Culture Night 2015

Programme

Welcome to Kildare’s Culture Night, coming back for the 6th year! The jam packed programme includes tours, workshops, and performances across cultural genres to suit all ages and tastes!

This is a unique opportunity to engage with the rich arts and culture resources on your doorstep.

All the events are free of charge, so don’t miss this chance to explore, experience and enjoy!

KILCOCK

**Larchill Arcadian Gardens**

Date: Fri 18 Sept

Time: 4pm-8pm

Address: Kilcock

Email: delascas@indigo.ie

Tel: 01 6287354

Website: www.larchill.ie

An 18th century gardens set in 60 acres of parkland with a lake, follies and a walled garden; specially opened late for Culture Night. Come and explore!

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible: partially

- Family-friendly

- Outdoor

**Traditional Evening with Craobh Naomh Coca**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7.30 – 9.30pm

Address: Kilcock Community Library, School St., Kilcock

Email: kilcocklib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 01 6284403

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService Tw: kildarelibrary

Kilcock Library will host a Traditional Evening of Music, Song, Stories and Dance, featuring our local Comhaltas group Craobh Naomh Coca. Open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

MAYNOOTH

**School Dance Surprise**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 9am - 3pm

Address: 2/3 Primary Schools around Kildare

Email: danceartistinfroebel@gmail.com

Website: [www.maynoothuniversity.ie/froebel-department-primary-and-early-childhood-education](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/froebel-department-primary-and-early-childhood-education)

This project showcases the work of the Dance Artist in Residence programme from the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Studies at Maynooth University.

A selected number of Co. Kildare primary schools can invite Froebel’s Dance Artist in Residence into their school to create a magical, dance surprise, including workshop and performance. The dance experience will be totally inclusive; the accessibility will depend on the school.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Booking required

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**Literary Salon**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Address: Maynooth Community Library, Main Street, Maynooth

Email: maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 01 6285530

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

The Literary Salon with special guest author, Niamh Boyce. A gathering in the Library to discuss literature in a Café setting! This event will be facilitated by Heather Bourke.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Booking required

**Russell Library Tours of the Library’s Collection**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 3 – 7pm (hourly tours, with the last tour starting @ 6pm)

Address: The Library, NUI Maynooth

Email: library.russell@nuim.ie

Tel: 01 708 3890

Web: www.library.nuim.ie/russell

Fb: Maynooth University Library

Tw: library\_MU

This beautiful library is home to a unique collection of manuscripts, archives and early printed works and fine example of Pugin architecture. Join a guided tour of the Russell Library and admire the beautiful work. Make your way to the library early as tours are on a first-come, first- served basis. (Max 30 per tour).

Accessibility:

* Family-friendly (Children supervised)

**Open Night - AK Art & jEE jEWELLERY Studios**

Date Fri 18th Sept

Time: 5pm - 9pm

Address: Main Street, Maynooth (above Keogh’s Cafe-now Fridas)

Email: info@jeejewellery.com

Phone: 0872116901

Website: <http://jeejewellery.com/> <http://www.antoonknaap.com/>

Fb: GerBreslin.jEEjEWELLERY or antoon.knaap

Tw: jeebreslin or antoonknaap

Goldsmith/Silversmith and Jewellery Designer/Maker Ger Breslin ­ jEE jEWELLERY and Artist/Painter

Antoon Knaap invite you to their studios on Culture Night, Friday 18th of September.

This will be their first public opening. Antoon is currently working on a series of paintings for the 1916 commemoration, some of which will be on display.

Ger will be showcasing her silver and gold collections along with one off exhibition pieces.

So come along for some refreshments, some music and engage in some culture.

Accessibility:

- family-friendly

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**Maynooth Castle by Night**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6-9.15pm. Last admission 8.45pm.

Address: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth

Email: maynoothcastle@opw.ie

Tel: 01 628 6744

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Fb: maynoothcastleOPW

Visit this 12th century stone castle, once the home of the all-powerful Fitzgerald family, Earls of Kildare. The Castle was once the centre of power in Ireland and was also a place of great culture and learning. Drop in on Culture Night, view our exhibition on the history of the Castle and find out more from the knowledgeable guides!

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible: partially

- Family-friendly

- Outdoor: partially

**National Science and Ecclesiology Museum Maynooth**

Date: Fri 18th Sept/ Sun 20th Sept

Time: Fri 7-10pm, Sun 2-6 pm

Address: St Patricks College, Maynooth

Email: niall.mckeith@spcm.ie

Tel: 087 9152003

Web: www.maynoothcollege.ie/national-museum-maynooth

Fb: National Science Museum

The museum has the largest collection of scientific instruments in public display in Ireland, mostly associated with Nicholas Callan and most of which were manufactured in Ireland between 1880 and 1920. The second part of the Museum is a collection of ecclesiastical artefacts from the past three centuries. Come to discover this interesting part of our history!!

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Weekend event

**Traditional Heritage Night**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8 – 10pm

Address: Maynooth Community Library, Main Street, Maynooth

Email: maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 01 6285530

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

An evening celebrating Irish dance, music, and song at Maynooth Community Library

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**St Patrick College organ recital**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8pm

Address: Visit Maynooth, St Patrick College, Maynooth, co. Kildare

Email: info@maynoothcampus.com

Tel: 01 7086404

Website: www.visitmaynooth.com

Fb & Tw: Visit Maynooth

An unforgettable recital of works by Bach, Franck and Messiaen, performed by James Murphy on the newly restored Ruffati organ in the sublime setting of the College Chapel.

James Murphy, Organ Scholar at St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, is a member of the international award-winning Maynooth University Chamber Choir with whom he has toured New York, Ohio, Chicago and Spain.

LEIXLIP

**Platform4 Audio and Digital Media Studio: Recording Time in the Studio**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: all day

Address: Leixlip Community Library, Captain’s Hill, Leixlip

Tel: 045 448 328

Email: ekdoyle@kildarecoco.ie

Web: [www.kildare.ie/platform4](http://www.kildare.ie/platform4)

With our House Sound Engineer, professionally record your own song in an intensive one hour slot and leave the session with your song on CD/USB (USB must be provided). This opportunity is suitable for singers/songwriters who want to record an original song, a single vocal track or a vocal and a guitar track. Under 18’s must be accompanied by an adult.

Accessibility:

* Family-friendly
* Booking required

**The Glass Garden Botanical Blueprint Workshop**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 11am (adults) and 3.15pm (7-12 years of age) - 1 hour long approx.

Address: Leixlip Library

Email: leixliplib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 01 6060050

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

Brian Cregan's workshop takes inspiration from plant hunters, botanists and early photographic pioneers and allows participants to create their own photogram artworks. This is a camera-less process that captures the shadow of the composition on photographic paper.

Bring along your own plant and flower material, to create your own unique photogram.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible
* Family-friendly
* Booking required

**Mirror Girl**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: 3pm

Address: Leixlip Library, Captain’s Hill, Leixlip

Email: leixliplib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 01 6060050

Website: www.ThePerformanceCorporation.com

Fb: ThePerformanceCorporation

Tw: PerformanceCorp

"Mirror Mirror on the screen, who is the fairest you’ve ever seen?”

The award-winning theatre-makers present a reading of an exciting new children’s play inspired by the story of Snow White. In this contemporary take on the classic fairytale, we hear the story from the point of view of the evil queen and explore the good, the bad and the funny of growing up in a digital world. Written by playwright Tom Swift and directed by Jo Mangan.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly: 7+

- Booking required

- Weekend event

CELBRIDGE

**Art workshops with John Carpenter and Sharon Dunne**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 10.30am-12pm (adults) and 3.30-4.30pm (children)

Address: Celbridge library

Email: celbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 01 6272207

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService Tw: kildarelibrary

The workshop with John Carpenter is for adults of every ability. All materials are included in this 90 minute stand-alone session. For the children’s workshop with Sharon Dunne no previous art or drawing knowledge is necessary.

Accessibility:

- Family-friendly

- Booking required: Places are limited.

**What Grows Where? at Derrybeg Farm**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: from 5pm

Address: Mooretown, opp Salesians College, Maynooth Road, Celbridge

Email: info@derrybegfarm.ie

Tel: 086 3963606 (Róisín)

Website: www.derrybegfarm.ie

Fb & Tw: derrybegfarm

Derrybeg Farm is an example of community-supported agriculture (CSA). There is a direct relationship between the farmer and the 30-40 households who consume the food produced. Come for a walk around and meet some of the members. They will be making multilingual signs to mark "what grows where". Bring wellingtons in case it's mucky! Suitable for all ages.

Accessibility:

- Family-friendly

- Outdoor

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**An Evening of Poetry, Prose and Music presented by Maynooth Writers Group**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7.30-9.30 pm

Address: The Housekeeper’s Room , Castletown House, Celbridge

Email: catherineaconlon@gmail.com

Tel: 087 9772326

Tw: cat\_conlon

Maynooth Writers Group present a Literary Evening at Castletown House. Come along and enjoy some great stories, poetry and music. All ages welcome.

Accessibility:

* family-friendly

**Celbridge Concert Orchestra**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8- 9pm

Address: Celbridge Manor Hotel, Clane Road, Celbridge

Email: celbridgeconcertorchestra@gmail.com

Tel: 087 6888313

Web: www.celbridgeconcertorchestra.com

The Celbridge Concert Orchestra (formerly – Liffey Valley Orchestra) was established by Claire Condron in 1991 to allow both young and mature musicians to play in an orchestral setting. The ethos of the CCO is to support and encourage each musician to reach their full musical potential in an inclusive environment.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

**Free Flowing Gospel Music for your Soul**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8pm – 9:30 approx

Address: The ACRE Centre, Maynooth Road, Celbridge

Email: info@maynoothgospel.com / events@maynoothgospel.com / wedding s@maynoothgospel.com

Tel: 087 4688344 / 087 1357530

Website: www.maynoothgospel.com

Fb: Maynooth Gospel

Tw: MaynoothGospel

The Maynooth Gospel Choir have been entertaining people and spreading a feel-good energy for many years now. They have been privileged to perform alongside artists including Jack L; on RTé TV and Radio and for numerous charities. The members make this group so very wonderful – in personality and voice!

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required: advised

**Shackleton’s Endurance**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8pm

Address: The Hunting Room, Castletown House, Celbridge

Email: info@castletown.ie

Tel: 01 6288252

Website: www.castletown.ie

Fb: Castletown House & Parklands

Tw: opwcastletown

"Shackleton's Endurance" recounts the story of the expedition to cross the Antarctica coast. This performance, premiered on the 2014 centenary of Shackleton’s voyage, tells the story through words by John Mac Kenna, music by Brian Hughes and imagery. Accompanied by the County Kildare Orchestra, this performance captures the emotions of the expedition, from the optimism at departure, through the despair of losing the ship, to the joy as Yelcho makes it to Elephant Island.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

**Celbridge Mill Harvest Festival-Variety Culture Night 2015**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: 6.30-8.30pm

Address: Celbridge Mill Community Centre, Main St, Celbridge

Email: celbridgemillcommunuitycentre@eircom.net

Tel: 01 6288556

Web: www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie

Fb: Celbridge Mill Community Centre

This performance showcases the many groups who avail of the Mill facilities: Run of The Mill Drama Group, Playacting School of Speech & Drama, Orla Gildea`s Speech and Drama, Performing Arts Academy, Wholly Idle, Celbridge Youth Drama, Tanya Michelle School of Dance, Special Mystery Guest and Local Musical Acts. All welcome!

Accessibility:

* family-friendly
* weekend event

STRAFFAN

**Night at the Museum**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 5 - 9pm

Address: The Steam Museum and Lodge Park Walled Garden, Straffan

Email: orlakellykelly@hotmail.com

Tel: 01 6288412

Website: www.steam-museum.com

Come experience a magical evening at The Steam Museum, see the engines steam by night and walk through the lovely walled garden, colouring competition for the children. Fun for all!

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Outdoor: partially

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

CLANE

**Graffiti Style Paper Art**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 3-4.30pm

Address: Clane Youth Project, Kildare Youth Services, Prosperous road, Clane

Tel: 0894095738 Danielle

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

We are teaming up with Clane Library and Clane Youth Project to bring you a fabulous Graffiti Style Paper Art workshop. This event is suitable for a teenage audience aged 13 – 18 years. All materials will be supplied on the day.

Accessibility:

- Booking required: call Danielle

**Clane Project Centre: Invitation to our Social & Enterprise Open Evening**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 3pm-5pm

Address: Clane Project Centre, Prosperous Road, Clane

Email: ted@claneprojectcentre.ie

Tel: 045 861500

Website: www.claneprojectcentre.ie

Our flag ship Clane Youth Project provides learning opportunities and services for young people in Clane. Children interested in Computer Coding can check out our CoderDojo project. Clane Men’s Shed opened in 2011 and engages men in exciting projects. Craft groups and Children’s Art groups will also be on display. Pop in and take a look at our premises and enjoy the evening.

Accessibility:

* family-friendly

**Family Musical Workshop**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6:30pm.

Address: Abbey Community Centre, Main St. Clane

Email: ClaneCommunityCouncil@gmail.com

Website: ClaneCommunity.ie http://mobilemusicschool.ie/primary-schools/workshops/

Make your children the stars of Culture Night! Enjoy a fun family musical workshop led by the fantastic team at mobilemusicschool.ie... children and adults alike can join in and make some music...no experience necessary.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- family-friendly

- Booking required

**Heart Art Magic Workshop**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7-10pm

Address: Transformation Health Clinic, Capdoo, Clane

Email: marianegan@eircom.net

Tel: 087 2443840

Web: www.heartartmagic.com

Fb: heart art magic

Heart Art ‘Magic’ is painting from the subconscious, Meditation and Art combined helps get in touch with your ‘inner’ thoughts allowing you to express what you are really feeling. Spontaneous painting helps bring about a Harmony and Balance within the Brain/Body, while expressing an intuitive wisdom that is within everyone. This is fun, enjoyable, joyful and empowering. Workshops are for ages 15 to 80 year olds. Parent and child is also a good combination

Accessibility:

* Family-friendly

DERRINTURN

**‘Moll’ By John B Keane**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8.30 sharp

Address: Carbury Community Centre, Derrinturn

Email: carburyplayers@gmail.com

Carbury Players present 'Moll', a highly entertaining and successful comedy about a Canon and his two curates in an Irish country presbytery who find themselves in need of a new housekeeper. Enter Moll Kettle, whose arrival is compared to a country getting a new government. Sit back and enjoy the exploits of this formidable woman.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

KILL

**Culture Night Walk and Talk in Kill village**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7.30 - 9 pm

Address: Beginning and ending at Kill Parish Meeting Room, car park beside the Catholic church

Email: brianfrancis.mccabe@gmail.com

Tel: 045 877076

Website: www.localhistorykill.com

Members of the Kill History Group will lead the walk which features the historic and cultural aspects of the village’s long and colourful history, including the various buildings in the village, and famous past and present personalities. It will finish with a convivial cup of tea afterwards. All ages are welcome.

Accessibility:

- Family-friendly

- Outdoor

RATHANGAN

**Art Works with a Storyteller**

Date: Thurs 17th Sept

Time: opening at 6.30 pm and continues for 3 weeks

Address: Rathangan Community Library

Email: rathanganlib@kildarecoco.ie; monicadebath@eircom.net

Tel: 086 3496793

Website: www.guac.ie/portfolio/monica-de-bath

Art Works with a Storyteller is a mixed media exhibition by Rath Studio Artists – young and old. Storyteller Julie Duane will weave stories about the Art Works. Meet visual artist Monica de Bath who facilitates workshops for children and adults in her studio in Rathangan. Her paintings and short films explore the complexities of stories that are interlaced with a people’s relationship with Land, with each other and with the urgent need to make a living.

Accessibility:

- Pre-event

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**DESIGNER SHOWCASE AT AIDEEN CROSS STUDIO**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7pm-8pm

Addres: Aideen Cross Studio, Main St, Rathangan

Email: aideen.cross@gmail.com

Tel: Aideen Cross, Bridal Designer 0868325694 / John O’Byrne, Photographer 085 1567879

Website: www.AideenCrossDesigns.com

Facebook: Aideen Cross, Bridal Designer

Getting Married & looking for a unique look for your wedding? Aideen is an award winning Bridal Designer with over 25yrs experience in the fashion business. View her stunning new collection or let Aideen design a bespoke gown, veil & headdresses. Aideen not only caters for the Bride, but for any special occasion

JOHN O’ BYRNE is a young creative Photographer with a natural talent. View some of his amazing work at this culture evening. Now is your chance to chat to John about your ideas for your wedding or family portrait.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible
* family friendly

**The Dancing Cat – Toddler Workshop**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: 10.30 – 11.30am

Address: Rathangan Library

Tel: 089 4095738

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

The Craft Academy will host a wonderful Toddler Arts & Crafts Workshop, making a Dancing Cat. Places must be booked in advance. Please bring an apron with you on the day as it can get a little messy. Suitable for ages 2-5 years.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

- Weekend event

**CREATIVE SEWING FOR KIDS & ADULTS, who love to sew**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: 12am-1.30pm

Address: Aideen Cross, Main St, Rathangan

Email: aideen.cross@gmail.com

Tel: 086 8325694

Website: www.aideencrossdesigns.com

Fb: Aideen Cross, Bridal Designer

Interested in designing and making with fabric? Drop in and try your hand at some creative sewing projects. Aideen an award winning Bridal Designer, gives sewing classes to kids from age 7yrs up and adults too. View an exhibition of students’ work, which includes our winning quilts from British isle competition, 2014 & 2015. All fabrics and machines supplied, beginners and improvers welcome. Learn a life skill while having fun!

Accessibility:

* wheelchair accessible
* family friendly
* weekend event

**Traditional Baking at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 5-8pm

Address: Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore, Rathangan

Email: bogs@ipcc.ie

Tel: 045 860133

Web: www.ipcc.ie

Fb: Irish Peatland Conservation Council

Visit the Bog of Allen Nature and walk back in time to discover the art of bread making over the fire. Explore the centres traditional Irish kitchen and learn how past generations lived without modern day appliances. Enjoy a slice of traditional bread and jam with a cup of tea made using water boiled using a volcano kettle.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Outdoor: partially

NAAS

**Naas Art Group exhibition**

Date: Fri 18th to Sun 20th Sept

Time: all day

Location: McAuley Place, Sallins Road

Email: info@sharonfidgeon.com

Local artist exhibiting paintings from Portraiture to landscape and more.

The Naas Art Group was founded in 1981 and has been encouraging and inspiring its members to produce high quality art work ever since. The members meet regularly, through workshops and meetings and paint together groups. Also the Naas Art Group exhibit in Naas annually.

Accessibility:

- Family-friendly

- Wheelchair accessible

**Fidelma Barton Art Exhibition**

Date: Fri 18th Sept and over the weekend

Time: all day (till 8pm)

Address: Urban Kitchen Café, Main St, Naas

Email: info@sharonfidgeon.com​

Fidelma Barton has taken inspiration for her art from places she has lived in and travelled to. Hailing from Co. Louth, with the Mourne Mountains as a backdrop, she moved to Dunlaoghaire bringing the sand and shore to life. Fidelma now lives in Kildare where the hills, forests and clear night skies provide inspiration. Every day, mundane items can also be seen in a new light through the eyes of this artist with twists of colour and form. The Cafe will be open late serving tea/coffee and cakes.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible ​

- Family-friendly

- Weekend event

**Past Times Community Choir presents Culture Night Juke Box**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 11.30 am

Address: Naas Town Hall, Naas

Email: carolanncourtney@kwaras.ie

Tel: 083 1709589

Fb: kildareartsservice

Tw: ArtsInCoKildare

This jukebox is a compilation of Irish No. 1’s 'on this day', from the 1950’s to today. Directed by Sharon Murphy, the choir will perform old favourites and contemporary classics for everyone to enjoy.

The Past Times Community Choir is an intergenerational choir that supports people living with dementia, their families and carers. The Choir is funded by KCC Arts Service and supported by KCC Arts and Wellbeing Specialist, HSE, DCU Elevator Programme and The Alzheimer’s Society.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required: places are limited

**Sallins Music Event on the Water**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 5pm- late

Address: Sallins Canal

Email: info@sharonfidgeon.com

We are delighted to announce the following musicians that will be preforming at this special event aboard the 107b: The Kill Singers, The Kilteel/Eadestown Comhaltas & friends, Jam Music Company Jazz Musicians from The Jam Music Factory, the traditional Irish music band Sult and singer/songwriters Saoirse Casey,

Ciaran Dwyer and his band Knoxville Morning and Keith Plunkett .

The 107b is a 60ft long barge built in 1930's to carry goods along the canals and rivers. On Culture Night 2015 the 107b will become the centre stage on the Canal in Sallins.

Come and see this spectacle of music on the water!

Accessibility:

* Family friendly
* Wheelchair accessible: partially

**A talk with artist Eugene Conway**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 5-7pm

Address: Tuckmill Gallery, Dublin Road, Naas

Email: tuckmillgallery14@gmail.com

Tel: 045 879761

Tuckmill Gallery showcases paintings, sculpture and crafts from mainly Irish and Kildare based artists i.e. June Brilly, Eugene Conway, Trevor Geoghegan, Lesley Fennell, Shay O’Byrne and Elizabeth Cope. Tuckmill also features designer makers such as Nicholas Mosse and Eden Pottery.

On Culture Night meet Eugene Conway, one of Ireland’s most well-known landscape artist. Conway’s detail and use of colour ensure his paintings are breath-taking in their realism, while their stillness, peace and honesty portray the true nature and beauty of Ireland.

All are welcome to drop in and chat with the artist about his work, influences and inspiration.

**Troubadour Poet Experience**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 5pm

Address: Various venues in Naas (On the Dublin Road, Main Street, The Moat Mall, The Moat Club, Church Lane, MacAuley Place and The Fairgreen)

Email: maeleonard@hotmail.com

A group of writers, poets and actors will read outside of a number of venues throughout the town.

Accessibility:

- Family-friendly

- Outdoor

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**Public Art Bus Tour**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6pm

Address: pick up at Mc Auley Place, Sallins Rd

Email: publicartour@gmail.com

Tel: 087 2389591

Rina Whyte, Public Art Specialist will take you on a tour like no other, calling on Kildare's public artworks! The Public Art Bus Tour takes on a 'Horse' theme this year! Over two hours, stop at giant wooden horses, Ridgewood Pearl and Ghost Horses! You will hear the stories behind the artworks and their creators. Participants are encouraged to get involved, to share their stories and sentiments about the artworks in words, songs, poems!

Refreshments will be served after the tour, parking is available.

Accessibility:

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

- Outdoor

**Kildare Portrait Artist of the Year**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6pm

Address: Naas Town Hall

Email: [info@sharonfidgeon.com](mailto:info@sharonfidgeon.com)

Inspired by the Sky TV Portrait Artist of the Year, this is a bespoke Kildare Culture Night competition for artists. The entries will be judged by a panel of well known personalities from the arts sector - Connor Walton, finalist in The Sky Portrait Artist of the Year 2014, Alison Hurst portrait artist and Lucina Russell, Arts Officer for Kildare Co Co. Members of the public will be invited to watch while artists will create a portrait of a mystery celebrity over three hours.

The collection of portraits will later be exhibited in the historical Castletown in Celbridge.

Accessibility:

* wheelchair accessible
* Family-friendly

**The Brothers O’Kelly: Editors, Poets, Writers, Nationalists – an illustrated talk by James Durney**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7pm

Address: Naas Community Library, The Harbour

Email: naaslib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 045 879111

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

Galway-born brothers, Seamus and Michael O’Kelly, were both editors of the Leinster Leader during Ireland’s revolutionary period. When Michael was interned in the aftermath of the 1916 Rising, Seamus briefly replaced him until Michael was released from custody a few weeks later. The brothers O’Kelly were also writers, poets and nationalists, involved deeply in the cultural revival and Ireland’s struggle for independence.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

**Life Drawing class**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7 - 8.30pm approx.

Address: Art Studio Abbeybridge

Email: [info@sharonfidgeon.com](mailto:info@sharonfidgeon.com)

Try your hand at life drawing! A clothed model will pose for numerous sketches and you can take part, or watch while others draw. There will be a number of easels set up with materials supplied. An artist/teacher will be on hand to assist, if required.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible
* Family friendly
* Booking required

**Brian Dunning and Sean Whelan in concert: an eclectic mix of Jazz, Original and World Music**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7pm

Address: St Patrick Church, Carnalway, Naas

Email: annasage32@gmail.com;

Phone: 045 485444

St Patrick’s Church of Ireland was built by the La Touche family in 1891 in a fine Hiberno-Romanesque style. It contains a stunning stained glass window by Harry Clarke that commemorates Percy and Lady Anette La Touche. In this beautiful context, international acclaimed musicians, Brian Dunning and Sean Whelan, will present an eclectic mix of music: some jazz from the U.S. and South America, original and world music.

Accessibility:

- Family-friendly

**Sen Nós/Set Dancing/Two Hand Reels**

Date: Fri 18th & Sat 19th Sept

Time: Fri @7.30pm & Sat @11.30am

Address: Courtyard of Alice’s Restaurant, 5 Moat Mall

Email: info@alicesrestaurant.ie

Tel: 045 888227 / 087 8073779

Website: www.alicesrestaurant.ie

Fb: Alices Restaurant

Our very own Jig Gig ar an Ardán @ Alice’s Restaurant. Enjoy a display of Sean Nós and Set Dancing to the accompaniment of live Irish Traditional music. “The Caller” will invite audience participation in dancing Two Hand Reels. Bígi linn, bain úsaid as do chúpla focal mas mian leat. Beigh cupán tae, cáca milis, sport agus craic againn ag Alice’s Restaurant on this Culture Night weekend.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Outdoor

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

- Weekend event

**Cats - The Musical Movie**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7.30 – 10 pm approx.

Address: Arts & Culture Centre, McAuley Place, Sallins Road

Email: artsandculture@mcauleyplace.ie

Tel: 045 897833

Website: www.mcauleyplace.ie

Fb: Mcauley place;Arts and Culture Centre

Tw: mcauleyplace

CATS is a musical composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber. It tells the story of a tribe of cats called the Jellicles and the night they make 'the Jellicle choice' and decide which cat will ascend to the Heaviside Layer and come back to a new life. The London production ran for twenty-one years and the Broadway, for eighteen years.

McAuley Place is a not for profit organisation that provide Independent living for elderly people in the heart of Naas Town.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible
* family-friendly
* Booking required

**Bat Walk**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7.30pm

Address: Meet opposite the Grange Café, Sallins

Email: kildarebatgroup@gmail.com

Website: BCI

Come join members of the Kildare Bat group for a walk along the canal, where we hope to hear and see at least four species of bats. Children must be accompanied by parents. Bring a torch. No dogs please. Looking forward to seeing you on the night! Dress warmly; walking shoes. The event is weather dependant.

Accessibility:

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

- Outdoor

**Have You Seen a Dormouse?**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8pm

Address: The Townhouse Hotel, Limerick Road

Email: kildaredormicegroup@gmail.com

A talk on the Kildare dormouse project by Kildare Bat Group. A talk on dormice: where do they live? What do they eat? Do they hibernate? Where did they come from? Children must be accompanied by parents.

Accessibility:

* Family-friendly.
* Booking required

**Nas na Ri Singers – Open Rehearsal**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8pm

Address: St. David’s Church of Ireland, Main St.

Email: Marshogan1@gmail.com

Tel: 087 2901978

Fb: nasnarisingers

Come along and see what we do each week at rehearsal. Members of the public are welcome to drop in to St. David’s Church and to listen to the choir as we rehearse.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**Eclectic Music from the award winning Ballymore-Eustace Concert Band at Naas Hospital.**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8pm-9pm

Address: Naas Hospital

Email: eimeardeegan@hotmail.com or safetyhealthworks@outlook.com

Tel: 0858017718 or 0879674559

Website: www.ballymoreband.com

Facebook: Ballymore Eustace Concert Band

Ballymore-Eustace Concert Band is an award winning ensemble who competes and entertains at the highest levels in Ireland. Founded in 1875 and resident in purpose built facilities in Ballymore-Eustace the band attracts talented musicians from across Kildare and surrounding counties. Featuring members aged from 11 to 80, Ballymore-Eustace Concert Band looks forward to performing an eclectic programme with hits from all decades including some Glenn Miller, Shostakovich, Sousa and movie scores to celebrate Culture Night at Naas Hospital.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- family-friendly

**Caint & Craic**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 9-10.30pm

Address: The Ivy Inn, Main Street

Email: anitanicamh@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: 085 7028787/ 045 898766

Website: www.glornangael.ie

Fb: glornangael

Caint & Craic promises to be a fun filled night as Gaeilge. Glór na Ríogh invites you to learn your cupla focal to impress potential partners and take part in our “Craic quiz”. Sample some Irish traditional “delicacies” For absolute beginners and all levels in Irish.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**Naas Canal Bank Bird Walk**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: 9am

Address: Meet outside the Library in Naas

Email: birdwatchkildare@gmail.com

Web: www.birdwatchkildare.com

Fb: kildarebwi

This event is aimed at beginners and people who are interested in finding out a little bit more about local birds. The walk will be guided by local bird watchers who will help you get started and answer any questions you have. This event is suitable for all ages. It involves a leisurely walk along the canal so make sure you dress for the weather!

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible
* family-friendly
* Outdoor
* Weekend event

**KILDARE NATIONAL PLAYDAY**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: 12-5pm

Address: Kildare County Council, Head Office, Naas

Tel: Parks Section Kildare County Council 045-980538

Website: Kildare.ie/countycouncil

Fb: Kildare County Council

Families are invited to come out and play!

This year theme is ‘Play Naturally’ and the line-up of free activities will include craft workshops, archaeological excavations, storytelling, magic shows, face painting, bouncy castles, a reptile village, sports and much more! A programme packed with Indoors and Outdoors activities for the whole family!

It’s all free of charge so make sure you don’t miss it!

If you can’t make it though, don’t worry, there are lots of playgrounds and parks right across the county. Check the list and find the one closest to you.

Parks and Playgrounds:

Maynooth, Harbour Field

Leixlip, Leilxip Amenity Centre

Celbridge, Willowbrook Park

Celbridge, St John of God

Clane, Sallins Road

Kilcoc,k Bawnogues

Kildare Town, Lourdesville

Newbridge, Sports Centre

Newbridge, Rosconnell

Newbridge, Adult Gym Liffey Park

Moone, Moone Village

Monasterevin, Westend Street

Kilcullen, Kilcullen Community Centre

Rathangan, Tannery Park

Rathangan Adult Gym St Patricks Park

St. Laurences GAA Old Grange

Suncroft, Suncroft Community Centre

Naas, Monread Monread Park

Naas, Caragh Road Caragh Road

Naas, Ballycane Ballycane

Athy, The Peoples Park The Peoples Park

Athy, Castle Park Castle Park

Athy, Skatepark Meeting Lane

**K-Leisure Sporting Culture: Free Body Balance Class or Swim Session**

Date: Sun 20th Sept

Time: Body Balance @ 2pm, Swim @ 2pm or 3pm ( 1 Hour Only)

Address: K Leisure, New Caragh Road, Naas

Email: naas@kildareleisure.ie

Tel: 045 881655

Website: www.kildareleisure.ie

Fb: kildareleisure

K-Leisure are offering a free Les Mills Body Balance class or free swim session in conjunction with Culture Night. Body Balance is the Yoga, Tai Chai, Pilates workout that builds flexibility, strength and leaves you feeling centred and calm. To avail of these great offers you must be over 18. K-Leisure gives everyone access to gym, pool and class facilities all year round that are tailored to all fitness levels. You can visit K-Leisure on both membership and 'Pay As You Go' options.

Accessibility:

-Wheelchair accessible

-Family-friendly

-Booking required: Places are limited

- Weekend event

**Cultural Fusion**

Date: Sun 20th Sept

Time: Alice’s Restaurant @1 pm, Duck and Cup Café @ 2pm

Address: Alice’s Restaurant, Naas & Duck and Cup Cafe, the Moat Club

Email: trina213@gmail.com

Tel: 087 9292551

Fb: Live Laugh Learn

Connect Community Group is inter-generational and intercultural. An African talk & dance lessons hosted by Tebogo Cindy Makhura will take place at 1 pm. At 3pm 'Something about China' will be presented by Lichao Li' and followed by Tai Chi Practice at Alice’s Restaurant. 'Ceoltais Kilteel' Traditional Irish Music will be playing between 2 and 3pm at the Duck and Cup Café.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible
* family-friendly

- Booking required

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

- Weekend event

**“Old and New Tunes” – Cormac McGovern**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: 2.30 – 3.30pm

Address: Main Concourse, Naas General Hospital

Tel: 045 849944; 087 1225907

Website: www.naashospital.ie

The Arts Committee at Naas General Hospital host varied cultural events to promote the Health and Wellbeing of patients, staff and the wider hospital community. This afternoon of music will include old favourites by various artists and new compositions by Singer and Songwriter - Cormac Mc Govern.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

NEWBRIDGE

**Dancing @ DanceTones Studios**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6 – 8pm

Address: Newbridge Industrial Estate

Email: dancetones@eircom.net

Tel: 086 8315468

Fb : ‘DanceTones Studios’ and ‘The Irish Open’

Whether you think that you have two left feet or are professional dancer looking to expand your knowledge, DanceTones is the ideal location.

We have 3 dance studios and teach a variety of styles; Ballroom, Latin American, Hip Hop, Jive, Waltzing, Salsa, Bokwa, Cheer Dance, Contemporary, and lots more… Come along and have a taster workshop -

The whole experience at the studio is guaranteed to be one of enjoyment and personal development.

**The Prince who married a Frog - Storytelling with Simone Schuemmelfeder**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6.30pm

Address: Riverbank Arts Centre, Main St

Email: info@riverbank.ie

Tel: 045 448319

Website: www.riverbank.ie

Fb: Riverbank Arts Centre

Tw: riverbankarts

A storytelling session for the whole family. Filled with incredible and funny stories, this session takes us all over Europe: from Italy to Spain, to Poland, to Germany, France and all the way to Finland. Listen to stories told in these countries and learn more about your neighbours with pictures and riddles from places you haven't seen before.

Accessibility:

* wheelchair accessible and loop audio system
* family friendly: 4-8 yrs
* Booking required: Places are limited

**Sleeping Beauties**

Date: Fri 18th – Mon 21st Sept

Time: 7- 9 pm, Sat and Sun 9 am - 6pm

Address: Framework Gallery, 5b Whitewater Shopping Centre, Cutlery Road

Email: mary.ronayne37@gmail.com

Tel: 087 9955782 / 086 3400821

Website: maryronayne.com

Fb: Framework Newbridge

An eclectic collection including watercolour, print and photography yet all pieces respond to often overlooked but intriguing elements of my immediate living and working environments. Mary Ronayne collects things from local thrift shops – trinkets, souvenirs. Objects that once held significance.

She looks at the unused yet alluring spaces around the college where she teaches. Living near the Curragh Camp, she considers the beautiful ruins of former military homes and associated story of The Wrens of the Curragh - women cast out by society, their history forgotten or just sleeping.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Weekend event

**Nick Cave - 20.000 Days On Earth**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8pm

Address: Riverbank Arts Centre, Main St

Email: info@riverbank.ie

Tel: 045 448319

Website: www.riverbank.ie

Fb: Riverbank Arts Centre Tw: @riverbankarts

Film screening. Writer and musician Nick Cave marks his 20,000th day on the planet Earth. Drama and reality combine in a fictitious 24 hours in the life of musician and international cultural icon Nick Cave. With startlingly frank insights and an intimate portrayal of the artistic process, the film examines what makes us who we are, and celebrates the transformative power of the creative spirit

Accessibility:

* wheelchair accessible and loop audio system
* Booking required

**Salamander is One Year Young!**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: all day

Address: 2 George's Street, Newbridge

Tel: 045 431567 Joe Bashir

Email: joe@salamandercoffeehouse.ie

Websites: [www.element15.ie](http://www.element15.ie) / [www.willowwonder.net](http://www.willowwonder.net)

Fb: salamander coffee house

Culture Night coincides with Salamander Coffee House's first birthday. To celebrate, there will be live music by local artists, an art exhibition by Element15 and a willow workshop with Beth Murphy, washed down with tasty treats and great coffee. Further details will be posted on our Facebook page.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible: partially
* Family-friendly
* Weekend event

KILDARE

**Children celebrating the culture of Hip Hop Dance with Vicky Barry’s School of Dance**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30pm

Address: Kildare Town Library, Claregate Street

Email: kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 045 520235

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

Vicky Barry’s School of Dance explores Hip-Hop Culture with the students of St Brigid’s Primary School, Kildare Town. Only for the school’s students.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Booking required

**The Culture of Flower Arranging inspired by the Music of Chopin: a romantic union of Polish and Irish cultures**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 2.30 – 3.45pm

Address: Kildare Town Library, Claregate Street

Email: kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 045 520235

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

Come and join this Polish-Irish venture of romance and beauty exploring the art of the flower arrangement inspired by the music of Chopin. This collaboration of Kildare Town Library and Forget-Me-Not Florist welcomes everyone

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

**Ceramic Workshop for Children and Adults in Kildare Town**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6pm children class 10+ years old (45min) and 7pm adults (90min)

Address: Teach Dara Community & Family Centre, Academy Street

Email: info@teachdara.ie

Tel: 045 522128

Website: www.aniasceramics.com

Fb: aniasceramics

Participants will learn the basic ceramic techniques as well as the slab technique used in ceramic modelling “Dream Catcher”. Ania’s Ceramics classes are great entertainment and are suitable for all age groups. Relax and get your hands dirty!!!!

Accessibility:

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

**The Hive. Opening Evening**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7 – 10pm

Address: The Hive, Dublin St., Kildare Town.

Email: hivekildare@gmail.com

Fb: youthspacekildare

Be among the first people to view The Hive, a new space for young people in Kildare town. Located in ‘the old post office’ The Hive is a dedicated space for the young people of the area, with break out rooms, offices and a youth café. Come along and have a look at what The Hive has to offer.

Accessibility:

-Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

MONASTEREVIN

**Copper Embossing Demonstration**

Date: Thurs 17th Sept

Time: 7pm

Address: Monasterevin Community Library

Email: monasterevinlib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 045 529239

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

F: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

Come along to a demonstration of Copper Embossing by Maria Hanlon Connolly. The process of embossing copper is the technique of creating designs in metal through stamping, piercing, folding, etc.

Accessibility:

- Pre-event

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

KILCULLEN

**Cultural World Cafe**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: from 7pm onwards

Address: The Bridge Camphill Community of Ireland, Main St

Email: thebridge@camphill.ie

Tel: 045 481597

Website: www.camphill.ie

The Bridge is hosting a world cafe with poems, stories and music, provided by an exciting fusion of talented artists from the Bridge and the local community. If you wish, bring along your own work or best singing voice! Camphill is an international life sharing community which specifically includes those with special needs. There are a number of centres in Ireland.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly: 8+

BALLITORE

**Get Crafty @Crookstown**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6.30-8pm

Address: Crookstown Craft Village, Crookstown

Email: crookstowncrafts@gmail.com

Tel: 086 0657801

Website: www.crookstowncraftvillage.com

Facebook: Crookstown Craft village

Create a colourful felt brooch with award winning knitwear designer Liadain de Buitlear. Design and make your own unique greeting cards and enjoy demonstration of the ancient art of calligraphy by artist and calligrapher, Anne O Reilly. Or admire florist, Avril Pearson’s beautiful floral displays and make a floral buttonhole arrangement.

Accessibility:

* wheelchair accessible
* family-friendly
* Booking required

**Public Reading of KRF Short Stories**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7pm – 9pm approx.

Address: Ballitore Library & Quaker Museum, Mary Leadbeater House

Email: ballitorelib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 059 8623344

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService Tw: kildarelibrary

This ‘open mic’ style evening is aimed at those entering short stories into the Kildare Readers Festival Short Story competition for 2015. Between the final submission date and the date the winners are selected, this evening will afford all writers the opportunity to read their work, or have their work read to the general public.

**Griese Youth Theatre 2015 LOOK BACK**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7.30pm

Address: The Meeting House, Ballitore

Email: leishburke1@gmail.com

Tel: 087 7528398 / 085 2021884

Fb: griese youth theatre

Griese Youth Theatre performs excerpts from 2015 programme ‘Junctions’ which looked at the evolving nature of young people’s lives. Followed by Q&A sessions and opportunity to participate in drama workshops on themes of plays.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly: 13+

MOONE

**Wild Things Workshop**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7pm

Address: Croi Anu Creative Centre, Moone

Email: info@croianu.ie

Tel: 087 8381933

Website: www.croianu.ie

Fb: Croi-Anu

This workshop is for children of 5+ and parents and anyone who wants to be a “wild thing” on the night. It is inspired but the book “Where The Wild Things Are”. Explore moving as a wild thing; express your “wild thing” sounds and make basic masks of your wild thing.

Croi Anu is centre where a myriad of arts and wellbeing activities take place

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly: 5+

- Booking required

ATHY

**Cooking Up A Delicious Storm**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6-8pm

Address: Athy College, Monastervin Road, Athy

Email: gloriousgod2004@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: 085 1426012

Website: www.womensintegratednetwork-win-athy.org

A showcase of varied food specialities from across the world: you can take part registering before the event in categories: 12-14 yrs, 15-18 yrs and 19yrs+. Or participate in other cultural activities of the night, such as Drumming, Dancing, Singing, Storytelling for under 10 year olds, Arts &Crafts exhibition and Sampling. All registered for the challenge must bring their own ingredients. WIN provides space, cooking stove etc and one prize, per category.

Women’s Integrated Network (WIN), Athy: Empowering Women for positive integration through

information provision, training, skills/knowledge acquisition, potential development and social networking.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required: for the challenge.

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**Talk ‘Tracing your Ancestors in Athy’ by local historian Clem Roche**

Date:Fri 18th Sept

Time: 6.30 - 8 pm

Address: Athy Heritage Centre Museum, Emily Square, Athy

Email: athyheritage@eircom.net

Tel: 059 8633075

Web: [www.athyheritagecentre-museum.ie](http://www.athyheritagecentre-museum.ie)

Located in the former 18th century Market House, Athy Heritage Centre-Museum brings the history of Athy to life, from its Anglo Norman foundation, through the 1903 Gordon Bennett Race, to Athy Men and World War 1 and the story of local Polar explorer Ernest Shackleton. Discover the story of your ancestor with the help of historian Clem Roche.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible
* family-friendly
* Booking required: 30 places

**Tripping the Light Fantastic with Music, Dance, Story and Song in Athy Library**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7-9pm

Address: Athy Library, Emily Square, Athy

Email: athylib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 059 8631144

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

What a taste of culture we have in store for you! The library will buzz with activity with a variety of music, a fantastic local trad group and local folk group with Ceol and Rinca. The original dance floor will have fond memories of bygone days! Bringing us back to the Ceili (round the house and mind the dresser!) with a fantastic Seanachai thrown in for good measure… and we finish up a light supper.

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

- Booking required

- Include Gaeilge/Irish language dimension

**Art Exhibition - Art for the mind**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7pm

Address: Athy Arts Centre, Woodstock Street

Email: athyarts@gmail.com

Website: athycommunityartscentre.com

Fb: athyarts

Anthony P.O'Grady [1961- ] is a self taught artist. He finds inspiration from Francis Bacon, Modigliani to Monet. O'Grady's abstract work appears blatantly sensual and self confident and stand in the tradition of the genre. Portraiture and seascapes are a popular domain, where certain characteristics emerge as trade marks in style, thereby fixing his own personal identity as an artist.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair access
* family friendly
* Irish language dimension

**ATHY FILM CLUB presents Jean de Florette**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 8pm

Venue: Athy College, Monasterevin Rd.

Email: athyfilmclub@gmail.com

Tel: 086 2112046

Facebook: Athy Film Club

Filmed 30 years ago, Jean de Florette, and its' sequel Manon de Sources, proved that themes of land, greed, water and revenge have always been pervasive in rural societies.

There will be an opportunity to view the (MUST SEE) sequel Manon de Sources the following Tuesday 22 Sept., on our Film Club membership enrolment night. Featuring an all-star cast, both films enjoyed a lengthy run in the famous Stella Cinema in Rathmines in the mid '80's. Teenagers welcome.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible

**Painting Day at Burtown House and Gardens for adults and children**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: 11am - 4pm

Address: Burtown House and Gardens, Athy

Email: james@burtownhouse.ie

Tel: 059 86231448

Website: www.burtownhouse.ie

An open day for painters on Saturday, including children, to paint and draw in the garden. Bring own materials. Lesley Fennell will be around to give help and advice. James Fennell will be here to help guide young budding photographers to compose better photographs. Bring your own camera.

Accessibility:

* Outdoor
* Family-friendly
* Weekend event

**Have a Dab at Oil Painting**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: (2 classes) 12-1.30 pm and 2.30-4pm

Address: Athy Arts Centre, Woodstock Street, Athy

Email: athyarts@gmail.com

Website: athycommunityartscentre.com

Facebook: athyarts

Focusing on people who would like to try their hand at Oil painting. Five people in each class. Go on, you know you want to!!

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible
* family friendly
* Booking required: 076 6890388 Joanne Threadgold
* Irish language dimension
* Weekend event

**African Drumming Workshop**

Date: Sat 19th Sept

Time: 4.15 - 6pm

Address: Athy Arts Centre, Woodstock Street

Email: athyarts@gmail.com

Website: athycommunityartscentre.com

Fb: athyarts

Become a percussionist for a day and enjoy some African pounding rhythm at Athy Arts Centre.

Accessibility:

* Wheelchair accessible
* family friendly
* booking required: 0872761156
* Weekend event

CASTLEDERMOT

**Culture Night @ the Library**

Date: Fri 18th Sept

Time: 7pm

Address: Castledermot Community Library, Main Street, Castledermot

Email: castledermotlib@kildarecoco.ie

Tel: 059 914443

Website: www.kildare.ie/library

Fb: KildareCountyLibraryService

Tw: kildarelibrary

Come along to our 'surprise' cultural evening. Contact the library for more details...

Accessibility:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Family-friendly

**For further information on Culture Night Kildare**

Contact: Federica Petronilli, Culture Night Coordinator

Address: Kildare County Council Arts Service, Riverbank, Newbridge, Co Kildare.

Tel: 045 448328

Email: culturenightkildare@gmail.com

Web: www.kildare.ie/culturenight

Facebook: Arts in Co Kildare

Tw: #CultureNight2015 #LoveCulture

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