

Donegal County Council's Culture Division Presents...

May 1st – 31st 2023

BEALTAINE

Donegal Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity **arts** initiative



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Welcome

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

For the past 26 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.

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 Donegal County Library, Donegal County Museum and the Regional Cultural Centre.

Fáilte

Fáilte romhaibh uilig chuig Féile na Bealtaine na bliana seo. Le 26 bliain anuas, tá fás 's forbairt iontach mhór tagtha ar an bhFéile náisiúnta seo a chuireann níos mó ná 3,000 imeacht i lárthair 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.

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 á chomhordú ag Leabharlann Chontae Dhún na nGall, Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall agus an tIonad Cultúir Réigiúnach.

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A big thank you to all the people involved in organising this year's festival, especially to the Culture Division Bealtaine Committee and all the Culture Division Staff spread throughout the county.

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



FREE EVENTS

All events are **free** unless otherwise stated.



SCAN ME

EVENTBRITE BOOKINGS

To find any event on [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie), Search 'Donegal County Library Service'.



FESTIVAL INFORMATION:

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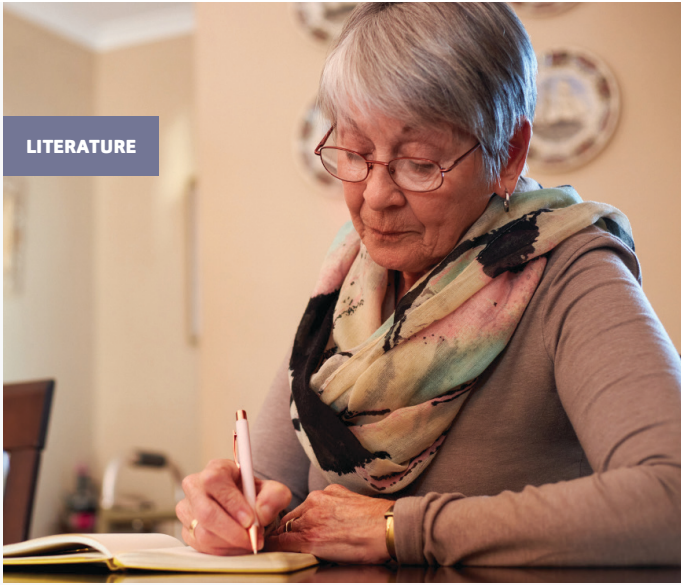
T: 074 91 75384

(Leave your number and we will get back to you asap)

E: bealtaine@donegallibrary.ie

www.donegallibrary.ie

LITERATURE



Introduction to Creative Writing with Dr Martin Keaveney of University College Galway

Dr Martin Keaveney will introduce participants to the exciting and very rewarding craft of creative writing. Learn how to get started in creative writing, whether it is poetry, short stories, or novels. If you've been writing for a while, Dr Keaveney can also answer questions on formatting, submissions to publishers and journals and techniques to practice creative writing as a wonderful hobby or even a rewarding career. www.martinkeaveney.com

Capacity: 17 Max

Tuesday 16th May, 11am – 1pm

Venue: Bundoran Library

Bookings: [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) or call (074) 9175384

Well-being

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Writing for Well Being with Dr Martin Keaveney, University College Galway

In this special introductory workshop, Dr Martin Keaveney will explore the ways creative writing can enhance well-being. We will learn how this practice can enrich lifestyle, ignite a creative practice at home and provide a creative fulfilment in leisure time.

Capacity: 17 Max

Wednesday 24th May, 11am – 1pm

Venue: Online

Bookings: [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) or call (074) 9175384



CRAFTS

Card Making for Special Occasions with Rhona Hannigan

Join Rhona for a relaxed morning of crafting your very own greeting cards which are unique and personal for that special occasion or person in your life. All materials will be supplied.

Capacity: 10 Max

Friday 12th May, 11am – 12:30pm

Venue: Bundoran Library

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



CRAFTS

Painting & Decorating Terracotta Pots with Rhona Hannigan

Join Rhona for a relaxing morning of painting and decorating your very own terracotta pot. Pots and crafting materials will be supplied on the day.

Capacity: 10 Max

Friday 26th May, 11am - 12:30pm

Venue: Buncrana Library

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



CRAFTS

Weave a Willow Sweet Pea Planter for your Garden

Join Helena Golden, The Willow Woman, for an afternoon of weaving your very own Sweet Pea Planter for your garden. This course is suited to beginners or to those who wish to practice the techniques involved in willow weaving. You will leave with your very own beautifully crafted Sweet Pea Planter and a packet of sweet pea seeds to get you started in the garden. All other materials provided.

Capacity: 10 Max

Wednesday 3rd May, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Venue: Twin Towns Community Library

Wednesday 3rd May, 2pm – 5pm

Venue: Donegal Town Library

Booking: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



CRAFTS



Weaving & Spinning with Johnny Spinning Wheel / Fíodóireacht & Sníomh le Johnny Spinning Wheel

The sound of the spinning wheel has been part of the music of rural Ireland for generations. Learn about spinning and weaving in this taster session with Johnny Spinning Wheels. Johnny Shiels is a third generation spinning wheel maker. Tá fuaim na rotha mar chuid de cheol na tuaithe in Éirinn leis na glúnta anuas. Foghlaim faoi sníomh agus fíodóireacht sa seisiún seo le Johnny Spinning Wheels. Is déantóir rotha sníomh den tréú glúin é Johnny Shiels.

Capacity: 10 Max

Thursday 18th May, 11am – 12:30pm

Venue: Donegal County Museum

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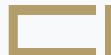
Venue: Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair

Tuesday 23rd May, 11am – 12:30pm

Venue: Carndonagh Library

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384

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CRAFTS



Origami Workshop with Cathal McGinley

Experience the joy of paper folding. Origami, a form of art associated with Japanese culture, it is one of the most suitable recreational activities to help us release stress and relax. What makes Origami unique is the fact that it simply requires a piece of paper and an active imagination.

Capacity: 10 Max

Tuesday 2nd May, 10am – 12pm

Venue: Milford Library

Wednesday 3rd May, 3pm – 5pm

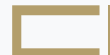
Venue: Moville Library,

Thursday 4th May, 10am – 12pm

Venue: Leabharlann Phobail Na Rosann

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384

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CRAFTS

Ink Art & Poetry with Kim Sharkey

Join Kim Sharkey for a workshop in expressive ink art responding to poetry. In this workshop, participants will be looking at the medium of ink art and how it can be used. Kim Sharkey is a multi-media artist, creating across illustration, animation, ceramics and other media. Living on the North West coast of Donegal, her work is primarily influenced by her love of story.

Capacity: 20 Max

Monday 8th May, 11am – 12pm

Venue: Buncrana Library

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384

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MEDITATION

The Healing Power of Sound with Marie Fitzpatrick

Take a little time to yourself during Bealtaine to experience the healing power of sound with Marie Fitzpatrick. A Sound Bath is a deeply relaxing, meditative experience which can take you on a journey of deep relaxation, tranquillity, and healing.

Tuesday 23rd May, 10am – 11am

Venue: Buncrana Library

Booking: 074 93 61941 or
buncrana@donegallibrary.ie

Thursday 25th May, 10am – 11am

Venue: Carndonagh Library

Booking: 074 93 73701 or
carndonagh@donegallibrary.ie



Healthy Ireland
at your Library



PILATES

Chair Pilates with Sadie

Join Sadie Devenney, qualified Pilates instructor, for a 45 min gentle pilates session, followed by a short talk on maintaining a healthy diet, body and mind. Light refreshments will be served.

Capacity: 15 Max

**Every Tuesday - 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd May,
10:30am – 12pm**

Venue: Súile Centre at The Volt House, Raphoe

Booking: Volt House reception - 074 9173966 or
raphoe.volphouse@gmail.com



Healthy Ireland
at your Library



Silver Circus

Silver Circus is circus for those over the age of 55. The classes will include tightwire, juggling, hula hoop and so much more. Circus is a fun and innovative way to stay fit and have fun in a creative environment. This project will be starting the 20th of April and running for the whole year.

Proudly supported by the Idea's Fund and Wellcome

Month of May & Beyond, 2pm - 3.30pm

Admission: FREE

Venue: The Glassworks, Derry

Bookings: +44(0) 2871377113 or
kate@inyourspaceni.org

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



LOCAL HISTORY



Your Donegal Family History Workshop

Are you interested in finding out more about your Donegal family history? Why not join our local studies librarian in a fascinating discovery of a treasure trove of primary and secondary local history resources just waiting to be discovered. We will help you on your journey of exploration into your Donegal Family Tree.

Thursday 4th May, 1pm – 2pm

Venue: Central Library Letterkenny

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384



LOCAL HISTORY

Your Past in the Present Reminiscence Sessions with Niamh Brennan, County Archivist and Caroline Carr, Donegal County Museum

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, County Museum and Niamh Brennan, County Archivist who will bring items from their collections to help reminisce, have a laugh and to enjoy looking at past memories.

Wednesday 10th May, 2pm

Venue: Cresslough Day Centre

Thursday 11th May, 1:30pm

Venue: Community Hospital, Dungloe

Tuesday 16th May, 11:30am

Venue: Fanad Day Centre

Friday 19th May, 1:30pm

Venue: Moville Day Centre

Booking: (074) 9124613 or museum@donegalcoco.ie



DIGITAL SKILLS

Connect Computer Classes

Classes are taught entirely by students from Carndonagh Community School who will help adults find their way through the maze of clicks and downloads that come with negotiating the World Wide Web in no time.

Monday 8th / 15th / 22nd / 29th May, 11am – 12pm

Venue: Buncrana Library

Booking: (074) 93 61941 or buncrana@donegallibrary.ie

Tuesday 2nd / 9th / 23rd / 30th May, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Venue: Carndonagh Library

Booking: (074) 93 73701 or carndonagh@donegallibrary.ie

Wednesday 3rd / 10th / 17th / 24th May, 10am – 11am

Venue: Moville Library

Booking: (074) 93 73701 or carndonagh@donegallibrary.ie



Ceol le Eunan McIntyre

Bígí i dteannta an t-amhránaí/scribhneoir amhrán aitheanta Eunan McIntyre le haghaidh maidin de bhailéid thraidisiúnta áille agus amhráin spreagúil.

Join award winning Singer/ Song writer and Glencolmcille native, Eunan McIntyre, for a morning of beautiful traditional ballads and uplifting songs.

Déardaoin 25ú Bealtaine, 11am

Venue: Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair

Bookings: [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) or call (074) 9175384



Liz Knowles, Niwel Tsumbu & Niall Vallely (Concert)

Bringing together stellar hardingfele and fiddle player Liz Knowles from Kentucky, masterfully elegant Congolese guitarist-vocalist Niwel Tsumbu, and Irish composer Niall Vallely in their uniquely expressive musicmaking. They are sure to get toes tapping and hearts singing!

Sunday May 14th, 8pm

Admission: €15/12

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Bookings: www.regionalculturalcentre.com or 074 9129186



Zumba Gold Classes

Join professional dance instructor Kasia Brol of E'Motion Dance & Zumba for 2 fun sessions of Zumba Gold. It is a low impact dance fitness program that is tailored for active seniors. With regular participation, the young-at-heart can move towards his/her workout goals while having fun and entertainment at the same time.

Tuesday 16th May, 11am – 12pm

Venue: Central Library

Tuesday 23rd May, 11am – 12pm

Venue: Central Library

Booking: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384



Dementia Friendly Tea Dances

All the dementia Friendly items are free Admission, but places must be booked in advance through the Box Office.

Thursday 25th May, 2pm - 3:30pm

Venue: Millennium Forum, Derry

Booking: Call Box Office on +442871264455



Tartuffe - Abbey Theatre Production

A new version by Frank McGuinness. Directed by Caitríona McLaughlin

Molière didn't know he was writing about 21st century Ireland, but Frank McGuinness certainly did. We can all recognise Tartuffe through his persistent habit of saying one thing but doing another, behind closed doors. The Abbey Theatre's Tartuffe is a classic dramatic comedy about a hypocrite; a fraud who inveigles himself into a family's home and heart. Under Caitríona McLaughlin's direction, Frank McGuinness's retelling of this exuberant farce is wrapped in a flamboyant production, reflecting the age in which we live.

Running from Wednesday 3rd May, 8pm

Venue: An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny

Admission: €25/€20, 4 for €90

Special seniors matinee price on Saturday 6th May at 2:30pm at €15

Bookings: www.angrianan.com or call (074) 91 20777



Figments - Dance Theatre Piece

Directed by Kelly Quigley & performed by 7 members of Body Wisdom (an award-winning dance project by Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company for 50+ years). The all-female cast celebrate femininity, nature and magic through movement, song and spoken word. Performers: Salinda Magdalene, Majella Biernat, Marie Manktelow, Tina Mc Cauley, Deirdre Gillespie, Remi Aijke, Margaret Hannon.

Saturday 6th May, 8pm

Venue: Echo Echo Studios, Derry (fully accessible)

Admission: £8 full and £6 concession

Bookings: +44(0)2871308883 or www.echoechoadance.com



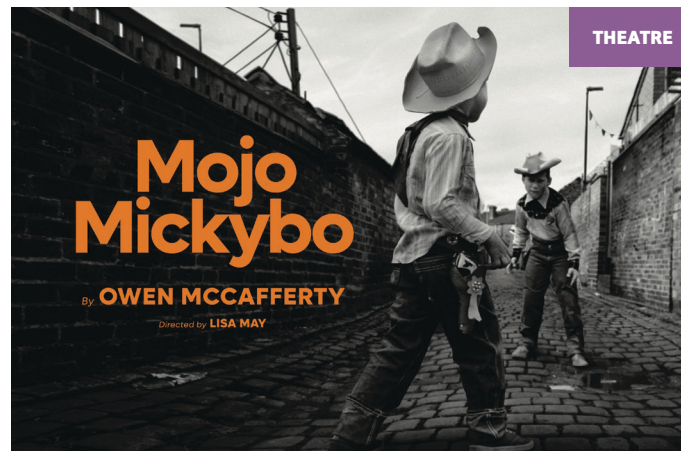
The Drumshee Ceili: The Dry Dance Hall Show

Join theatre producer Maura Logue and the community of Leitir Nhic an Bhaird in an evening of drama and music reinacting the heady days of the Drumshee Ceilí! This promises to be a joyous evening of music theatre along with The Leitir Ceili Band. Performed by the Leitir Community and directed by Maura Logue.

Saturday 27th May, 8pm

Venue: Halla Naomh Bríd (Lettermacaward)

Booking: Tickets at the door or email apitius@eircom.net



Mojo Mickybo by Bruiser Theatre Company

Set in Belfast over the summer of 1970, Mojo and his mate Mickybo are two nine-year-old boys from opposing sides of the sectarian divide. They are 'thick as two small thieves'... with the violence of The Troubles only obliquely impacting on them – until finally their friendship is destroyed by it. Winner of 'Best Ensemble' and Nominated for 'Best Director' at the Irish Times Irish Theatre Awards, 2022.

Friday 12th May, 8pm

Venue: Alley Theatre, Strabane

Admission: £8

Booking: www.alley-theatre.com or call +44 (0)2871 384444





Beatha Na Bealtaine - Health & Nutrition Talk on Healthy Snacks plus Pamper Session & Music

Join us for a morning of workshops on skin care & sun protection for mature skin and tips on creating simple, tasty and healthy meals and snacks, with registered nutritionist Donna McGettigan of DLDC and Sláintecare Healthy Communities. Followed by lunch and music.

Capacity: 50 Max

Supported by DLDC CLG in collaboration with SláinteCare and Ionad Naomh Pádraig

Wednesday 17th May, 11am – 2pm

Venue: Gaoth Dobhair - Ionad Naomh Pádraig

Bookings: Call Anne Marie on 0877605532 or email amrodgers@dldc.org



Sláintecare.



Digestive System Essentials for Healthy Aging with Claire Clerkin, Nutritional Therapist

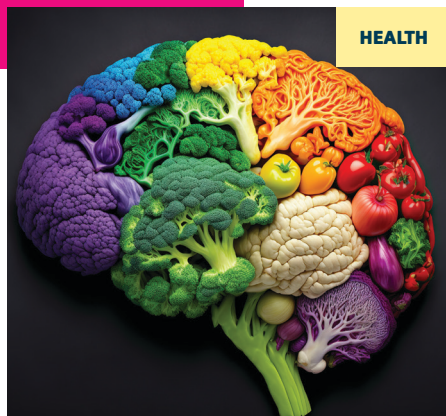
Join Claire Clerkin, registered nutritional therapist with over 10 yrs experience on why good digestive health is crucial for managing mood, immunity and cognition as we mature. Includes content on maximising absorption of nutrients in those who are on long-term medications and may have trouble chewing.

Thursday 11th May, 11am – 1pm

Venue: Leabharlann Phobail Na Rosann

Bookings: [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) or call (074) 9175384





HEALTH

The Secrets to Long Term Brain Health with Claire Clerkin, Nutritional Therapist

Join Claire Clerkin, registered nutritional therapist with over 10 yrs experience on why good digestive health is crucial for good brain function and healthy cognitive aging as we grow older.

Thursday 4th May, 11am - 12:30pm

Venue: ONLINE

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384



HEALTH

The Art of Fermentation with Kathleen Langan

Ever wondered how to make Sauerkraut and look after your gut health better? Well why not discover the benefits of fermentation with Kathleen Langan. Kathleen graduated as a Master Medical Herbalist, Iridologist and Nutritionist at the Irish School of Herbal Medicine and is based in Donegal.

Tuesday 9th May, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Venue: Fanad Day Centre

Booking: Patricia on 0877720043

Monday 15th May, 11am – 12pm

Venue: Central Library

Booking: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384

Wednesday 17th May, 11am – 12pm

Venue: Twin Towns Library

Booking: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384



NATURE

Garden Birds through the Seasons with Aengus Kennedy of Nature North West

Join Aengus Kennedy of Nature North West as he explores what garden birds do in the four seasons, look into some lost sounds and we will listen to some of our more common bird songs. This event is suitable for children and adults.

Supported by the European Commission

Saturday 27th May, 11am – 12:30pm

Venue: Bundoran Library

Booking: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384



LITERATURE



Author Visit:
Jane Buckley - The Stones Corner Series

Join Derry-born author, Jane Buckley and learn all about her Stones Corner series - if you love a terrific thriller with individual stories that combine to form a cataclysmic ending, then this event is for you.

Thursday 4th May, 2pm – 3pm

Venue: Carndonagh Library
Bookings: 074 9373701 or
 carndonagh@donegallibrary.ie

Friday 5th May, 11am – 12pm

Venue: Buncrana Library
Bookings: 074 9361941 or
 buncrana@donegallibrary.ie

SAFE ONLINE BANKING



Scams, Fraud & Digital Safety

Join Eve Curran, Security Engagement Manager with Ulsterbank who will help you stay safe online. This includes being aware of the risks associated with your online activity and avoiding being exposed to unwanted information, materials, or risks on the Internet.

Tuesday 16th May, 11:30am

Venue: Carndonagh Library
Bookings: 074 9373701 or
 carndonagh@donegallibrary.ie

Friday 19th May, 11:30am

Venue: Buncrana Library
Bookings: 074 9361941 or
 buncrana@donegallibrary.ie

LOCAL HISTORY

**'DONEGAL'S WEATHER
 THROUGH THE AGES'**



**Donegal Weather through the ages with
 Caroline Carr, Donegal County Museum**

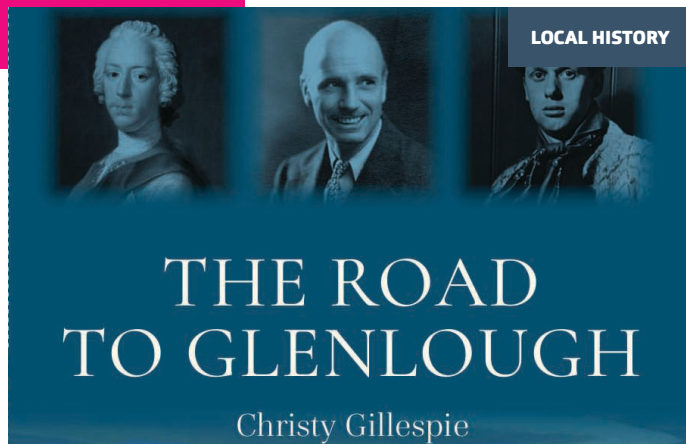
From Deep Freezes, Big Winds to Mirages - join Caroline from Donegal County Museum for a fascinating exploration of Donegal Weather events throughout the centuries.

Tuesday 16th May, 2pm – 3pm

Venue: Moville Day Centre
Booking: 074 9124613 or
 museum@donegalcoco.ie

Tuesday 23rd May, 2pm – 3pm

Venue: Milford Library
Booking: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384



Launch of *The Road to Glenlough* by Christy Gillespie

Join us to celebrate the launch of this beautifully illustrated book on the history and stories of Glenlough. There is no road to Glenlough. Not even a well-worn path. This valley, in the highlands of south-west Donegal, is as remote and monumental as it is enchantingly beautiful. It is a place that has attracted a number of notable visitors. These include American artist and illustrator Rockwell Kent and Welsh poet Dylan Thomas. In the life span of this valley, its interaction with humans has been but a heartbeat, but it is a pulse that has been recorded assiduously through the written word, in paintings, drawings and many photographs. This lavishly illustrated volume brings its storied past back into focus once more.

Wednesday 24th May, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Venue: Central Library

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384



From Behind the Walls – Stories of First World War Casualties & Survivors

Join Judith McCarthy, Donegal County Museum as she uncovers stories of casualties and survivors from the First World War. Using records from institutions such as the Workhouses and the Donegal District Lunatic Asylum, this talk will explore what happened to some of those from Donegal who suffered trauma, injury, and death during and after the Great War.

Saturday 13th May, 2pm

Admission: FREE

Venue: Donegal County Museum

Bookings: Donegal County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny.

Call 074 9124613 or email museum@donegalcoco.ie

LOCAL HISTORY



Variations on Life and Death in Donegal during the Famine

This lecture is part of the community engagement programme for the National Famine Commemoration taking place in Milford Town on the 21st of May.

Dr Arlene Crampsie is a Lecturer/ Assistant Professor in the School of Geography, UCD. A historical geographer, her research interests lie at the intersection of political, socio-cultural and environmental geographies with a particular focus on Ireland from the early modern period to the present.

Thursday 4th May, 7pm

Venue: Central Library, Letterkenny

Bookings: (074) 91 24950 or central@donegallibrary.ie

VOLUNTEERING



Becoming A Volunteer- with John Curran, Manager of the Donegal Volunteer Centre

John Curran of the Donegal Volunteer Centre will host a session on volunteering opportunities for Seniors. Volunteering is a great way to keep active, make new friends, share your skills, and stay connected with your community.

Tuesday 9th May, 11am – 12pm

Venue: Donegal County Museum

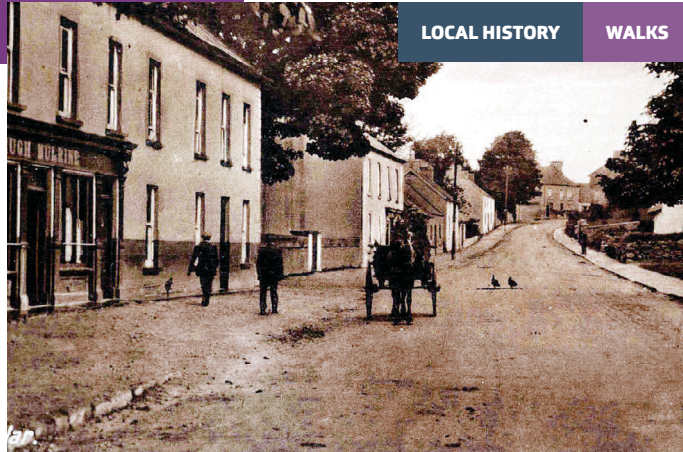
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Tuesday 16th May, 11am – 12pm

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LOCAL HISTORY

WALKS

Historical Walk of Ballybofey & Stranorlar with Kathleen Phelon

Wander back through time to discover how the railway impacted the development of the Twin Towns and delve into the contrast between the commercial centre of Ballybofey and the garrison town of Stranorlar. Walk and learn about Isacc Butt and Séan McCumhaill along with the major landlords of times past, such as the Hayes of Drumboe Castle. Also explore the historical significance of our local woodland, Drumboe Woods. Starting Point: Jacksons Hotel and finish point Kees Hotel.

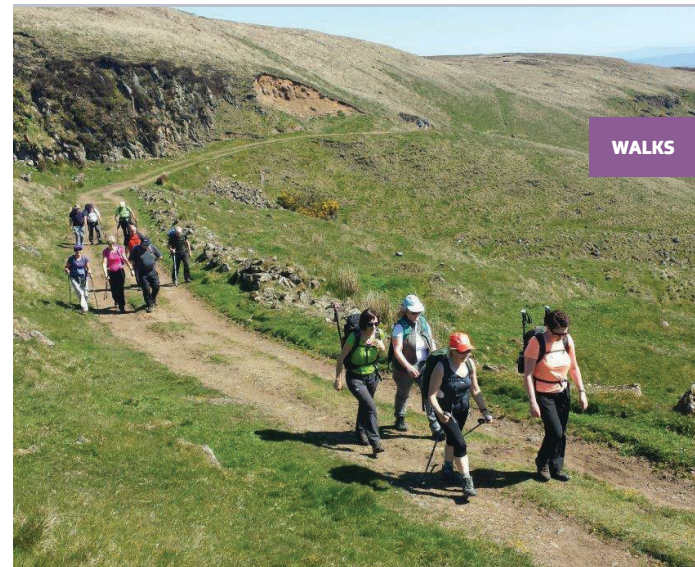
Capacity: 12 Max

Sunday 14th May, 11am – 1pm

Venue: Starting point: Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey.

Finishing point: Kees Hotel, Stranolar

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384



WALKS

Taster Hiking session with The Swilly Hikers

The Swilly Hiking Club would like to invite you to join them on one of their picturesque scheduled walks. Come prepared with good walking shoes such as runners or hiking shoes/boots.

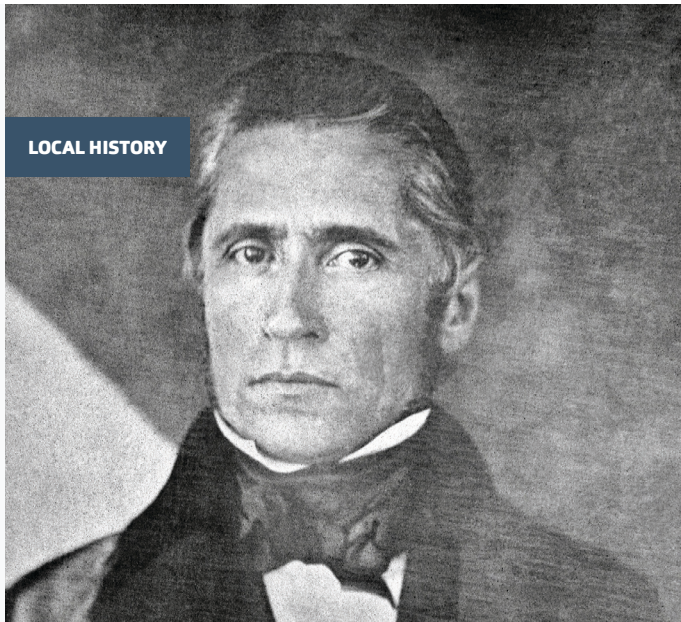
Wednesday 3rd May, 6:30pm

Venue: OUTDOOR – Inch Level

Wednesday 17th May, 6:30pm

Venue: OUTDOOR – Colmcille Trail

Bookings: Eventbrite.ie or call (074) 9175384



LOCAL HISTORY

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

This exhibition tells the story of Count Paul Strzelecki, a world-renowned Polish explorer and scientist, who volunteered to work in Ireland to help combat the raging Famine between 1847-1849, as the main agent of the British Relief Association. He developed an exceptionally effective mode of assistance by feeding starving children directly through the schools. Otherwise many of these children would have died. This exhibition is on loan from the Polish Embassy in Dublin.

Exhibition can be viewed every Tuesday and Thursday in the library (Closed lunch 1-2)

2nd May to 1st June

Venue: Milford Library

Bookings: No booking required



LOCAL HISTORY

Treasured Possessions: The People's Artefacts

Dementia Engaged & Empowered Derry & Strabane (DEEDS) Exhibition

The Treasured Possessions project provides a high-quality artistic experience to those living with dementia, to make a link to the community through the museum service in Derry & Strabane. This exhibition encourages the viewer to look at the individual and look beyond their dementia diagnosis and see the person. Like us all, each person has their life story to tell, listen to the recorded personal stories.

3rd May to 26th May, 10am – 4pm

Venue: Alley Arts and Cultural Gallery, Strabane

Bookings: No booking required / Free Admission





Brian Byrne – Images from the Borderlands

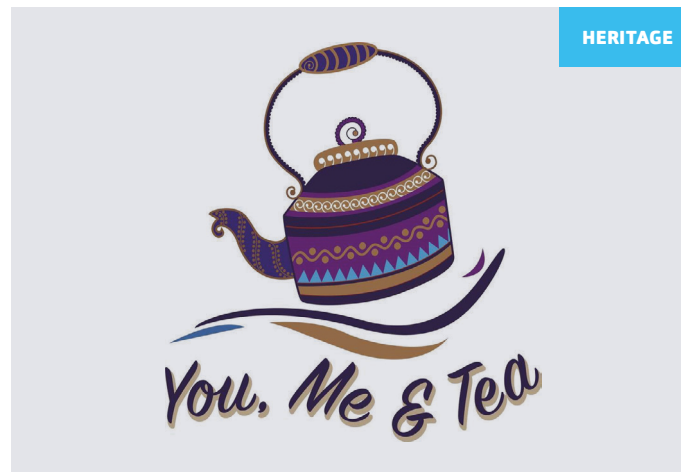
Brian Byrne trained in NCA and NCAD. During the 80's and 90's, he was a gallery artist with the Oriel gallery in Dublin. Brian exhibited in the annual RHA and Oireachtas exhibitions, during this time. In 1999 and 2000, he had a solo show at the International Visions Gallery in Washington DC, in Orla Celtic Art, New York City, and the Templeton Collection in Atlanta Georgia. Recent solo shows include An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny, and An Gailearaí Gaoth Dobhair.

6th April - 13th May

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny

Bookings: No booking required / Free Admission

Exhibition can be viewed Tuesdays – Fridays 11am - 5pm and Saturdays 1pm - 5pm



You, Me and Tea - In partnership with Artsekta

The exhibition and engagement programme is a social heritage project exploring the heritage of tea in Northern Ireland and connections with China and India. The exhibition aims to bring communities together as participants, artists, and volunteers to have a brew together and discuss all things tea related including: the origin of tea, connections and journeys.

www.towermuseumcollections.com

Running from 19th April – 30th June

Venue: Tower Museum, Derry

Booking: No booking required / Free Admission





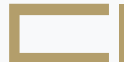
The Day Centre Summertime Activities Bealtaine Festival Beyond May!

Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council are working jointly on an audience development programme that focusses on two specific groups: families, and older people. One of the initiatives is the Extension of the Bealtaine Festival. We are focusing on increasing engagement with day centres during Bealtaine Festival 2023 over the summer months. We have developed a programme of music and entertainment to run in both local authorities during the summer. Day centre visitors in both Co. Donegal and Derry City & Strabane District Council local authorities will participate in cultural experiences presented by a wide variety of culture practitioners. The day centre programme 2023 has been kindly funded by Creative Ireland and developed by staff from Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council.

Contact: Rita Chapman, Senior Executive Librarian at 087 1274955



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Arts and Creative Charter for Older People

The Arts and Creative Charter for Older People is a set of eight commitments to older arts participants, audiences and artists in Ireland. It aims to increase and enrich their experience of and confidence in arts organisations in Ireland. The Charter was developed over three years as an alignment and collaboration between arts policymakers, practitioners and the public.

It's an initiative led by Age & Opportunity, the leading national development organisation which is working to enable the best possible quality of life for us all as we age. An Griánán is one of seven arts organisations that are taking part in a pilot programme in 2023/24 ahead of a planned rollout to organisations nationwide.

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