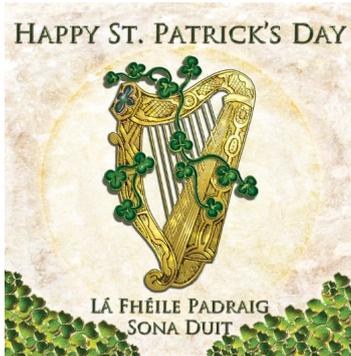


# Arts Office Newsletter

Newsletter Date

March 2026



## Blas International Summer School for Traditional Irish Music and Dance



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Tipperary County Council Arts Office are offering two bursaries to attend this years BLAS International Summer School at the University of Limerick which takes place from the 22nd June to 3rd July, 2026

The value of the bursary covers 1 week tuition (one week intensive of masterclasses, Irish language, lectures and concerts). The purpose of these bursaries is to support professional development of artists

**Applicants must be living in County Tipperary administrative area**

Deadline for submissions: **12 noon, Thursday, 26th March, 2026**

Application Forms and Guidelines for the above are available at this link:

[BLAS International Summer School for Traditional Irish Music and Dance | Tipperary County Council](#)

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Tipperary Cruinniú na nÓg Saturday 6 June, 2026 Open Call

Creative Ireland Tipperary has **extended** the deadline date for Cruinniú na nÓg open call applications.

**Deadline for submissions is now: 4pm Friday 13th March, 2026**

This scheme aims to support projects/events which provide creative activities for children & young people (0-18yrs) in County Tipperary for Cruinniú na nÓg Saturday 6th June 2026.

The primary focus of this programme is youth creativity including direct participation in the project/event. This grant scheme will accommodate applications for funding for events on **Cruinniú na nÓg day** or longer-term projects which take place in advance and then **culminate with an event or showcase on Saturday 6th June 2026.**

The application form and guidelines are available through the link below or alternatively you can

email [creativeireland@tipperaryoco.ie](mailto:creativeireland@tipperaryoco.ie).

[Cruinniú na nÓg Programme | Tipperary County Council](#)





## **EXCHANGES: Open Call For Tipperary-Based Artists**

Artists of all disciplines\* are invited to apply for participation in a 5-day residency of exploration and experimentation with poet, playwright and performer Dagogo Hart in STAC Chapel in response to the theme of 'Exchanges' as part of Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2026.

EXCHANGES will be a 5-day encounter with Dagogo Hart that will include collaborative, creative experimentation and cross-pollination in response to the theme 'Exchanges', supported by Clonmel Junction Arts Festival and South Tipperary Arts Centre. EXCHANGES will culminate with a showcase performance in STAC Chapel during Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2026 (3rd to 12th July).

\* Eligible artists/disciplines include: visual artists, multi-disciplinary artists, writers, poets, musicians, composers, theatre practitioners, dancers, film-makers.

To apply: please send an expression of interest under the subject 'Exchanges Residency', along with your artist statement, artist CV and a PDF of no more than 10 images or media links to [info@junctionfestival.com](mailto:info@junctionfestival.com).

Applicants MUST be domiciled in Co Tipperary. Applicants MUST be available to be in Clonmel for the duration of the residency (18th to 22nd May and a performance between 3rd to 12th July inclusive).

For further details on how to apply, please review the Selection Criteria and Submission Requirements PDF on South Tipperary Arts Centre's website: [southtipperaryartscentre.ie](http://southtipperaryartscentre.ie)

**Closing Date: Friday, 13th March, 2026 at 5pm**



In the lead up to Clonmel Junction Arts Festival, artist Marine Kearney will facilitate a 'How to Plein Air' workshop in Clonmel on Saturday 4th April—a morning of practical advice for artists who are interested in dipping into the wonderful world of Plein Air.

Marine will take you through the basics from what to bring to what happens if it rains.

Tickets for workshop cost €25.00 and can be booked at [www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com) (limited number of places available)

Once registered, participants have the option to book workshops during the Plein Air itself on Saturday 4th July with Sky Arts Landscape Artist of the Year in 2025 Kieran Guckian or Tipperary artist Jacqueline Gartlan.



Applications are now open for a Festival Choir for Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2026. Choral directors Maryna Moskalyk and Eamon O'Malley will work with this specially formed community choir for workshops on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July with a flash mob performance in the centre of Clonmel and a concert in Old St Mary's Church on Sunday 12th July.

Fill out the application form below to be part of this celebration of voices and community with two fantastic choral directors as part of Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2026. This is a free event .

Application form

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdFJlouetxgpP.../viewform>



**Music Generation  
Kilkenny**  
Chill Chainnigh



**Music Generation  
Tipperary**  
Thiobraid Árann

PRESENTS



# The Session 2026

*A monthly traditional music session for young musicians*

## Session dates

- Sat 21 March 3.30-5.30pm
- Sat 18 April 4-6pm
- Sun 17 May 4-6pm
- Sat 20 June 4-6pm

*A fun and relaxed session where young players can learn, listen and play together*

*All levels welcome*



REGISTER HERE



Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh  
Kilkenny County Council



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council



Calling all young traditional musicians Music Generation Tipperary in partnership with Music Generation Kilkenny would like you to join "The Session 2026"

A monthly traditional music session with venues in Tipperary and Kilkenny where you can learn new skills from both teams and music educators.

For more information email [mbourke\\_1@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:mbourke_1@tipperaryetb.ie)



## Creative Schools 2026

The Creative Schools initiative supports schools to put arts and creativity at the heart of children's and young people's lives, enhancing their learning experience.

It focuses on enabling schools to develop a Creative Schools plan over two years, working with a Creative Associate.

### **Creative Schools 2026 is open for applications from 24th February until 30th April, 2026.**

Creative Schools Supports primary and post-primary schools and Youthreach centres across Ireland to put arts and creativity at the hearts of children's and young people's lives. Schools and Youthreach centres that join the programme take part in a two-year guided journey to develop a Creative Schools Plan unique to their own school, and to put it into action. Children and young people's involvement in planning, decision-making and reflection is central to the journey.

For more information on the award and how to apply, frequently asked questions and dates of online information clinics, please see [Schools Hub | The Arts Council | An Chomhairle Ealaíon](#)

Creative Schools is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme to enable the creative potential of every child. Creative Schools is led by the Arts Council in partnership with the Department of Education and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

**This year they are seeking to raise participation in a number of counties, and particularly welcome applications from across county Tipperary.**

If you would like some support with developing your application or further information, please contact us at [creativeschools@artscouncil.ie](mailto:creativeschools@artscouncil.ie)



**An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,  
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán**  
Department of Tourism, Culture,  
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

## **Small Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Funding Scheme 2026**

The Small-Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Scheme is designed to assist local cultural events which may not be eligible under funding criteria for larger scale events such as those supported by Fáilte Ireland, the Arts Council and similar bodies.

Closing date for applications is **2nd April, 2026**.

Funding will be allocated following a competitive applications process, with a maximum grant of €5,000 available.

Further information and how to apply can be found at:

[Small Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Funding Scheme 2026](#)

## **2026 Co-Operation with Northern Ireland Scheme**

The Co-operation with Northern Ireland Scheme is designed to support cultural projects with significant cross-border elements.

Small self-contained projects funded under the scheme seek to enhance, celebrate or commemorate the artistic, cultural, musical, film or heritage of the Island of Ireland on a North/South basis, with a maximum grant of €15,000 available.

Closing date for applications is **2nd April, 2026, 1pm**

Further information and how to apply can be found at:

[2026 Co-operation with Northern Ireland Scheme](#)



**Join our Team: Outreach  
Manager**

Published 04 March 2026

Baboró is seeking a creative and enthusiastic person to join their ambitious team in Galway. This is an exciting role informed by their [current strategy](#) that is key to the realisation of Baboró's ongoing mission to put *creativity at the heart of every childhood* by improving the accessibility and inclusivity of their annual festival and year round programmes.

The Outreach Manager will work closely with Baboró's team to develop, deliver and manage Baboró's year round community and participatory Projects.

**Closing Date for applications:** Sunday, 29 March, midnight

Interview Date: Tuesday, 14th April (in person in Galway City)

To find out more and how to apply click [Here](#)



**create** national development  
agency for collaborative arts

**[Artist in Community Scheme Awards 2026](#)**

**Deadline 30th March, 2026**

The Arts Council's Artist in the Community (AIC) Scheme, managed by Create, offers awards to enable artists and communities of place and/or interest to work together to create exceptional art.

Applications are now open for Artist in the Community Scheme Awards 2025. This includes the following awards:

- Research and Development Award (without Mentoring)
- Research and Development Award (with Mentoring)
- Recent Graduate Research and Development Award (with Mentoring)
- Project Realisation Award



### **Upcoming VAI Events**

- ◆ Visual Artists Help Desk with Rachel Gunning  
Online/Phone Thursday 12th March 2.00pm—4.30pm
- ◆ Undertaking Major Public Art Commissions with artist Ruth E Lyons  
Online Thursday 12th March 11.00am— 1.00pm
- ◆ Visual Artists Help Desk with Brian Kielt  
Online Wednesday 18th March 2.00pm—4.30pm
- ◆ Creating DIY Exhibition Opportunities  
Online Thursday 26 March 11.00am—1.00pm

**To register: [Upcoming VAI events | Visual Arts Ireland](#)**

## ARTS COUNCIL 2026 FUNDING SCHEDULE

More information: [Available funding | The Arts Council | An Chomhairle](#)

<b>FUNDING PROGRAMME</b>	<b>OPENING</b>	<b>CLOSING</b>
Joan Denise Moriarty Award	Open	12 March, 2026
Arts Grant Funding 2027	Open	19 March, 2026
Artist & Youth Work Residency Scheme	Open	20 March, 2026
Opera Projects and Production Award	Open	26 March, 2026
Margaret Arnold Award	Open	26 March, 2026
Artist in the Community Scheme—Round 1	Open	30 March, 2026
International Residency Initiatives Scheme	3 March	2 April, 2026
Children and Young People’s Arts Residency	3 March	2 April, 2026
Arts in Early Learning and Childcare Scheme	3 March	2 April, 2026
Agility Award	3 March	23 April, 2026

# EVENTS

## Nenagh Municipal District

Nenagh Live  
Tipperary County Council  
Nenagh Tourist Office  
Spain AV  
Presents

Believe in  
**NENAGH**



**Saint Patrick's**  
**DAY**  
Concert & Festival Market

**Live at the Courthouse  
& Banba Square  
Tuesday 17th March**

**Admission Free**  
Gates Open 12.00 pm - Live Music from 1.15 pm  
Artisan Market Stalls, Funfair,  
Children's Entertainment

**Mickey Joe Harte  
Trudi Lalor**

**Vintage Tractor &  
Nenagh Classic Cars Display**

Joined by a stellar lineup of  
musical acts and surprise guests.  
This is a day of world class Irish talent  
you won't want to miss !

**St. Patricks Day Walking Parade**  
The parade will set out from Nenagh Railway Station at 1pm  
& follow a route up Kenyon Street, turning right at Pearse St. &  
continuing onto Kickham Street to finish at Banba Square.  
Prize for best float (without vehicle).

**Monday 16th March**  
Nenagh Tourist office presents a special screening of  
"Nenagh: A Town With A Story To Tell".  
Doors open at 6.30pm.  
Contact Nenagh Tourist Office for more details.  
[www.facebook.com/nenaghlive](http://www.facebook.com/nenaghlive)





**BALLINA - KILLALOE  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
17th MARCH @ 2:30pm**



[www.feilebrianboru.com](http://www.feilebrianboru.com)



**MARCH  
14  
@ 12PM**

**Newport  
ST. PATRICK'S  
Parade  
Family Fun Day**

**Main Sponsors:  
Mulcair Credit Union    Tipperary Co Council**



**Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel  
Municipal District**



**Cahir Development Association**  
invites you to celebrate with our

# ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH

## COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW!

STARTING AT 12NOON  
AT THE CAHIR BUSINESS PARK,  
TIPPERARY ROAD

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SQUARE  
COMHALTAS ENTERTAINMENT AFTER  
THE PARADE AT THE  
TOURIST OFFICE PLAZA

ROAD CLOSURES DURING THE PARADE  
CALL ANDY ON 086 3609 110  
FOR MORE INFO



SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



# CASHEL ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

Join us on the plaza from 2:00 PM for live  
music celebrating the best of local talent,  
followed by the parade starting at 4:30  
PM.



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

*Amneal*



BALLYLOOBY  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
PRESENTS

# Saint PATRICK'S PARADE

SUNDAY MARCH 15 IN BALLYLOOBY VILLAGE

AT 11.30AM SHARP

Theme for floats is  
"SHOW YOUR COLOURS"  
Cash prizes for best float  
*Put on your Green and join us to Celebrate  
with your Family and Friends*

*Food - Prizes - Fun  
Ceol agus Craic*

Supported by  
Tipperary County Council



**17 March**

**TIPPERARY TOWN**

# St. Patrick's Day

## PARADE 2026

Join us for a great family day of Music, Floats and Entertainment

Parade starts at 2.30 pm from The Plan

Follow our new facebook page  
St. Patrick's Day, Tipperary Town



Contact us at: [stpatricksdaytippertown@gmail.com](mailto:stpatricksdaytippertown@gmail.com)

FUNDING FROM TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL




**Carrick on Suir Municipal District**



## Carrick-on-Suir's Parade of CHAMPIONS

**MARCH 17th @ 1pm**

Follow the Parade Route from Co-Op to the Library Car Park!

**START**  
Co-op

**FINISH**  
LIBRARY CAR PARK

NEW BRIDGE → MAIN STREET → KICKHAM STREET → PRIMO GARAGE

CO-OP → NEW BRIDGE → MAIN STREET → KICKHAM STREET → PRIMO GARAGE → LIBRARY CAR PARK



## Clonmel Borough District



**ST PATRICK'S DAY  
PARADE CLONMEL  
2026**  
**TUES 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH @ 3PM**

To mark the 150th anniversary of Bianconi's death, this year's optional theme is "Transport Through the Ages."

**REGISTER NOW  
TO ENTER  
PARADE!**

[www.countytipperarychamber.com](http://www.countytipperarychamber.com)

Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann | Clonmel Twinning | County Tipperary Chamber



**St. Patrick's Day  
Workshops**

**CLONMEL  
JUNCTION  
ARTS  
FESTIVAL**

**Friday, 13th March**  
11AM - 12PM (SENSORY HOUR)  
2PM - 4PM FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**The Platform,  
Showgrounds  
Shopping Centre**

FOR SENSORY HOUR,  
PLEASE BOOK AT  
[INFO@JUNCTIONFESTIVAL.COM](mailto:INFO@JUNCTIONFESTIVAL.COM)

FREE DROP-IN WORKSHOPS

## Thurles Municipal District



LIBERTY SQUARE THURLES TIPPERARY

**ST PATRICK'S DAY  
PARADE 2.30PM**

LIVE MUSIC FROM 1.30PM

**TUESDAY 17 MARCH  
2026**

## Tipperary County Council

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## Do you have information to include?

The aim of our newsletter is to highlight the work of Tipperary County Council Arts Office, work by Tipperary artists / groups throughout the County and opportunities / events of interest to our subscribers.

To submit information for consideration for our Newsletters:

Please send us your information to [artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie) with the text 'next arts bulletin' in the subject line. Submit your text only information under the following headings:

**Title entry:** (10 words or less) Short title to grab people's attention

**Main entry:** (500 words max.) The main content of your submission, make sure to include dates, location, cost (if any)

**Contact info:** (100 words max.) A contact name, phone number, email are essential. Please send your information as text only, no PDF's etc as these items can't be included.

**Note:** Submission is not a guarantee of inclusion.

### [www.whatsonintipp.ie](http://www.whatsonintipp.ie)

Is an online festival calendar to highlight and promote Festivals and Events across Tipperary which has been developed by Tipperary County Council.

In addition to being a promotional tool for events taking place throughout Tipperary, this online festival calendar will also facilitate organisers in planning event dates by providing an accessible reference point for as many of the County's Cultural, Community and Sporting events as possible, acting as a "clash" calendar for organisers when setting dates for festivals and events.

The calendar is easy to use and organisers can register their events on the website. Cultural, Community and Sporting events are categorised under a range of headings and users may search by date or type of event. Categories include: Arts; Children's; Family; Comedy; Exhibitions; Fairs; Shows; Markets; Festival; Film; Heritage; Historical; Lectures; Readings; Music; Theatre, Sports & Outdoors.

