.

Miscellaneous

Wednesday 4 May & Wednesday 11 May

Taster Walks with the Swilly Hiking Club

Wednesday 4 May

Tramore Beach, Downings - 6.30pm

Wednesday 11 May

Colmcille Trail, Milford - 6.30pm

Advance Booking Required

Please contact Fiona on 074 91 24950

or bealtaine@donegallibrary.ie

The Swilly Hiking Club would like to invite people to join them on one of their picturesque scheduled walks.



Wednesday 25 May

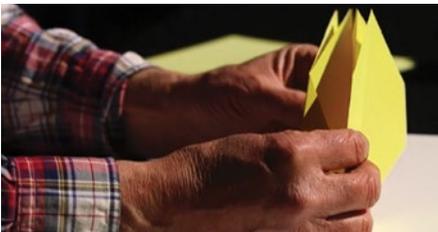
Origami Workshop with Cathal McGinley

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Time: 3.00pm

Booking: 074 91 29186 or

www.regionalculturalcentre.com



Origami Workshop with Cathal McGinley
Experience the joy of paper folding. A form of art often associated with Japanese culture, it is one of the most suitable recreational activities to help us to stay young and live longer! Folding paper has many positive mental effects, including releasing stress and helping with relaxation. What makes Origami unique is the fact that it simply requires a piece of paper and an active imagination.

Thursday 26 May

Dementia Friendly Tea Dance

Venue: Millennium Forum Theatre, Derry

Time: 2.00pm

Booking: 02871264455

Dementia Friendly Tea Dances are Back!
They are held once a month in our Studio Theatre. The tea dance is free with an afternoon of entertainment and music provided by Dougie Breslin.
Advance Booking Essential.



Friday 13 May

Cara House Bealtaine Tea Dance

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Time: 11.00am

Info: 074 91 23986 / info@carahouse.ie

Dance, Music & Refreshments organised by Cara House Family Resource Centre. Everyone Welcome, Live music with Gareth Kirwan.

On A House Like a Fire - Creative Writing Project

Venue: Online & In Person workshops during May & June

Info: If you or a group are interested in being a part of this exciting one off Donegal Bealtaine event, please contact Ciara at 074 91 75384 or bealtaine@donegallibrary.ie



Funded by Creative Ireland

As part of the Donegal Bealtaine 2022 Festival, playwright Michelle Read is inviting theatre lovers and creative writers to take part in a series of linked events.

Michelle's first event is an invitation to meet in your own home (via Zoom) and choose and share an object that holds positive memories of someone significant in your life.

In the second event, you are invited to bring your object and take part in a creative workshop in which we will capture snapshots of important memories through writing.

And the final part is an invitation to you and your family to the live performance of Michelle's one woman drama piece *On A House Like A Fire* at An Grianan Theatre, Letterkenny.



'After her mother Margaret died, Michelle Read, having sorted through photographs and various memorabilia left in the house, felt she should organise the collected items and her own memories... **The result is a beautiful one-woman drama presentation.'**
Irish Sunday Mail

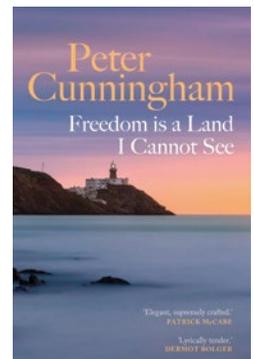
www.onahouselikeafire.com

The Bealtaine Book Club 2022

This year's book is '*Freedom is a land I cannot see*' By Peter Cunningham.

The book centres around Rose Raven, blinded in an attack in the aftermath of Irish independence and living quietly with her brother, Ultan. When she discovers he's involved in anti-government propaganda, she tells no one, not even her lover Rudy. When Ultan dies, Rose is the only person who knows where the shameful truth is hidden. Charting the dangerous first years of the Irish Free State, the novel tells the story of Rose's secrets, every one of them a risk to the success of the new Ireland.

Copies available at your local library through Donegal County Library Service throughout May.



Exhibitions

April 19 - June 4

Kenneth O' Halloran Handball Alleys

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Info: 074 91 29186 or

www.regionalculturalcentre.com



Kenneth O'Halloran's acclaimed 'Handball Alleys' series is an extensive body of work documenting handball alleys throughout Ireland. These abandoned ruins bear silent testimony to a feature of Ireland that has perished through time and modernisation. Their plain walls were once the thriving open-air theatres of their day. Handball alleys were familiar meeting points, where people played games long into long summer evenings, and others gathered for simple companionship and discourse. In rural Ireland in particular, handball captured the public imagination and societies grew around the games and the alleys which staged them. They often became prized places of refuge, offering an escape from ordinary, hard-working lives. They also served as an unofficial meeting point for lovers and revolutionaries.

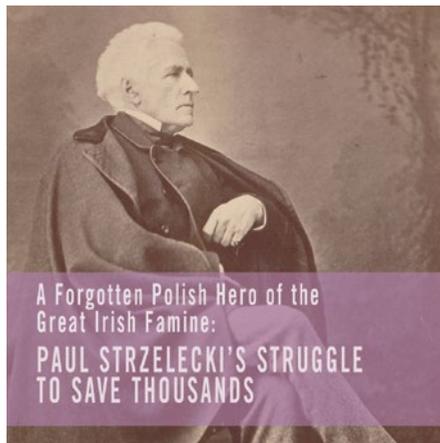
May 1 - May 31

A Forgotten Polish Hero of the Great Irish Famine: Paul Strzelecki's Struggle to Save Thousands

Venue: Donegal County Museum, Letterkenny

Info: 074 9124613 or

museum@donegalcoco.ie



This exhibition tells the captivating story of Count Paul (Paweł) Strzelecki, a world-renowned Polish explorer and scientist, who volunteered to work in Ireland to help combat the raging Famine over a three-year period (1847-49), as the main agent of the British Relief Association. He developed a visionary and exceptionally effective mode of assistance by feeding starving children directly through the schools. At its peak in 1848, around 200,000 children from all denominations were being fed, many of whom would have otherwise perished from hunger and disease. This exhibition is on loan from the Polish Embassy in Dublin.

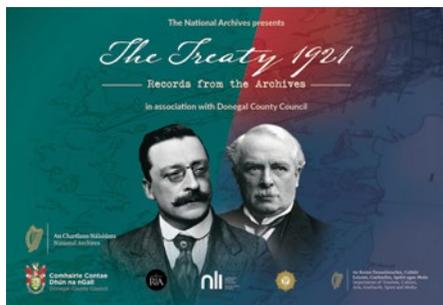
Exhibitions

May 6 - May 31

The Treaty, 1921: Records from the Archives

Venue: Donegal County Museum, Letterkenny

Info: 074 9124613 or
museum@donegalcoco.ie



The Anglo-Irish Treaty of December 1921 led to the creation of an independent Irish State, but also a devastating Civil War that defined Irish politics for decades. Divisive as it proved to be, the signing of the Treaty on 6 December 1921 is a key milestone in modern Irish history. This exhibition chronicles day-to-day life in London for the men and women who made up the Irish delegation, from parties attended, dinners hosted and appearances at theatre and gala performances, to the tense final days and hours leading to the signing of the Treaty just after 2am on 6 December 1921. It also documents the delegation's return to Dublin and the Dáil Éireann cabinet meeting that pointed to the split in the independence movement that emerged over the terms of the Treaty, and the divisions that would lead to Civil War.

The exhibition is presented by the National Archives in partnership with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Royal Irish Academy, the National Library of Ireland with records from the collections of the Military Archives and University College Dublin Archives.

May 16 - May 22

Amelia Earhart & Aviation Exhibition

Venue: Tower Museum, Derry

Info: Tower.Reception@derrystabane.com or
0044(0)2871372411



Amelia Earhart was an American aviation pioneer and author. Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Come along to the Tower Museum and see some of the objects and archives from the collection linked to Amelia Earhart and Aviation.

Join us for an online lecture in on the 21st May as Curator Dorothy Cochrane, from the Smithsonian Museum Washington tells us about their Aviation collection and the objects linked to Amelia Earhart.

Exhibitions

May 1 – July 3

Florence Nightingale Nursing & Midwifery 200 Years

Venue: Tower Museum, Derry

Info: Tower.Reception@derrystrabane.com or 0044(0)2871372411



In partnership with Ulster University's School of Nursing the exhibition celebrates the vital work of local nurses and midwives, focusing on the remarkable contribution they have made to society over the past two centuries.

16 May - 20 May

Bluebell Arts Project

Venue: Gasyard Centre, Brandywell Derry

Info: Frank Rafferty, +44 (0)28 7116 2466 or bluebellartsproject@hotmail.com



May 16 - May 20

Time: Mon-Thurs 9am to 7pm (early closing Friday at 4pm)

Art Exhibition

Work by participants in Oil Painting Classes provided by Bluebell Arts Derry.

May 16 - May 20

Creative Arts Taster Classes

Try your hand at the following: Crocheting, Arts & Craft, Creative Writing, Performance Workshop, Oil Painting, DJ Skills, Film & Editing, Photography.

Friday 20 May

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Meet The Artists

Come visit an array of performers, writers, poets and visual artists currently working in the NW cross border region. Have a chat? Find out what they do? Buy some art? Come along and enjoy a day with creative people.

May 6 - May 31

Awakenings – New Beginnings

May 6 - 16

Venue: Eden Place Arts Centre, Derry

May 23 - 31

Venue: Strabane Library

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DEED – Dementia Engaged and Empowered in Derry & Strabane

As we emerge from Covid 19, DEEDS Members have created this exhibition from art workshops provided by Eden Place Art Centre and funded by the Arts Council of NI.

North West Audience Development Programme

North West Audience Development Programme and Bealtaine 2022

Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council are working jointly on an audience development programme that focusses on two specific groups: families, and older people.

During Bealtaine the emphasis is on culture and engagement with older people, therefore our focus will be on two initiatives from the North West Audience Development Programme.

1. Cultural and Creative Practitioner in a Care Setting
2. Extension of the Bealtaine Festival

Cultural & Creative Practitioner in Residence in a Care Setting.

Artists and other cultural practitioners have been invited to host artist in residency programmes in care settings. The residency will take place between March and May 2022.

Residents from the following care settings in both Derry City and Strabane District Council and Co. Donegal local authorities are participating:

Templemoyle Nursing Home, Seven Oaks Housing-with-care, Owen Mor Care Centre, Williams St. Residential Home, Brentwood Manor, Aras Uí Dhomhnaill, Beach Hill Manor, Brindley Manor,

Extension of the Bealtaine Festival.

We are focusing on increasing engagement with Day Centres during Bealtaine and have developed a programme of music and entertainment to run in both local authorities during the month of May.

Visitors to the following eighteen Day Centres will enjoy the entertainment:

Letterkenny, Killybegs, Clonmany, Pettigo, Bunrana, Moville, Ionad Lae Ghaoth Dobhair, The Rock - Ballyshannon, Ionad Lae Baile na Finne, Foyleville, Strabane, Newtownstewart, Creggan, Parkview House, Greenfield, Rectory Fields, Seymour Gardens, Ardlough.

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My Wife, Her Cat and Other Stuff

Visiting the following Day Care Centres during Bealtaine.

Tue 17 May

Venue: Fintown Day Care Centre

Time: 1.30pm

Info: Mary Carbury, 086 8497532

Tue 18 May

Venue: Ballyshannon Day Care Centre

Time: 1.15pm

Info: Marion McGee, 087 4030239

Tue 24 May

Venue: Drumfries Day Care Centre

Time: 1.30pm

Info: Siobhan Harkin, 0749 321317

Wed 25 May

Venue: Downings Day Care Centre

Time: 2pm

Info: Bridie Bradley, 087 7406445

Thur 26 May

Venue: Gartan Day Care Centre

Time: 2pm

Info: Sandra Brennan, 087 9935252



My Wife, Her Cat and Other Stuff is a new play by Letterkenny writer Brian Walsh, performed by hugely popular actor and comic, Conal Gallen.

A husband relates a curious tale of domestic pet care, housetraining, keyboard warriors and animal psychology, moving gently to a conclusion that few could have foreseen. Along the way there are many laughs and absurd situations, with unlikely appearances by George Orwell, Donald Trump supporters, the Minister for Finance and Joe Duffy.

Conal Gallen is one of Ireland's best loved and most successful comedians. He has performed his legendary stand-up shows throughout Scotland, England, Australia and the US. In recent years, in a writing partnership with his son Rory, he has taken to producing comedy stage plays — including *How's Your Father?*, *A Bit On The Side* and *Off Your Trolley* - which have enjoyed phenomenal success, touring theatres and arts centres the length and breadth of the country.



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