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**CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG 2022 – A DAY OF FREE
CREATIVE ACTIVITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

SATURDAY, 11TH JUNE 2022

Creative Ireland Clare is delighted to present to you its Cruinniú na nÓg 2022 programme. We have a wide selection of events for all ages and interests, spread across the whole county of Clare. All events are free and some require booking. Some events were offered directly to schools so that as many children as possible could participate. We hope you enjoy this free day of creativity that celebrates the voice of the child.

Ireland is the first, and *only*, country in the world to have a national day of free creativity for children and young people under 18. **Cruinniú na nÓg** is a flagship initiative of the **Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan** to enable the creative potential of children and young people.

Nationwide events include:

- More than 450 free creative events for young people throughout the country
- Eight live music stages with performances livestreamed on dedicated TV channel
- 12 pop up dance performances
- Youth Theatre Ireland to host introductory theatre workshops nationwide
- 5,000 juggling balls distributed nationwide, with four circus workshops in Tipperary, Cork, Dublin and Galway
- Four historic houses to host free Cruinniú na nÓg activities

Creative Ireland Clare is a collaborative programme that encompasses arts, culture, community and heritage. It is part of Clare County Council and is managed by a Culture Team from the Library, Arts, Heritage, Archives, Museum, Local Enterprise and Community and Rural Development sectors.

Special thanks to our Programme Curator Sheila Quinn for her dedication and commitment to this year's programme.

For more information about **Cruinniú na nÓg** and events nationwide go to <https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/>.

Follow us on social media to experience a flavour of our events online!

Instagram @clarecruinniu and Facebook @CreativeIrelandClare #ClareCruinniú

NORTH CLARE

BECOMING SAOIRSE

Event type: Theatre & music performance with Áine O'Brien

Age: 5+

Venue: Teach Cheoil, Ennistymon

Date and time: Workshops offered directly to schools. Performance on Saturday 11 June, 12:00 – 12:30 pm, all are welcome.

Saoirse is a dragon. She is a small colourful dragon who loves to sing, and fly. One day there is a flying competition in her local town. The big, strong dragons from all around gather for the competition. Saoirse is intimidated and doesn't want to participate in the games. Her dear friend (Creid; believe in Irish)) encourages her to take part.

Conceptual performance artist Aine O'Brien has written a theatre piece entitled Becoming Saoirse, which was inspired by the imaginations of the children in the community. Children from King Thomond, Direct Provision Centre Lisdoonvarna, St. Fachnan National School, Kilfenora & Mol an Óige Steiner National School, Ennistymon participated in workshops where they learned all aspects of theatre production and worked together to create a finished piece of theatre based on the story of Becoming Saoirse. They will showcase the final theatre production of Becoming Saorise on the day of Cruinniú na nÓg.

Children and families are invited to attend the final performance of this show created by children, for children. The performance will take place on Saturday 11 June at 12:00 pm in Teach Cheoil, Ennistymon. Contact: aineobrien@hotmail.com

CREATING ARTISTIC FLORA CREATIONS FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS

Event type: Art workshop with Marianne Slevin

Age: 5+

Venue: The Courthouse Gallery & Studio, Ennistymon

Date and time: Saturday 11 June: 12:00 – 13:00 pm / 14:00 - 15:00 pm / 16:00 – 17:00 pm (advanced class).

Places limited, booking essential. To book go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/creating-artistic-flora-creations-from-recycled-materials-tickets-319712597987>

The Courthouse Gallery & Studios will host three flower making workshops from reusable and recycled materials. Artist Marianne Slevin will facilitate the workshops.

The workshop provides an easy way for children of all ages to create something beautiful from the materials we ordinarily throw away. We encourage participants to bring some materials, such as cardboard and used brown paper. However the gallery will provide materials including paints, brushes, glue etc.

The workshop will give children an opportunity to become exhibiting artists themselves by displaying their work in the gallery and having their creations join the ongoing Summer Open Exhibition for everyone to enjoy until July 17th.

The workshops are created for all ages, and will take place from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm with a slightly more advanced and challenging tutorial taking place in the gallery from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SONGS FOR THE GUARDIANS OF THE LAND

Event type: Music workshop and performance

Age: 9+

Venue: The Pavilion, Town Hall, Lisdoonvarna

Date and time: Workshops offered directly to schools. Performance on Saturday 11 June, 13:15 – 14:00 pm. All welcome.

Children from Doolin National School, Ennistymon Family Resource Centre and the Direct Provision Centre in Lisdoonvarna have been working with community musician Kate Daly to write songs and soundscapes to share with those who are custodians of our land.

The work that the students have produced will be showcased at a collaborative presentation on Saturday 11 June in the form of a concert. All are welcome to attend this lunchtime concert at The Pavilion, Lisdoonvarna and witness this unique event. Local musicians will accompany the children and it will be documented by Cuppa Tea TV.

The musical artworks which the children have created are inspired by the landscapes of North Clare. The songs and soundscapes are a message for the present generation about how the next guardians of the land, our children, would like it to be passed on, sharing from their perspective how we can improve but also how they will see themselves in the role in future years.

It is a song about taking personal responsibility, ownership of our role in minding this wonderful place we call home.

INSPOIRÁID NA BOIRNE

Event type: Exhibition and film

Age: All ages

Venue: Burren College of Art

Date and time: Saturday 11 June 11:00 am – 17:00 pm. See our Online Events for further options.

This exhibition and film is a culmination of work carried out by students of Fanore National School, who have been exploring the idea of using their natural environment through art with artist Katerina Gribkoff.

Working together with Katerina, the students conducted research about the plants that grow around them. They made dyes and paints using plants found around the school. Each student then produced a beautiful and unique watercolour of a Burren flower. The watercolours will be exhibited at the Burren College of Art to be enjoyed by students and visitors alike.

Inspired by their surroundings, the children also composed a piece of music and a poem, a recital of which was recorded on video. This video will feature as part of the final exhibition.

The video will also be available to view on Fanore National School website, www.fanorens.com and also on Creative Ireland Clare Facebook page and the Clare Library YouTube channel.

HAPPY TIMES! DRAW WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

Event type: Art workshop and exhibition

Age: All ages

Venue: Town Hall, Lisdoonvarna

Date and time: Workshops offered directly to schools. Exhibition available to view from 14:00 – 16:00 pm. All welcome.

Artist Grainne Kelleher will host a number of workshops engaging children with the creative and rewarding process of painting a picture that makes them happy!!

Grainne will work with children from the Ukrainian community in Lisdoonvarna to develop paintings using a mix of bright coloured paints along with happy music to bring out happy thoughts and memories. All materials will be supplied.

When the workshops are completed the paintings will be displayed and exhibited in the Pavilion, Town Hall Lisdoonvarna.

Workshops will take place in advance of Cruinniú na nÓg and have been specially commissioned for the Ukrainian refugee community. Information about the exhibition will be available from the Lisdoonvarna Failte Facebook page and also Creative Ireland Clare Facebook page.

For further information contact: Grainnekelleher95@gmail.com

FORAGING AND NATURE CONNECTION WALK

Event type: Outdoor nature workshop

Age: 5+

Venue: The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon

Date and time: Saturday 11 June, 14:00 – 16:00 pm.

Places limited, booking essential. To book contact info@wildkitchen.ie

Join Oonagh O'Dwyer of the Wild Kitchen, Lahinch for a wild plant walk where you will learn to identify and taste seasonal wild food and make nature-based utensils.

The walk will be followed by a workshop on how to use wild plants in a creative way. Participants will learn how to make items such as cleaver baskets, a wild flower cordial drink, and flower crowns, as well as how to collect wild flower seeds. Participants will also learn about the biodiversity of our hedgerows and meadows, and the importance of wild flowers for food for pollinators and as a food source for birds and small mammals.

This workshop will help children to discover the amazing biodiversity of our precious hedgerows and learn about the many species of animals and plants that need hedgerows for shelter, food and as a home. There will also be a plant ID quiz and plant spotters game. All materials will be supplied. Meet in the car-park of the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, near the donkeys.

BRINGING OGHAM TO LIFE: BLOCK-PRINT A T-SHIRT WITH YOUR NAME IN OGHAM CHARACTERS

Event type: Block-printing workshop

Age: 9+

Venue: The Celtic T-Shirt Shop, Lahinch.

Date and time: 12:00 – 14:00 pm | 15:00 – 17:00 pm.

Places limited, booking essential. To book go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bringing-ogham-to-life-tickets-305670377327>

The Ogham alphabet was created to write the Irish language over 1,500 years ago and was used until the Viking age.

In this workshop archaeologist Danny Burke will introduce the ancient Irish Ogham alphabet, while artist Josie O'Connor will instruct participants in the creative art of block-printing.

Participants will compose a word in Ogham, learn about block printing on fabric and help print their chosen word on a t-shirt, using fabric ink and pre-cut lino blocks of the 20 Ogham characters.

All materials will be provided by the Celtic T-Shirt Shop including t-shirts and printing inks, and access to their equipment. All participants can take home their beautiful bespoke t-shirts at the end of the workshop.

There are two workshops to choose from. Both workshops cover the same content.

CBS ENNISTYMON CONCERT

Event type: Performance

Age: All ages

Venue: Teach Cheoil, Ennistymon

Date and time: Saturday 11 June, 14:00 – 14:45

This concert will showcase the various talents at the Christian Brothers School (CBS) Ennistymon, by bringing the students together for a great performance. The main event will be the performance of an original song entitled 'The Burning of Ennistymon', composed and performed by students.

The ballad 'The Rineen Ambush' will also be debuted at this event. This song has never been performed or recorded before. The recently re-discovered lyrics were written by the school-master at Rineen National School at the time of the Rineen Ambush.

These pieces will be performed by a band from the CBS School. Other musicians and performers will perform on the day as part of the programme. Lyrics and pictures relating to the music will be printed and handed out to attendees, and audience participation will be encouraged. The performance will be approximately 40 minutes.

Students will be responsible for the production of the event and will provide stage production, sound and lighting. They will also live-stream the event and capture it on video. Audio will be recorded using the CBS recording facilities. The concert will be live-streamed on the CBS Facebook page and YouTube Channel. Afterwards, a short video will be edited and released via the same school social network platforms.

PEACOCK AND THE MONKEYS

Event type: Workshop and performance with Fatima Lucia

Age: 5+

Venue: Corofin Community Hall

Date and time: Workshops offered directly to schools. Performance on Saturday 11 June, 15:00 – 15:45 pm. All are welcome.

Fatima Lucia, originally from Cadiz, is the leader and director of Al-Andar and has been teaching flamenco dance in Galway and Clare since 1993 when she settled in Ireland. Fatima Lucia was the first Flamenco Dancer to teach in Ireland.

Children from local schools and the community of Corofin will attend dance workshops with Fatima ahead of Cruinniá na nÓg. Fatima will collaborate with the children to create a story, dance, singing and drumming performance which they

Using the story of a peacock and some monkeys, the children will develop their own performance while exploring dance, movement, rhythm and creativity in a relaxed and fun environment. The children will be encouraged to be the co-creators of the entire performance including the script.

All are welcome to come and enjoy a performance of Peacock and the Monkeys – the final dance created by the students and Fatima through her workshops. There will be live music, costumes and a face painter for what promises to be a lively colourful event.

For information more information contact: fatiburren@yahoo.ie

ENNIS

WONDERFUL WILDLIFE OF CLARE

Event type: Drawing workshop with Ana Colomer.

Ages: 9+

Venue: glór Ennis.

Date and time: Saturday 11 June 10:00 am – 11:45 am

Booking essential, places limited. To book go to

<https://glor.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173625284>

How would you draw a squirrel? Do you know what sound a Curlew makes? How do you say fox in Irish? We will be chatting about these and other beautiful creatures while we learn how to draw them step by step. Afterwards, pick your favourite one and make your own masterpiece, using chalk pastels or watercolour to bring home.

In this workshop which will be hosted by visual artist Ana Colomer the children will be guided on how to draw some of the amazing creatures they might come across when walking in the woods, hiking in the bog or going for a swim at their favourite beach. Places are limited to 10 people. All materials will be provided.

TAN ANN.....A PORTRAIT OF WILD WISDOMS BY NÓTA STÓTA

Event type: Film

Age: All ages

Venue: glór

Date and time: Saturday 11 June, 12:00 – 13:00 pm

Places limited, booking essential. To book go to:

<https://glor.ie/events/cruinniu-na-noq-2022-tan-ann-a-portrait-of-wild-wisdoms-by-nota-stota/>

It is said that 'this world is only three feet from the Otherworld and in thin places is even less'.

It is these liminal, "thin" or 'magic' places that the Tan Ann series of short films seeks to recreate for audiences through a blend of puppetry, art, original traditional music and location. Tan Ann is an old Irish expression for 'Once Upon a Time' and these films take us on a journey over the threshold to a supernatural world of magic and storytelling based on Irish folklore & mythology.

This special event features the world premiere of these magical short films incorporating music, puppetry and landscape, which were developed last year in Glór. The films will be introduced by the creative team, Nóta Stóta and their puppets!

Nóta Stóta is a group comprising renowned traditional musicians Conal Ó Gráda (flute, whistle, and mouth organ) and Benny McCarthy (accordions, mouth organ) alongside inimitable puppeteer Des Dillon.

FUN TRAD SESSION WITH EOIN O'NEILL & BRID O'GORMAN

Event type: Music performance

Age: all ages

Venue: glór

Date and time: Saturday 11 June, 14:00 – 16:00 pm. All welcome.

Award winning musician Eoin O'Neill will be joined by Bríd O'Gorman and special guests from the Clare music scene for these fun trad sessions. Sessions are free of charge and non-ticketed.

Eoin has lived in Clare for the past 30 years and has been an integral part of the traditional music landscape in the county. In 2015 Eoin was the winner of the MÓRglór award for Outstanding Contribution to Traditional Music in County Clare and he is famous for his informal music sessions and classes in many venues throughout the county.

Bríd O'Gorman is a traditional flute player from Clare. Her debut album, entitled Bluebells are Blooming, contains 12 tracks of traditional Irish flute music accompanied by Eoin O'Neill on bouzouki.

The whole family can take part so bring along your instruments and tune up!

JUNIOR TRAD GROUP WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE

Event type: Music workshop and performance

Age: All ages

Venue: Further Education and Training Campus, Clon Road, Ennis.

Date and time: Workshop offered through Music Generation. Performance Saturday 11 June, 15:30 – 16:00pm, all welcome.

Music Generation Limerick and Clare have partnered with Caoimhe and Seamús Uí Fhlatharta, two of Ireland's rising stars in Irish traditional music, for this free workshop in Sean nÓs singing.

Coming from a traditional music background in Connemara, Caoimhe and Seamús have helped to rejuvenate Sean nÓs singing in the Irish language for a new generation. This event will bring these two guest musicians and singers together to work with a junior trad group on a song in the Irish language and Sean nÓs style of singing. They will perform this song with the group of young learners after the workshop.

SINGING SONGWRITING CLASS WITH NIALL MCCABE

Event type: Music workshop & performance

Age: All ages

Venue: Further Education and Training Campus, Clon Road, Ennis.

Date and time: Workshop offered through Music Generation. Performance on Saturday 11 June, 12:30 – 13:00 pm, all welcome.

Niall McCabe is one of Ireland's best-known singers and songwriters as well as being a well sought-after session musician on guitar. He has recorded and toured with Beoga, Ed Sheeran and Onset to name a few.

In this workshop, Niall will write and arrange a song with a group of young musicians and singers. They will then film a performance of the song which will be available through social media streams as a streamed performance. Having a high-profile musician such as Niall involved will help in creating a quality workshop and performance as well as helping the profile of the event.

This event has been organised by Music Generation, Limerick & Clare Education Training Board.

THE MART MURDER MYSTERY

Event type: Theatre performance

Age: 9+

Venue: glór, Ennis.

Date and time Saturday 11 June, 11:15 am, all welcome.

DCI Baker has received her first big break, and been called in to investigate the murder of Martin O'Colum. Mr O'Colum's body was found with lots of clues that point to five different suspects; the Marketeers. Can DCI Baker solve the Mart Murder Mystery and finally move up the chain and get out of this town, or will another investigator be called in? Come down to the glór and help Baker solve this murder.

Come join the newest members of Clare Youth Theatre as they perform their first ever show. This group of 10 – 12 year olds are the latest additions to Clare Youth Theatre's

ensemble and are delighted to share their work with you and to talk about their process in creating it with any other children who may be interested in joining the Youth Theatre.

This event is facilitated by Jessica Curtin

The ensemble will do a Q & A afterwards and are happy to meet with other children also to encourage them to join their group from September.

MAKING MOOGHAUN METALWORK

Event type: Artefact-making workshop and exhibition

Age: 9+

Venue: De Valera Library

Date and time: Workshops offered to schools. Exhibition on Saturday 11 June, 10:00 am – 14:00 pm, all welcome. See also our Online Events.

Making Mooghaun Metalwork is an artefact-making workshop led by artist Marie Connole with Third Class students from the Christian Brothers School, Ennis. The workshop will take place in the school on Friday 10 June from 9:00 am to 11:30am.

The artist will demonstrate how to replicate Bronze and Iron Age artefacts using cardboard, tinfoil, paper and other recycled materials. Replicas will be based on objects found in Mooghaun Fort and other sites in County Clare.

Through the workshop students will learn about the great gold find of Mooghaun and the history of these forts in Ireland. Suggested materials: Paper, sharpener, eraser, tissue, tin foil, cardboard, colouring pencils, cello tape, glue. Materials will be supplied.

During the workshop students will photograph the replica artefacts. All participants will be provided with a free book on Mooghaun Fort by the artist.

On Saturday 11 June a display of the replicas and accompanying video will be launched in The De Valera Library, Ennis. The video will also be launched online so that all primary and second-level students can access it as a learning resource.

WEST CLARE

KILRUSH COMHALTAS CRUINIÚ NA NÓG

Event type: Traditional music workshops and performance.

Ages: 9+

Venue: Teach Cheoil, Kilrush.

Date and time: Friday 10 June and Saturday 11 June

Booking essential. See individual events for booking links.

Kilrush Comhaltas will host workshops on the evening of Friday 10 June followed by a performance on Saturday 11 June:

Storytelling with Kieran Moroney. Kieran has a special talent in the old traditional art of storytelling and has won many titles. He has also trained many young members of the branch. His specialised in funny stories and has a large following in West Clare.

Friday 10 June 19:00 pm

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/329748224817>

Sean Nos Dancing with Emma Fennell. Emma has been involved in dancing and teaching dance since she was a child learning from her father John Fennell of Hell for Leather dance school. Emma is a champion dancer and specialises in solo Sean Nós dancing.

Friday 10 June 18:30 pm

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/329749298027>

Music workshop with Kieran Killeen. Well known musician Kieran Killeen is a much sought after teacher in the old West Style of Tin Whistle and Flute playing. Kieran also plays and teaches banjo and is a member of the Dal gCais Ceili bands. Kieran is a County, Provincial and All Ireland Champion.

Friday 10 June 19:00 pm

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/329750030217>

Performance

Come along and enjoy a free performance of traditional music from the workshop facilitators.

Saturday 11 June 20:00 – 21:00 pm

Venue: Teach Ceoil, Kilrush, Places limited, to book go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/330217829417>

AMUIGH FAOIN SPÉIR: DRAWING OUR WOODLAND

Event type: Workshop and exhibition.

Age: 9+

Venue: Walled Gardens, Vanderleur Woods, Kilrush.

Date and time: Saturday 11 June: 10:00 - 11:15 am | 11:30 am - 12:45 pm.

For more information contact Ruth Wood on ruthwood@live.ie

Visual Artist Ruth Wood will host this observational drawing workshop where the children will be immersed in the sights, sounds and smells of the Vanderleur Woods. The participants will be from Gaelscoil Uí Choimin.

The workshop will provide a toolkit of skills and materials that enables children to creatively engage with nature. Children will create an observational drawing based on the organic physical world of wood life.

The workshops will be followed by a 'flash exhibition' in the summer house at Vanderleur Woods. Ruth will also capture the process, and the artwork of each child's participation by creating a high-quality digital photographic collage. Each child/parent will be forwarded their own image after the event.

MAKE A FANTASY FISH FROM RECYCLED PLASTIC

Event type: Workshop and exhibition.

Age: 5+

Venue: Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee.

Date and time: Saturday 11 June: 10:00 – 11:30 am.

To book email cst@clarelibrary.ie

Learn how to create a fabulous, fantasy sea creature out of recycled plastic. Will it be a star fish, a sea horse or a fish? Have fun with layers of colour. You will be able to take your finished picture home with you to hang on your wall.

Artist Kim Thittichai has been experimenting with plastic for many years. Since moving to the Loop Head peninsula, Kim has become increasingly aware of the waste plastic being washed up on the local beaches and the use of plastic on local farms. Attracted by the colour of the plastic and its thermoplastic qualities, Kim has been collecting and experimenting with various types of local waste plastic for the past four years.

From 7 June to 1 July 2022, you can see an exhibition of Kim's work entitled 'Fantastic Plastic' in the gallery of Cultúrlann Sweeney. Kim will show work using two different types of plastic - large sheets of plastic from local farms and colourful plastic screw bottle tops.

Can plastic be seen as beautiful? Can plastic be seen as art? Kim will guide the children through her exhibition and will then work with them to create a fabulous, fantasy sea creature out of recycled plastic

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF MIME

Event type: Physical Theatre Workshop

Age: 13+

Venue: Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee.

Date and time: Saturday 11 June, 13:30 – 15:30 pm.

Places Limited, booking essential. To book, email Monica Spencer at monica.spener@lcebtb.ie.

Clare based artist, Astrid Adler presents a workshop based on the world of mime. Teenagers will experience an excursion into physical theatre, warming up with body, creating physical awareness, isolating body parts and exploring movement and balance. Participants will discover how to use the body and face to express emotions and learn the technique of the 'Tok', an essential part of mime used to visualize the typical 'wall'. The workshop will also include basic improvisation skills and story creation through performance.

The workshop is presented in collaboration with Clare Arts Office.

EAST/SOUTH CLARE

PIXILATION ANIMATION

Event type: Animation workshop with Emma Samms and Nathalie el Baba

Age: 9+

Venue: Scariff Library

Date and time: Saturday 11 June 12:00 – 14:00 pm

Places limited, booking essential. To book phone Emma Samms on 087 7782488

Pixilation is a stop motion technique in which live actors are used as a frame-by-frame subject in an animated film, by repeatedly posing while one or more frame is taken and changing pose slightly before the next frame or frames. The actors become a kind of living stop-motion puppet. This workshop, which will take place over approximately two hours in Scariff Library, will allow the young participants to create a short stop motion animation in which they are the puppets as well as the creators. The workshop will include story and character development, story boarding, shooting and editing the animation. The artists Emma Samms and Nathalie El Baba will work together to host this workshop.

Nathalie and Emma have been working together for many years implementing art-based projects with young people. They have directed Sparks Youth Film Festival in East Clare for seven years and together run the majority of the workshops for this event. More recently they have been exploring in further depth the use of animation as a tool for allowing young people an outlet for creative and artistic expression.

CREATE AND PUBLISH YOUR OWN VIDEO GAME

Event type: Coding workshop

Age: 9+

Venue: Shannon Library

Date and time: Saturday 11 June: 10:00 -11:00 am | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm | 12:30 – 13:30 pm | 13:45 - 14:45pm.

Places limited, booking essential. To book phone Shannon Library on (061) 364266 or email: shannon@clarelibrary.ie

Make your own video game to share with family and friends. Join Laura Lahdensuo and TechSteps in Shannon Library for this workshop on how to create a video game.

Laura will bring children through the process of game development, step by step, using simple coding techniques. This workshop is suitable for beginners and experienced coders. Laptops will be supplied for this event. The resulting game will look something like this:

https://makecode.com/_6mJ2vz1EwdRy

There are four time-slots to choose from. Each workshop covers the same content.

SMARTPHONE FILM-MAKING

Event type: Film-making workshop

Age: 9+

Venue: East Clare national schools

Date and time: Workshops offered directly to schools. See our Online Events for further options.

Burning House Productions will be bringing their unique Smartphone Film-making workshops to schools East Clare.

Students from Lakyle National School, Whitegate and Raheen Wood School, Scariff will participate in workshops in the weeks leading up to Cruinniú na nÓg. They will learn how to act in, direct and film a short film using their own smartphones and professional film equipment.

The students will learn skills in cinematography, lighting, how to operate the film equipment, devise scenes and short films, direct actors and learn how to act on camera. The students will learn how to use professional lighting, cameras, tripods, steadicams, shoulder rigs, sound equipment, motorized sliders as well as learn how to use smartphone filmmaking equipment.

The final movie produced by the students will be broadcast on the Burning House Productions Vimeo channel and the Clare County Library YouTube channel. The screening will take place on Saturday 11 June.

SEEING EYES: HOW TO WRITE A NATURE POEM

Event type: Poetry workshop

Age: 9+

Venue: Scariff and Killaloe Library

Date and time: Screening in Scariff and Killaloe libraries, Saturday 11 June, 10:00 – 14:00 pm. See our Online Events for further options.

“Seeing Eyes: How to Write a Nature Poem” will be a 5-10 minute pre-recorded video that explains what nature poetry is and how to write a nature poem. The video will be recorded on the sites of several walks in the Killaloe-Ballina area; Ballycuggeran, Two-Mile Gate, Tountinna, and the walk by the weir on the way to O-Briensbridge.

In the video, the nature poet Jessica Brown will discuss what a nature poem is, giving two examples of a nature poem (one classic and one of her own), and also what you need to write one. Jessica will provide prompts and some instruction for the child viewer so they can write their own nature poem.

This video combines poetry with ecological awareness to inspire children to write about their natural surroundings.

This video will be available to view in Scariff and Killaloe libraries on Saturday 11 June, during library opening hours. It will also be broadcast on the Clare Library YouTube channel and the Clare Creative Ireland Facebook page.

FLUTTERBY 2 BY FIDGET FEET

Event type: Outdoor circus / Street performance

Age: 5+

Venue: Scariff Harbour

Date and time: Saturday 11 June 13:00 – 14:30 pm & 16:00 – 17:30 pm.

Fidget Feet are an aerial circus performing company from Ireland. We are thrilled that they will be hosting a spectacular and magical day, bringing their production Flutterby to Scariff Harbour.

Flutterby is a magical way for all the family to get outdoors and create a unique experience together. We hope you can join us!

The event will be two sessions in the day, 90 minutes each. Each event will contain 30 minutes of arts and crafts making butterflies/caterpillars. The remaining 60 minutes will be comprised of walking around looking for butterflies, Fidget Feet's promenade circus show about butterflies/caterpillars, and local children performing aerial.

Make – 30 minutes of Arts and Crafts. Families can join in the fun to make caterpillars, moths and butterflies together with the Fidget Feet team.

Walk – to meet Bláithín, she loves caterpillars, moths and butterflies. Follow her on her adventurous journey with Uncle Rusty searching for flying butterflies.

Watch – 30 minutes of Fidget Feet's promenade circus street show, with caterpillars and butterflies flying through the air!

We will also have aerial performances by some local children who have been learning to fly!

This is an outdoor event, with some walking and standing to view the show. Dress for all weather!

This will be a great family day out. Why not bring a picnic and enjoy a magical day out at Scariff Harbour.

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

OLD SONGS FOR YOUNG HEARTS: TRADITIONAL IRISH SONG EXPERIENCES FOR BABIES & TODDLERS

Event type: Song workshop

Age: 0-4 years

Venue: Ennis, Shannon and Quin.

Date and time: Dates and times vary, see below for more information.

Internationally renowned traditional singer and flute player Nuala Kennedy will present a program of acoustic songs in Irish and English which comfort and relax babies, toddlers and their parents. Some lively dance music on the flute and whistle might also take place! Children younger than age two are more likely to learn and remember information from a live experience than they are from a video. Nuala will offer all attendees the opportunity to viscerally engage with the Irish song tradition, in a safe, caring and natural way.

This beautiful performance of Irish song is designed to connect us with our ancestors, drawing a line between today's babies and those that were nursed and cradled to the same kind of music centuries before. Sit back, close your eyes and breathe, letting the music take you and your baby somewhere different; somewhere magical!

Experiences will take place in the following venues:

- 7 June, 10:30 am: Fahy Hall, Ennis
- 9 June, 10:00 am: Hope Café, Shannon.
- 10 June, 11:30 am: Little Sangha Parent Toddler Group, Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis.
- 11 June, 11:30am: Quin Parent Toddler Group, Quin.

To participate contact Nuala Kennedy at nualamusic@gmail.com

WONDERLAND WITH CLARE YOUTH THEATRE

Event type: Theatre workshop

Age: 13+

Venue: glór, Ennis and Culturlann Sweeney, Kilkee.

Date and time: Saturday 11 June. For more information email Clare Youth Theatre at clareyouththeatre@gmail.com

Welcome to Wonderland Clare Youth Theatre members would like to welcome any teenager with an interest in acting, writing, design, sound, lighting, directing, costumes, make up and anything else you fancy.

We are a group of 20 young people from all over Clare who meet in glór every Saturday. We are presenting our new production Wonderland on May 22nd and will share excerpts from the production as part of this workshop which will be led by youth theatre members. You will get to see how work at devising theatre pieces, how much fun we have and how inclusive we are - all are welcome - no auditions, no pre-conditions.

Not sure? Give us a try. We promise to leave you with a smile on your face and a song in your heart. Sign up at clareyouththeatre@gmail.com

A proud part of Youth Theatre Ireland's Cruinniú na nÓg programme!

ONLINE

INK, PRINT, REPEAT!

Event type: Printmaking workshop

Age: 5+

Venue: Creative Clare Facebook Page and Clare County Library YouTube Channel

Date and time: Released Saturday 11 June.

Clouna National School will participate in a series of printmaking workshops that will explore the different uses for print, with each workshop focusing on a different purpose for the printmaking processes. The workshop will be facilitated by artist Tessa O'Connor.

The final workshop will comprise of a community-based print activity, creating a collaborative large-scale print that will be printed using a steam roller. There will be a community event where we will be printing three large prints that the children in our school will have made in a previous workshop, onto paper using the steam roller. Children who attend the large-scale event will also be invited to try out small scale print-making techniques on the day such as mono printing and screen printing.

The school will document and video this project and broadcast this for Cruinniú na nÓg on Saturday 11 June.

The video can be viewed on Clouna National School social media at the following links: Facebook: @ClounaNationalSchool Twitter: @ClounaNS Instagram: Clouna_n

UP UP AND AWAY WITH GO FLY YOUR KITE

Event type: Kite making workshops

Age: 5+

Venue: Creative Clare Facebook and Instagram pages.

Date and time: All day on Saturday 11 June

Go Fly Your Kite aims to bring STEM and creativity to children and young people and enable fun through learning, art, science, social interaction and exercise.

The Go Fly Your Kite team along with the group coordinators have developed workshops that encourage children to get out, explore and learn about their local area. Children will discover local myths and legends or create their own interpretation of

local stories, in a hand-drawn piece of art. During the workshop this draft of art work or a choice made by participant from our library of images is placed under a blank kite and traced using permanent markers. The art work is then removed and the participant can colour and continue to be creative on the design of their individual kites.

The workshop culminates with the participants constructing their own kites and learning where and how to fly their kites safely. The project is a unique activity and that promotes artistic freedom, and develops skills in construction, creative thinking and exercise.

Film highlights of the workshop and the kite flying will be posted to our social media channels throughout the day.

SEEING EYES: HOW TO WRITE A NATURE POEM

Event type: Poetry workshop

Age: 9+

Venue: Creative Clare Facebook Page & Clare Library YouTube Channel

Date and time: Starts Saturday 11 June

“Seeing Eyes: How to Write a Nature Poem” will be a 5-10 minute pre-recorded video that explains what nature poetry is and how to write a nature poem. The video will be recorded on the sites of several walks in the Killaloe-Ballina area; Ballycuggeran, Two-Mile Gate, Tountinna, and the walk by the weir on the way to O-Briensbridge.

In the video, the nature poet Jessica Brown will discuss what a nature poem is, giving two examples of a nature poem (one classic and one of her own), and also what you need to write one. Jessica will provide prompts and some instruction for the child viewer so they can write their own nature poem.

This video combines poetry with ecological awareness to inspire children to write about their natural surroundings.

This video will also be available to view in Scariff and Killaloe libraries on Saturday 11 June, during library opening hours.

SMARTPHONE FILM-MAKING

Event type: Film-making workshop

Age: 9+

Venue: Creative Clare Facebook page.

Date and time: Released on Saturday 11 June

Burning House Productions will be bringing their unique Smartphone Film-making workshops to schools East Clare.

Students from Lakyle National School, Whitegate and Raheen Wood School, Scariff will participate in workshops in the weeks leading up to Cruinniú na nÓg. They will

learn how to act in, direct and film a short film using their own smartphones and professional film equipment.

The students will learn skills in cinematography, lighting, how to operate the film equipment, devise scenes and short films, direct actors and learn how to act on camera. The students will learn how to use professional lighting, cameras, tripods, steadicams, shoulder rigs, sound equipment, motorized sliders as well as learn how to use smartphone filmmaking equipment.

The final movie produced by the students will be broadcast on the Burning House Productions Vimeo channel and the Clare County Library YouTube channel.

MAKING MOOGHAUN METALWORK

Event type: Artefact-making instructional video

Age: 9+

Venue: Creative Clare Facebook page and Clare Library YouTube channel.

Date and time: Released on Saturday 11 June.

Making Mooghaun Metalwork is an artefact-making workshop led by artist Marie Connole with Third Class students from the Christian Brothers School, Ennis.

The artist will demonstrate how to replicate Bronze and Iron Age artefacts using cardboard, tinfoil, paper and other recycled materials. Replicas will be based on objects found in Mooghaun Fort and other sites in County Clare.

Through the workshop students will learn about the great gold find of Mooghaun and the history of these forts in Ireland.

On Saturday 11 June a display of the replicas and accompanying video will be launched in The De Valera Library, Ennis. The video will also be launched online so that all primary and second-level students can access it as a learning resource.

INSPOIRÁID NA BOIRNE

Event type: Exhibition and film

Age: All ages

Venue: Burren College of Art /Online

Date and time: Film screening online on Saturday 11 June, all day.

Exhibition at the Burren College of Art, Saturday 11 June 11:00 am – 17:00 pm

This exhibition and film is a culmination of work carried out by students of Fanore National School, who have been exploring the idea of using their natural environment through art with artist Katerina Gribkoff.

Working together with Katerina, the students conducted research about the plants that

grow in around them. They then made dyes and paints using plants found around the school. Each student then produced a beautiful and unique watercolour of a Burren flower. The watercolours will be exhibited at the Burren College of Art to be enjoyed by students and visitors alike.

Inspired by their surroundings, the children also composed a piece of music and a poem, a recital of which was recorded on video. This video will feature as part of the final exhibition.

The Video will be available to view on Fanore National School website, www.fanorens.com and also on Creative Ireland Clare Facebook page and the Clare Library YouTube channel.