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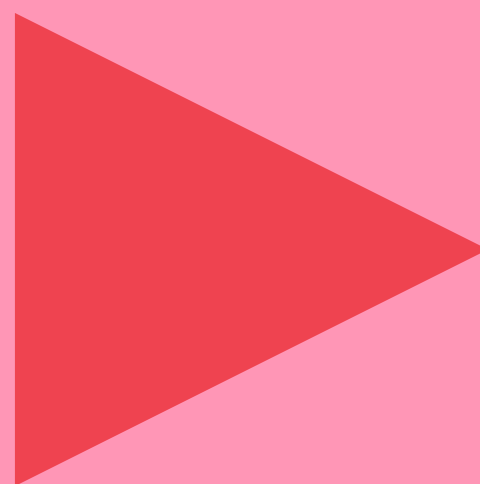
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RÉAMHRÁ

FOREWORD



Is é misean an Rannáin Cultúir, atá leagtha amach in Cultúr Le Chéile: Pleanáil Straitéiseach don Rannán Cultúir 2022 - 2026, “a chinntiú go mbeidh gach duine inár sochaí inspreatha ag, cumasaithe ag agus saibhríthe ag gníomhaíocht chultúrtha.” Creideann Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall gurb ionann infheistíocht i gcultúr agus tiomantas do chontae a bheidh níos sláintiúla, níos sásta, níos rachmasaí agus níos rathúla.

D'oibrigh foireann an Rannáin Cultúir – a bhfuil seirbhísí Leabharlainne, Ealaíon, Músaeim, RCC, Cartlainne agus Oidhreacht páirteach ann – chun clár leathan agus éagsúil d'imeachtaí agus de ghníomhaíochtaí a chur ar fáil i rith na bliana. Chomh maith leis sin, i rith 2023 sheolamar Straitéis Chultúir agus Chruthaitheachta Dhún na nGall 2023–2027 agus chuireamar an clár Éire Ildánach agus clár Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán i bhfeidhm agus onóir ba ea an deis a fháil Cuimhneachán Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir, imeacht bliantúil i mBaile na nGallóglach ar an 21 Bealtaine, a chomheagrú.

Cúis áthais dúinn fáilte a chur roimh Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta agus Oifigeach Ealaíon agus Éagsúlachta Cultúrtha mar bhaill dár bhfoireann i rith 2023. Ceadaíonn an tsineirge idir ár seirbhísí ar fad saineolas a chomhroinnt agus seirbhísí níos fearr a chur ar fáil dár bpobail agus don earnáil chultúrtha trí chéile.

Cúis áthais dúinn an forléargas seo ar an raon leathan gníomhaíochtaí, tionscadal agus clár a réachtáladh i rith 2023 a chur ar fáil, ar cuireadh go leor acu i gcrích i gcomhpháirt leis an bpobal agus le heagraíochtaí eile.

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The mission of the Culture Division, as set out in Cultúr Le Chéile: Strategic Plan for Cultural Division 2022 - 2026 is “where everyone in our society is inspired, enabled and enriched by cultural activity.” Donegal County Council believes that to invest in culture is a commitment to a healthier, more fulfilled, prosperous and successful county.

The Culture Division team – comprising Library, Arts, Museum, RCC, Archive and Heritage services – worked to deliver a wide and varied programme of events and activities throughout the year. During 2023 we also launched the Donegal Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023 – 2027 and rolled out Creative Ireland and Decade of Centenaries programmes as well as having the honour of co-organising the annual National Famine Commemoration in Milford on the 21st of May.

We were delighted to welcome a Biodiversity Officer and an Arts and Cultural Diversity Officer to our team during 2023. The synergy between all of our services allows for the sharing of expertise and delivering better services to our communities and the wider cultural sector.

We are pleased to present this overview of the rich range of activities, projects and programmes that took place during 2023, many of which were delivered in partnership with the community and other organisations.

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Gníomhartha Straitéiseacha - Dul Chun Cinn in 2023

<https://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/culture/pdf/CD%20Annual%20Progress%20Matrix%202023%20Final.pdf>

Sprioc	Gníomh 1	Gníomh 2	Gníomh 3	Gníomh 4	Gníomh 5
Sprioc 1: Cultúr a chomhdhlúthú chun freastal ar riachtanais reatha agus ar éilimh atá ag fás	Tacú le hinfheistíocht mhéadaithe sa Rannán Cultúir — 4 ghníomhaíocht	Clár ceannaireachta foirne agus forbartha fórsa saothair a fhorbairt agus a chur i bhfeidhm don fhoireann agus don bhainistíocht — 2 ghníomhaíocht	Foireann na Rannóige Cultúir a leathnú chun freastal ar an éileamh ar sheirbhísí — 7 ghníomhaíocht	Comhpháirtíochtaí atá ann cheana a neartú agus comhpháirtíochtaí nua a fhorbairt — 9 ghníomhaíocht	
Sprioc 2: Caighdeán saoil agus folláine a fheabhsú trí éagsúlacht, rannpháirtíocht agus páirtíocht ghníomhach sa Chultúr a mhéadú	Oideachas áitiúil agus náisiúnta a neartú agus a fhorbairt mar aon le cláir foghlama ar feadh an tsaoil, tacaíochtaí agus deiseanna - 9 ghníomhaíocht	Oibriú lena chinntiú go mbíonn deis ag gach duine páirt a ghlacadh i ngníomhaíocht chultúrtha — 8 ghníomhaíocht	Ár gclár bliantúil d'imeachtaí cultúrtha saor in aisce a neartú agus a fhorbairt — 8 ghníomhaíocht	Cláir agus gníomhaíochtaí for-rochtana a aithint, a fhorbairt agus a leathnú — 5 ghníomhaíocht	Cláir a cheapadh agus a fhorbairt a dhíríonn ar theaghlach agus ar dhaoine níos sine - 7 ghníomhaíocht
Sprioc 3: Tacú le gairmithe agus grúpaí cultúrtha a gcultúr agus a gcruthaitheacht féin a fhorbairt agus braistint áite agus féiniúlachta a threisiú	Scéimeanna deontais a chur chun feidhme chun tacú le gairmithe cultúir, grúpaí pobail agus tionscadail - 5 ghníomhaíocht	Leanúint de thacaíocht a thabhairt do ghairmithe cultúir i bhforbairt a ngairmeacha beatha — gníomhaíocht amháin	Leanúint de thacaíocht a thabhairt d'fhorbairt foirmeacha nua agus nuálacha de léiriú cultúrtha agus cruthaitheach — 4 ghníomhaíocht		
Sprioc 4: Dea-cheleachtas a chur i bhfeidhm agus a chur chun cinn i mbainistiú agus i bhforbairt an chultúir	Caomhnú agus leasú ár mbailiúchán cultúir a fheabhsú — 5 ghníomhaíocht	Straitéis Dhigiteach a fhorbairt chun deiseanna a chruthú le teicneolaíochtaí nua agus teicneolaíochtaí atá ag teacht chun cinn — gan aon ghníomhaíochtaí	Beartais agus prótacail a fhorbairt agus a chur chun feidhme chun dea-cheleachtas a chinntiú — 2 ghníomhaíocht	Pleananna straitéiseacha arna bhforbairt mar a comhaontaíodh le heagraíochtaí comhpháirtíochta a chur i gcrích — gníomhaíocht amháin	
Sprioc 5: Luach an Chultúir a chur in iúl	Plean cumarsáide agus margaíochta comhcheangailte a fhorbairt, a acmhainniú agus a chur i bhfeidhm dár seirbhísí cultúrtha — 1 ghníomhaíocht	Feasacht a mhúscailt maidir le luach ár gcultúr — 6 ghníomhaíocht	Taighde an Choimisiúin agus sonraí a bhailiú maidir leis an gcultúr — gníomhaíocht amháin		
Sprioc 6: Infheistíocht inár mbonneagar caipitil a dhainiú agus a uasmhéadú	Maoiniú a fháil chun clár athchóirithe, cothabhála agus inrochtana ar ár bhfoirgnimh chultúrtha a chur i bhfeidhm — gníomhaíocht amháin	Bonneagar cultúrtha nua a fhorbairt chun seirbhís d'ardchaighdeán a sholáthar — 3 ghníomhaíocht	Plean a fhorbairt, a acmhainniú agus a chur i bhfeidhm maidir le maolú ar an athrú aeráide agus oiriúnú don athrú sin — 2 ghníomhaíocht		
Sprioc 7: Forbairt chultúrtha a threorú, comhairle a thabhairt di, eolas a chur uirthi agus tionchar a imirt uirthi	Comhairle a chur ar fáil do dhaoine aonair, do phobail agus d'fhoireann Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall agus do chomhaltaí tofa ar cheisteanna cultúir — 6 ghníomhaíocht	Obair agus saineolas an Rannáin Cultúir a chomhtháthú tuilleadh le polasaithe agus cláir oibre Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall — 4 ghníomhaíocht	Ár n-ionadaíocht agus ár rannpháirtíocht inár gcomhlachtaí gairmiúla a mhéadú, lena n-áirítear straitéisí, tionscadail agus cláir — 5 ghníomhaíocht		

Strategic Actions - Progress in 2023

<https://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/culture/pdf/CD%20Annual%20Progress%20Matrix%202023%20Final.pdf>

Goal	Action 1	Action 2	Action 3	Action 4	Action 5
Goal 1: Consolidate and grow culture to meet existing needs and growing demands	Advocate for increased investment in the Culture Division – 4 activities	Develop and implement a programme of team leadership and workforce development for staff and management – 2 activities	Expand Culture Division staff to meet the demand for services – 7 activities	Strengthen existing partnerships and develop new partnerships – 9 activities	
Goal 2: Enhance quality of life and well-being through increasing diversity, engagement and active participation in Culture	Strengthen and develop local and national education and lifelong learning programmes, supports and opportunities – 9 activities	Work to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate in cultural activity – 8 activities	Strengthen and develop our annual programme of free cultural events – 8 activities	Identify, develop and expand programmes and outreach activities – 5 activities	Devise and develop programmes targeting families and older people – 7 activities
Goal 3: Support cultural professionals and groups to develop their own culture and creativity and reinforce sense of place and identity	Implement grant schemes to support culture professionals, community groups and projects -5 activities	Continue to support culture professionals in the development of their careers – 1 activity	Continue to support the development of new and innovative forms of cultural and creative expression – 4 activities		
Goal 4: Employ and promote best practice in the management and development of culture	Improve the preservation and conservation of our culture collections – 5 activities	Develop Digital Strategy to embrace opportunities created by new and emerging technologies – no activities	Develop and implement policies and protocols to ensure best practice – 2 activities	Deliver on strategic plans developed as agreed with partner organisations – 1 activity	
Goal 5: Communicate the Value of Culture	Develop, resource and implement a joined-up communications and marketing plan for our cultural services – 1 activity	Raise awareness of the value of our culture – 6 activities	Commission research and gather data on culture – 1 activity		
Goal 6: Secure and maximise investment in our capital infrastructure	Secure funding to implement a programme of refurbishment, maintenance and accessibility to our cultural buildings – 1 activity	Develop new cultural infrastructure to deliver a quality service – 3 activities	Develop, resource and implement a plan for climate change mitigation and adaptation – 2 activities		
Goal 7: Lead, advise, inform and influence cultural development	Provide advice to individuals, communities and Donegal County Council staff and elected members on culture issues – 6 activities	Further integrate the work and expertise of the Culture Division into Donegal County Council's policies and work programmes – 4 activities	Increase our representation on and participation in our professional bodies, including strategies, projects and programmes – 5 activities		

NATIONAL FAMINE COMMEMORATION 2023 CHUIMHNEACHÁN NÁISIÚNTA AN GHORTA MHÓIR 2023

Ba i nDún na nGall a reáchtáladh imeacht bliantúil Chuimhneachán Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir, i mBaile na nGallóglach ar an Domhnach, an 21 Bealtaine, gar do láthair Sheanteach na mBocht Bhaile na nGallóglach agus Reilig an Ghorta Mhóir. Chomheagraigh Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall an t-imeacht i dteannta leis an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, agus roinnt comhpháirtithe rialtais eile.

Craoladh an searmanas beo ar an gcainéal RTÉ News Now agus páirteach ann bhí ceoltóirí áitiúla - Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Maoil Ruaidh agus Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh le tionlacan; mic léinn ón meánscoil áitiúil a léigh dán le Seamus Heaney, 'At a Potato Digging'; agus léigh Eithne Ní Ghallchobhair sleachta a bhain leis an nGorta Mór ó Bhailiúchán na Scol. Páirteach sa searmanas freisin bhí Óglaigh na hÉireann lena n-áirítear Banna an Airm, an Cór Taidhleoireachta, agus thug an tAoi Oinigh, an tUachtarán Micheál D. Ó hUiginn an spreagaitheasc, agus dúradh paidreacha ar son íospartaigh an Ghorta Mhóir agus eagraíodh searmanas sollúnta leagtha bláthfhleisce.

Donegal hosted the annual National Famine Commemoration in Milford on Sunday the 21st of May, close to the site of the old Milford Workhouse and the Famine Graveyard. Donegal County Council were co-organisers of the event along with Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and a variety of other government partners.

The ceremony was broadcast live on the RTÉ News Now channel and included local musicians - Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Maoil Ruaidh and Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh plus accompaniment; local secondary school students reading Seamus Heaney's poem 'At a Potato Digging'; and Eithne Ní Ghallchobhair reading famine related excerpts from the Schools Folklore Collection. The ceremony also included input by the Defence Forces including the Army Band, the Diplomatic Corps, a keynote address by Guest of Honour President Michael D. Higgins, prayers for the victims of the Famine and a solemn wreath-laying ceremony.



CLÁR ÉIRE ILDÁNACH CREATIVE IRELAND PROGRAMME

In 2023 cuireadh síneadh 5 bliana bhreise leis an gClár Éire Ildánach. Seoladh Straitéis Chultúir agus Chruthaitheachta Dhún na nGall 2023–2027 san Ionad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach i Leitir Ceanainn i mí na Samhna.

Tacaíodh le tionscnaimh chruthaitheacha éagsúla i rith 2023 lena n-áirítear tionscadail ar bronnadh maoiniú orthu trí Scéim Dámhachtana na dTionscadal Cultúir & Cruthaitheachta, tionscadail atá spriocdhírithe ar dhaoine scothaosta ar bhonn trasteorann trí Cheol in Ionaid Lae, agus Comharghrúpa Ceardaíochta Bealtaine; clár Staraí Cónaithe, imeachtaí spriocdhírithe trí Ghaeilge, sparánacht scannáin agus tionscadal idirnáisiúnta idir Dún na nGall agus Albain dar teideal Donegal Emigrant Working Lives.

2023 saw an extension of the Creative Ireland Programme for a further 5 years. The Donegal Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023 – 2027 was launched at the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny in November.

A variety of creative initiatives were supported throughout 2023 including projects awarded funding through the Culture & Creativity Project Award Scheme, projects targeting older people on a cross border basis through Music in Day Centres, and the Bealtaine Crafts Collective; a Historian in Residence programme, targeted Irish Language events, a film bursary and an international project between Donegal and Scotland called Donegal Emigrant Working Lives.



Cruinniú na nÓg

Ghlac 7,671 páiste agus duine óg páirt in imeachtaí Chruinniú na nÓg 2023 ag 31 suíomh ar fud an chontae, imeachtaí a thug deis dóibh díriú ar an gcruthaitheacht trí pháirt a ghlacadh i raon leathan imeachtaí.

Rinne an Rannán Cultúir go leor oibre le páistí agus daoine óga trí dheis a thabhairt do Chomhairle Óige Dhún na nGall páirt a ghlacadh sa phróiseas pleanála agus deis a thabhairt do dhaoine óga an méid ba mhaith leo a fheiceáil, a dhéanamh nó a thriail a chur san áireamh. Mar thoradh ar an gcur chuige seo cruthaíodh clár ina gcuimsítear na moltaí a rinne na daoine óga mar aon le himeachtaí spleodracha nach bhféadfaidís a shamhlú fiú, b'fhéidir.

Roimh Chruinniú na nÓg, bhain páistí ó ionaid soláthair dhírigh taitneamh as ceardlann rapcheoil chruthaitheach ar a dtugtar Rhyme Island agus tugadh deis dóibh a gcuid liricí féin a scríobh le chéile (rapcheol, amhrán nó filíocht) agus thaifead siad amhrán grúpa inar scrúdaíodh a gcuid scéalta. Tá an táirge deiridh le fáil ag <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP5U6jg7hvo>.

Ar an lá reáchtáladh ceardlanna éagsúla lena n-áirítear Caibleadh – guthanna os cionn an uisce ag Teach Solais Fhánada, Eachtraí Coillearnaí Eithne ag Coillte Dhroim Bó, imeachtaí a bhí dírithe ar photaireacht, sorcas, Gaeilge, fuáil, ceol, drámaíocht agus go leor imeachtaí cruthaitheacha eile i mbailte agus sráidbhailte ar fud an chontae mar aon le dhá imeacht a rinneadh sa bhaile a bhí bunaithe ar phaca gníomhaíochta a seoladh tríd an bpost.

Den chéad uair in 2023, i gcomhpháirt leis an gComhairle Óige, rinne foireann Cultúir agus Cruthaitheachta Dhún na nGall iarracht níos fearr teagmháil a dhéanamh le páistí agus daoine óga atá ag baint tairbhe as Cúram Altrama, Tionscadail Athstíúrtha Óige agus daoine de bhunadh mionlaigh eitnigh, agus d'éirigh thar cionn lena n-iarrachtaí.

Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg 2023 reached 7,671 children and young people in 31 locations across the county where they explored their creative potential in a huge range of events.

The Culture Division worked extensively with children and young people by including Donegal Youth Council in the planning process and asking young people what they would like to see, do, or try. The result is a programme which includes their suggestions alongside exciting events they may never have imagined.

In the lead up to Cruinniú, children living in direct provision enjoyed a creative rap workshop called Rhyme Island where they wrote their own lyrics collectively (rap, song, or poetry) and recorded a group song exploring their stories. The end-product can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP5U6jg7hvo>.

On the day, workshops included Caibleadh – voices over the water at Fanad Lighthouse, Eithne's Woodland Adventure at Drumboe woods, pottery, circus, Irish language, sewing, music, drama and many other creative events in towns and villages across the county with two hugely successful post out activity-pack events which were completed at home.

For the first time in 2023, in collaboration with the Youth Council, Donegal's Culture and Creativity team reached out directly to harder to reach children and young people in Foster Care, on Youth Diversion Projects and those from ethnic minorities, which were highly successful.



Scéim Deontais Cultúir & Cruthaitheachta

Thairg Scéim Dámhachtainí an Tionscadail Cultúir & Cruthaitheachta deontais luach €2,000 do gach grúpa pobail agus do dhaoine aonair do thionscadail a spreag comhoibriú agus comhar idir pobail agus speisialtóirí oidhreacht, ealaíontóirí, gairmithe cultúir agus/nó tionscail chruthaitheacha. Fuarthas 46 iarratas, agus tacaíodh le 25 tionscadal. Tá eolas maidir le gach tionscadal a bhfuiltear ag tacú leis le fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin Éire Ildánach

https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/events?_sfm_county=Donegal

Culture & Creativity Grant Scheme

The Culture & Creativity Project Awards Scheme offered grants of €2,000 each to community groups and individuals for projects that encouraged cooperation and collaboration between communities and heritage specialists, artists, culture professionals and/or creative industries. 46 applications were received, 25 of which were supported. Information on each of the supported projects is on the Creative Ireland website https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/events?_sfm_county=Donegal

Ciste Gníomhaíochta Eacnamaíochta na bPobal Cruthaitheach

In 2023, bronnadh €68,000 ar an Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil i nDún na nGall chun tabhairt faoi chlár píolótach rannpháirtíochta agus cumarsáide atá dírithe ar thionscal na teicneolaíochta tumthaí trí rannpháirtíocht choiteann le Coimisiún Forbartha an Iarthair, Eirmersive, Údarás na Gaeltachta, oifigí Fiontair Réigiúnacha an Mheán-Iarthair, Iarthuaiscirt agus Iarthair, Mol Fiontair Chruthaitheach & Nuálaíochta CREW agus Moil Nasctha mar phríomh-chomhpháirtithe.

Ba é an aidhm a bhí ann tús a chur le céim rannpháirtíochta agus chumarsáide chun déileáil go sonrach leis na dúshláin a bhaineann le sóisialú na ndeiseanna atá ar fáil faoi láthair agus a bheidh ar fáil amach anseo trí thairbhe a bhaint as acmhainní XR; comhtháthú pobail agus éiceachóras gníomhach a fheabhsú. Fianaise ba ea gníomhartha an chlár ar an luach a chruthaíonn an tionscal XR don ghnó ar fad.

Cruthaitheacht i Measc Daoine Scothaosta

Rinne Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall i gcomhpháirt le Comhairle Ceantair Chathair Dhoire & an tSraitha Báin iarratas ar Éire Ildánach chun maoiniú a chur ar fáil chun Ceol Beo i Saoráidí Cúraim Sláinte Cónaithe a sholáthar agus chun tacú le Rannpháirtíocht Chruthaitheach le Daoine Scothaosta sa dá údarás áitiúil. Luach €34,000 a bhí luaite leis an iarratas agus chuir sé ar chumas 12 shaoráid chónaithe, sé shaoráid ar an dá thaobh den teorainn, tairbhe a bhaint as léiriú cruthaitheach i rith shamhradh na bliana 2023. Bhí sé thacar de ghrúpaí/de cheoltóirí i mbun ceoil ag sé ionad trí huaire ar a laghad i rith shamhradh 2023 sa dá údarás áitiúil. Mar chuid den tionscadal Get Crafty eagraíodh sraith ceardlann inar tugadh deis do sheisear ealaíontóirí coimisiúnaithe oibriú le cónaitheoirí i sé shaoráid chónaithe ar Thionscadal Ealaíne agus ag an seisiún deiridh cuireadh saothar ealaíne/ceardaíochta ar taispeáint. Bhí an t-aiseolas ón bhfoireann agus ó na healaíontóirí a bhí páirteach sna seisiúin cheoil agus cheardaíochta an-dearfach. Mhóthaigh na rannpháirtithe “go raibh gach duine ag obair le chéile ar bhealach cairdiúil”.

Creative Communities Economic Action Fund

In 2023, €68,000 was awarded to the Local Enterprise Office in Donegal for a pilot engagement and communication programme aimed at the immersive technology industry through collective engagement with the Western Development Commission, Eirmersive, Údarás na Gaeltachta, the Regional Enterprise offices Mid-West, Northwest and West, CREW Creative Enterprise & Innovation Hub and Connected Hubs as key partners.

The aim was to initiate an engagement and communications phase to specifically address the challenges in socialising the existing and future opportunities by harnessing XR capabilities; enhancing community cohesion and an active ecosystem. The programme actions demonstrated the value of the XR industry to all business.

Creativity in Older Age

Donegal County Council in conjunction with Derry City & Strabane District Council successfully applied to Creative Ireland for funding to provide Live Music in Residential Healthcare Facilities and Creative Engagement with Older People in both local authorities. The application was worth €34,000 and enabled twelve residential facilities, six on each side of the border, to enjoy creative expression during the summer of 2023. Six sets of groups/musicians performed at six venues at least three times over the summer of 2023 in both local authorities. The Get Crafty project was a series of workshops where six commissioned artists worked with residents in six residential facilities on an Art Project which culminated in a finished art/craft piece at the final session. The staff and artists involved in the project provided very positive feedback on both music and craft sessions. Participants felt “a real sense of connection and camaraderie” having taken part.



Oideasú Sóisialta

Idir Lúnasa agus Samhain 2023, dhírigh an líonra Oideasaithe Shóisialta i nDún na nGall ar chlár imeachtaí folláine cruthaitheacha a rolladh amach trí úsáid a bhaint as maoiniú luach €25,000 a cuireadh ar fáil faoin gClár Éire Ildánach agus faoin tsnáithe Sláinte agus Folláine Ildánach, FSS agus a n-ósteagraíocht.

Reáchtáladh 24 imeacht cruthaitheach do dhaoine atá ag obair laistigh de líonraí oideasaithe shóisialta. Imeachtaí aonuaire sa phobal a bhí i gceist le cuid de na himeachtaí, agus imeachtaí a eagraíodh mar chuid de shraith imeachtaí téamúla ba ea cuid eile acu. Ní raibh mórán ama ar fáil chun na himeachtaí a eagrú, ach sholáthair gach oibrí naisc sraith shaincheaptha agus rathúil d'imeachtaí cruthaitheacha a raibh tionchar dearfach aici ar an 429 rannpháirtí.

Sholáthair an clár bonnsraith láidir chun líonra áitiúil a fhorbairt a thacaíonn le clársceidealú cruthaitheach a dhíríonn ar riachtanais folláine chruthaitheacha daoine a úsáideanna na seirbhísí a sholáthraíonn oibríthe naisc oideasaithe shóisialta. Táthar ag súil go gcuirfear leis an mbonnsraith láidir seo sna blianta amach romhainn.

Social Prescribing

Between August and November 2023, the Social Prescribing network in Donegal rolled out a programme of creative wellbeing events with €25,000 funding from the Creative Ireland Programme under their Creative Health and Wellbeing strand and with support from Donegal's Culture and Creativity Team, the HSE and their host organisation.

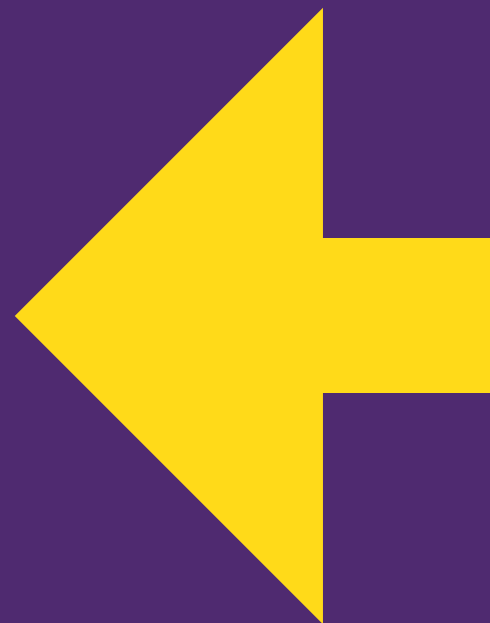
24 creative events were held for people within social prescribing networks. Some of these were one off events in the community, and others were a series of themed events. It was a tight delivery timeframe, but each link worker delivered a tailored and very successful series of creative events which impacted the 429 participants in a positive way.

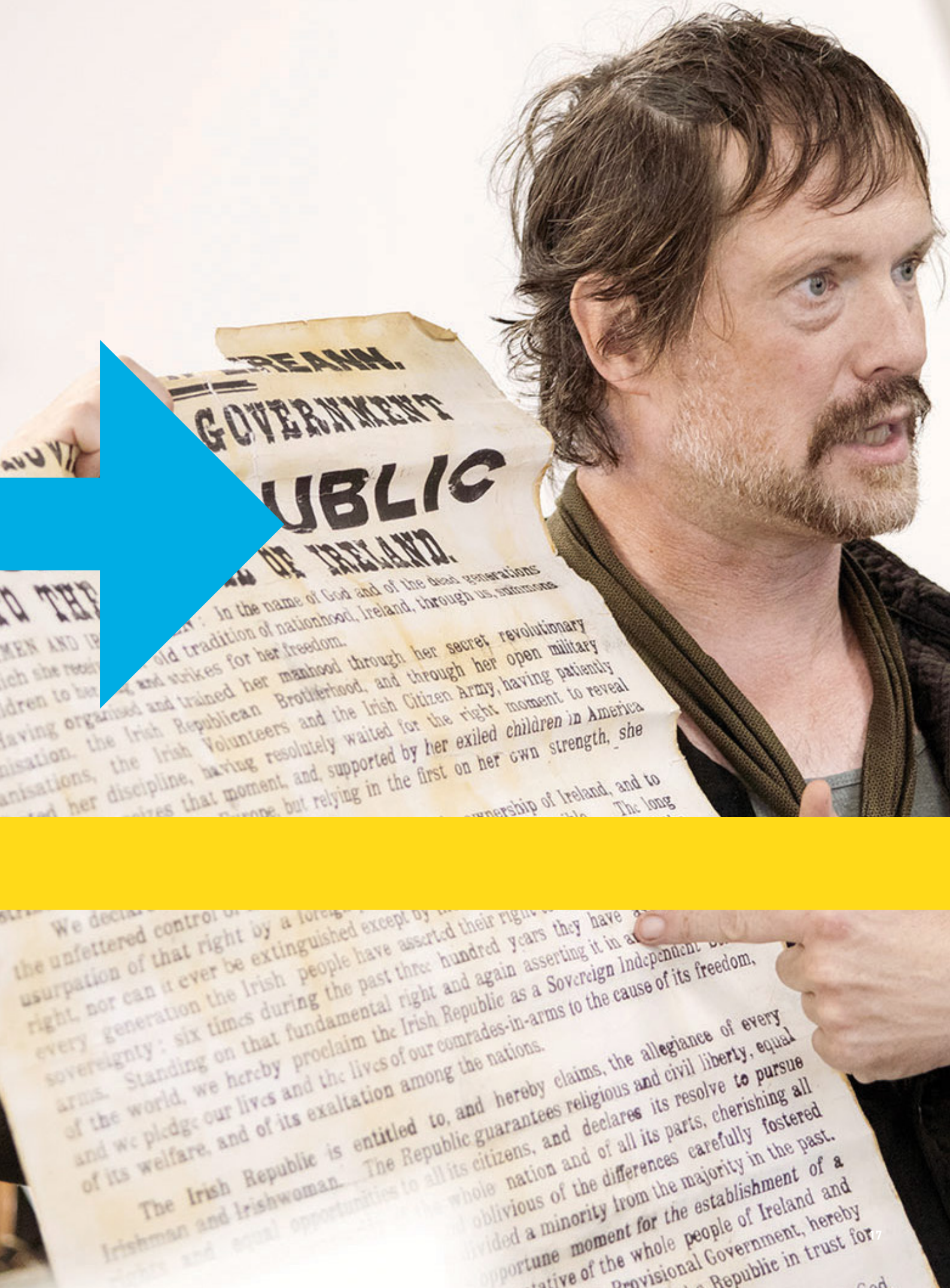
The programme laid a strong foundation for the development of a local network that supports creative programming that addresses the creative wellbeing needs of people who use the services of social prescribing link workers. It is hoped to build on this strong foundation in the coming years.

DEICH mBLIANA NA gCUIMHNEACHÁN DECADE OF CENTENARIES

In 2023, d'eagraigh an Rannán Cultúir sraith tionscadal a bhfuil sé mar aidhm leo scrúdú a dhéanamh ar Dheich mBlíana na gCuimhneachán i gContae Dhún na nGall. Bhí an clár bunaithe ar thuiscint iomlán ar an gcastacht a bhaineann le himeachtaí stairiúla agus lena n-oidhreacht, ar go leor tuiscintí difriúla ar an stair, agus ar na féiniúlachtaí agus traidisiúin éagsúla ar fad ar cuid de chúlra Dhún na nGall iad.

In 2023 the Culture Division delivered a series of projects exploring the history of the Decade of Centenaries in County Donegal. The programme was informed by a full acknowledgement of the complexity of historical events and their legacy, of the multiple readings of history, and of the multiple identities and traditions which are part of Donegal's past.





Foilseachán Dheich mBlíana na gCuimhneachán

Chun comóradh a dhéanamh ar an mbliain deiridh de Dheich mBlíana na gCuimhneachán, chruthaigh an Músaem i gcomhpháirt leis an tSeirbhís Cartlainne, foilseachán inar tarraingíodh aird ar an obair a rinneadh idir 2012 agus 2023. Ó 2012, tá an Rannán Cultúir ag obair le daoine aonair, grúpaí agus eagraíochtaí, ag leibhéal áitiúil agus náisiúnta, chun comóradh a dhéanamh ar na himeachtaí a raibh tionchar acu ar shaol na ndaoine a bhí ina gcónaí i nDún na nGall idir 1912 agus 1923. San áireamh san fhoilseachán tá ailt faoin taighde a rinne foireann an Mhúsaem agus na Seirbhíse Cartlainne i rith na tréimhse seo.

Cláir Faisnéise Raidió agus Podchraoltaí

Trí bheith ag obair le Highland Radio, d'fhorbair foireann an Mhúsaem agus na Seirbhíse Cartlainne sraith de 4 phodchraoladh ina scrúdaítear scéalta faoi Dhún na nGall nach raibh inste roimhe seo a bhain le Deich mBlíana na gCuimhneachán mar seo a leanas <https://highlandradio.com/category/documentary/>

- Untold: Donegal Women in the Revolutionary Period
- 'From Behind The Walls' Stories of First World War Casualties & Survivors
- Donegal Claims and Compensation – The Irish Grant Committee
- Drumboe - The Last Letters

Decade of Centenaries Publication

To mark the last year of the Decade of Centenaries, the Museum in association with the Archives Service created a publication highlighting the work undertaken between 2012 and 2023. Since 2012 the Culture Division have worked in association with individuals, groups, and organisations both locally and nationally to commemorate the events which impacted the lives of those living in Donegal between 1912 and 1923. The publication includes articles on the research which has been undertaken by the Museum and the Archives Service throughout this period.

Radio Documentaries and Podcasts

Working with Highland Radio, the Museum and the Archives Service produced a series of 4 podcasts exploring previously untold Donegal stories from the Decade of Centenaries as follows

<https://highlandradio.com/category/documentary/>

- Untold: Donegal Women in the Revolutionary Period
- 'From Behind The Walls' Stories of First World War Casualties & Survivors
- Donegal Claims and Compensation – The Irish Grant Committee
- Drumboe - The Last Letters

Digitíú

Dhigitigh Seirbhís Cartlainne Chontae Dhún na nGall na taifid seo a leanas a bhaineann leis an gcéad fiche bliain den 20ú haois <https://www.donegalcoco.ie/culture/archives/digitised%20archives/local%20authority%20archives%20digitised/>

- Miontuairiscí cruinnithe Chomhairle Ceantair Bhéal Átha Seanaidh x 11 imleabhar
- Miontuairiscí cruinnithe Chomhairle Ceantair Tuaithe Bhaile na nGallóglach, x 17 n-imleabhar,
- Miontuairiscí Chomhairle Ceantair Tuaithe Shrath an Urláir, x 5 imleabhar

Digitisation

Donegal County Archives digitised the following records covering the first two decades of the 20th century <https://www.donegalcoco.ie/culture/archives/digitised%20archives/local%20authority%20archives%20digitised/>

- Ballyshannon Rural District Council minutes of meetings x 11 volumes
- Milford Rural District Council minutes of meetings, x 17 volumes,
- Stranorlar Rural District Council minutes, x 5 volumes



Droim Bó 100

Chun comóradh a dhéanamh ar chur chun báis ceathrar fear ag Caisleán Dhroim Bó i rith an Chogaidh Cathartha i Márta 2023, eagraíodh na himeachtaí seo a leanas:

Taispeántas Dhroim Bó:

D'fhorbair foireann an Mhúsaeim taispeántas taistil bhig chun scéal an cheathrar fear a cuireadh chun báis ag Caisleán Dhroim Bó ar an 14 Márta 1923 a insint – Charlie Daly, Daniel Enright, Timothy O'Sullivan ó Chontae Chiarraí agus Sean Larkin ó Chontae Dhoire. Bhí an taispeántas seo ar taispeáint i Leabharlann Phobail na Nascbhailte (Bealach Féich/Srath an Urláir); Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair; Scoil Cailíní Naomh Pádraig, agus Ionad Pobail, Dún Lúiche.

Drumboe Play:

Ba é Kieran Kelly, scríbhneoir, múinteoir agus aisteoir as Leitir Ceanainn, a scríobh an dráma seo agus ba é Charlie Bonner, aisteoir agus stiúrthóir cáiliúil as Bealach Féich a stiúir é. Cuireadh an dráma ar stáitse in Ionad Ealaíon Balor, Bealach Féich idir an Déardaoin agus an Satharn, 12-14 Deireadh Fómhair. <https://www.balorartscentre.com/?event=drumboe> Sa dráma seo tugtar chun beochta na himeachtaí a tharla i mí Márta 1923 ag Caisleán Dhroim Bó, Srath an Urláir agus caitear solas nua ar scáileanna na ré atá caite. Páirteach sa léiriúchán gairmiúil seo bhí triúr aisteoirí cáiliúla as Iarthuaisceart na hÉireann a bhfuil taithí acu ar a bheith ar an stáitse sa West End - Sean Donegan, Denis Grindel agus Stefan Dunbar.

Drumboe 100

To commemorate the execution of four men at Drumboe Castle during the Civil War in March 1923 the following events were organised:

Drumboe Exhibition:

The Museum developed a small touring exhibition telling the story of the 4 men who were executed at Drumboe Castle on the 14th of March 1923 – Charlie Daly, Daniel Enright, Timothy O'Sullivan from Co Kerry and Sean Larkin, from Co Derry. This exhibition was on display in the Twin Towns Community Library (Ballybofey/Stranorlar); Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair; St Patrick's Girls School, and Ionad Pobail, Dunlewey.

Drumboe Play:

This play was written by Kieran Kelly a writer, teacher and actor from Letterkenny and directed by Charlie Bonner a well-known actor and director from Ballybofey. It was held in the Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey from Thursday-Saturday, October 12th – 14th. <https://www.balorartscentre.com/?event=drumboe> The play dramatizes the events of March 1923 at Drumboe Castle, Stranorlar and casts new light onto the shadows of our past. This professional production starred three leading North West of Ireland actors with West End experience - Sean Donegan, Denis Grindel and Stefan Dunbar.



Clár Dheich mBlíana na gCuimhneachán na Leabharlainne

Ceardlann ar líne Great Irish History le Myles Dungan D'óstáil an staraí, leachtóir, údar agus láithreoir, Myles Dungan, léacht ar líne a eagraíodh do 10 scoil. I rith na léachta tugadh léargas gonta ar stair agus ar shochaí na hÉireann i rith na n-aoiseanna, sular dírfódh ar na himeachtaí a tharla i rith thréimhse na Réabhlóide.

Sraith léachtaí

D'eagraigh an Dr Angela Byrne sraith de cheithre léacht dar teideal "Life and Society in Donegal, 1923" i rith na Seachtaine Oidhreachta. Bhí na léachtaí bunaithe ar an athrú atá tagtha ar shochaí na hÉireann ó bhlianta tosaigh an fhichiú haois agus ar an tionchar a bhí ag na himeachtaí corraitheacha a tharla i rith thréimhse na réabhlóide. Ba i Leabharlann Phobail na Rosann, an Clochán Liath; Leabharlann Phobail Bhun Dobhráin; Lárleabharlann Leitir Ceanainn agus Leabharlann Phobail Bhun Cranncha a reáchtáladh na léachtaí <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/life-and-society-in-donegal-1923-with-dr-angela-byrne-2>

Léacht an Dr Kerron Ó Luain "Iardheisceart Átha Cliath le linn blianta na Réabhlóide 1916-23"

Thug an Dr Kerron Ó Luain léacht trí Ghaeilge faoi thréimhse na Réabhlóide i mBaile Átha Cliath agus sa cheantar mórthimpeall, i Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair. <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/iardheisceart-%C3%A1tha-cliath-le-linn-blianta-na-r%C3%A9abhl%C3%B3ide-1916-23-le-kerron-%C3%B3-luain>

Siúlóidí Stairiúla

I rith na Seachtaine Oidhreachta eagraíodh sraith Siúlóidí Stairiúla i ngach Ceantar Bardasach chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar stair agus ar oidhreacht ceantar difriúil i nDún na nGall, agus leagadh béim ar an tionchar a bhí ag thréimhse na réabhlóide ar dhaoine agus ar an tírdhreach. Staraithe áitiúla i gcomhar le foireann leabharlainne staidéar áitiúil a d'fhorbair na cainteanna seo. <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/decade-of-centenaries-heritage-walk-letterkenny>

Library Decade of Centenaries Programme

Great Irish History online workshop with Myles Dungan Historian, lecturer, author, and presenter, Myles Dungan, hosted an online lecture delivered to 10 schools. The lecture gave a brief overview of Irish history and society through the ages, before focusing on the events of the revolutionary period.

Lecture series

A series of four lectures entitled "Life and Society in Donegal, 1923" was delivered by Dr. Angela Byrne over the course of Heritage Week. The lecture was centred around the transformation of Irish society from the early years of the twentieth century and the impact of the tumultuous events surrounding the revolutionary period. The lectures were held in Leabharlann Phobail na Rosann, Dungloe; Bundoran Community Library; Central Library Letterkenny and Buncrana Community Library <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/life-and-society-in-donegal-1923-with-dr-angela-byrne-2>

Dr Kerron Ó Luain Lecture "Iardheisceart Átha Cliath le linn blianta na Réabhlóide 1916-23"

Dr Kerron Ó Luain delivered a lecture on the revolutionary period in the Dublin and wider area through Irish in Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair. <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/iardheisceart-%C3%A1tha-cliath-le-linn-blianta-na-r%C3%A9abhl%C3%B3ide-1916-23-le-kerron-%C3%B3-luain>

Historical Walks

During Heritage Week a series of Historical Walks was held in each Municipal District which celebrated both the history and heritage of the different areas in Donegal, while focusing on the impact of the revolutionary period on both people and landscape. These walks were developed by local historians in conjunction with local studies library staff. <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/decade-of-centenaries-heritage-walk-letterkenny>



Campa Samhraidh Hands on History, 31 Iúil – 3 Lúnasa, 2023

Reáchtáladh an Campa Samhraidh in The Base, Srath an Urláir agus bhí John D. Ruddy, scríbhneoir, aisteoir, múinteoir, maisitheoir agus staraí, i gceannas ar na himeachtaí ar fad.

Gach lá dhírigh John ar stair thréimhse na réabhlóide agus rinne na páistí níos mó taighde trí úsáid a bhaint as saoráidí na leabharlainne chun líníochtaí a chruthú agus píosaí scríbhneoireachta cruthaithí faoi gach ábhar. Ar an lá deiridh, chruthaigh na páistí saothar a bhí cosúil le greannán bunaithe ar a rogha ábhair. Tá cóip de gach saothar curtha i dtaisce i mBailiúchán Staidéar Dhún na nGall i Lárleabharlann Leitir Ceanainn.

Seó Bóthair Staire Sóisearach Pegasus – Just for Kids
Reáchtáladh an Seó Bóthair Staire Sóisearach i gCarn Domhnach in Inis Eoghain agus ba é iriseoir, léitheoir nuachta agus speisialtóir gnóthaí polaitiúla RTÉ, David McCullagh, a bhí i mbun an tseó, agus thug Myles Dungan léacht ar líne. Bhí 'Stories of the Revolution' dírithe ar thréimhse na Réabhlóide agus ar scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an saol agus an tsochaí in Éirinn i rith na thréimhse seo inar tharla athrú suntasach. Bhí an dara caint, "Great Irish Politics", dírithe ar an staid pholaitiúil in Éirinn, roimh, i rith agus i ndiaidh na n-imeachtaí a tharla i rith Dheich mBliana an Athraithe.

Hands on History Summer Camp, July 31st – August 3rd, 2023

The Summer Camp was held in The Base, Stranorlar and was facilitated by John D. Ruddy, a writer, actor, teacher, illustrator, and historian.

Each day the facilitator introduced the history of the revolutionary period, the children then undertook more research using the library facilities to produce drawings and creative writing pieces on each topic. On the last day the children produced a comic style piece based on their chosen topic. A copy of each piece has been deposited in the Donegal Studies Collection in Central Library, Letterkenny.

Pegasus Junior History Roadshow – Just for Kids
The Junior History Roadshow was held in Carndonagh in Inishowen and was delivered by RTE journalist, newsreader and political affairs specialist, David McCullagh, with an online lecture by Myles Dungan. 'Stories of the Revolution' centred on the history of the revolutionary period and explored life and society in Ireland during this period of momentous change. The second talk, "Great Irish Politics" focused on the political situation in Ireland, before, during and after the events which occurred during the Decade of Change.



Wainfest

Mar chuid de Wainfest 2023 (7 - 15 Deireadh Fómhair 2023, www.wainfest.ie) d'óstáil an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne clár Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán. Bhí seisear éascaitheoirí freagrach as 21 ceardlann a eagrú do pháistí scoile ar fud Dhún na nGall faoi shuntas na tréimhse stairiúla seo <http://www.wainfest.ie/uploads/8/2/1/0/821068/wainfest-2023-digital-version-v2.pdf>

Labhair an staraí, údar agus léachtóir, an Dr Angela Byrne, faoin nGnáthshaol in Éirinn, 1919- 1923. Reáchtáil an seandálaí agus bunaitheoir Claíomh (Músaem Stair Bheo na hÉireann), Dave Swift, sraith cainteanna agus bhain sé úsáid as earraí cuimhneacháin éagsúla lena n-áirítear earraí faisin, éadaí míleata agus armra. Reáchtáil an maisitheoir, ealaíontóir agus údar, Alan Dunne, sraith ceardlann do pháistí a bhí bunaithe ar a shaothar dar teideal, The Great Irish History Book. Thug Maura Logue ó Dark Daughter Productions cuireadh do pháistí páirt a ghlacadh ina ceardlanna scéalaíochta. Thug an t-iriseoir agus údar, Flor MacCartney, sraith cainteanna faoi thionscadal "Stories of the Revolution". Thug Carmel Uí Cheallaigh ceithre chaint, i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla, faoina sraith leabhair, 'Centenary Celebrations'.

Wainfest

As part of Wainfest 2023 (7th - 15th October 2023, www.wainfest.ie) the Library Service hosted a Decade of Centenaries programme which comprised six facilitators delivering 21 workshops to school children across Donegal on the significance of this historical period <http://www.wainfest.ie/uploads/8/2/1/0/821068/wainfest-2023-digital-version-v2.pdf>

Historian, author, and lecturer Dr Angela Byrne spoke about Everyday Life in Ireland 1919- 1923. Archaeologist and founder of Claíomh (the Irish Living History Museum), Dave Swift held a series of talks using a selection of memorabilia including fashions, military attire, and weaponry. Illustrator, artist and author Alan Dunne delivered a series of workshops to children which focused on his work on The Great Irish History Book. Maura Logue of Dark Daughter Productions engaged children in her storytelling workshops. Journalist and author Flor MacCartney delivered a series of talks around the "Stories of the Revolution" project. Carmel Uí Cheallaigh gave four talks in Irish and English based on her 'Centenary Celebrations' book series.

SEIRBHÍS LEABHARLAINNE

LIBRARY SERVICE

Soláthraíonn Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall líonra leabharlann mar spásanna cultúrtha chun tacú le saol an phobail agus le féinfhorbairt daoine aonair. I measc na seirbhísí a sholáthraíonn Leabharlanna tá seirbhísí iasachta, taighde, tagartha, Idirlín agus Wi-Fi, mar aon le raon leathan seirbhísí ar líne lena n-áirítear ríomhleabhair, ríomh-chlosleabhair, ríomhírisí, ríomhnuachtáin, cúrsaí ar líne, acmhainní taighde ar líne agus neart eile. Tá Leabharlanna i nDún na nGall ag fás an t-am ar fad agus leanadh ar aghaidh le níos mó úsáide a bhaint astu in 2023. Tugadh breis is 278,000 cuairt ar na leabharlanna, tógadh 158,000 earra ar iasacht ó na leabharlanna, agus fuair breis is 136,000 duine rochtain ar earraí in 2023.

I rith na bliana, d'eagraigh an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne imeachtaí agus d'oibrigh foireann na Seirbhíse le comhpháirtithe ar chlársceidealú cultúrtha.

Donegal County Council provides a network of libraries as cultural spaces to support community life and individual self-development. Libraries provide lending, research, reference, Internet, and Wi-Fi services as well as a wide range of online services including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, online courses, online research resources and lots more. Libraries in Donegal are continuing to thrive with a continued increase in their use in 2023. There were over 278,000 library visits, 158,000 items borrowed from our libraries, and our online resources were accessed more than 136,000 times in 2023.

Throughout the year the Library Service arranged events and worked with a variety of partners to create cultural programming.



Éire ag Léamh

Mar chuid den fheachtas Éire ag Léamh fiafraíodh de gach duine 'rud éigin a léamh' ar Lá Éire ag Léamh, Dé Satharn, an 25 Feabhra. D'oibrigh Foireann na Seirbhíse Leabharlainne le B00 Dhún na nGall chun málaí litearthachta teaghlaigh a chur ar fáil do Lá Éire ag Léamh, málaí ar tugadh deis do bhaill den phobal iad a bhailiú óna leabharlann áitiúil. Bhí leabhar le fáil sna málaí seo mar aon le hacmhainní chun tacú le litearthacht agus uimhearthacht teaghlaigh.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Is féile idirnáisiúnta í Seachtain na Gaeilge a bhfuil sé mar aidhm léi deis a thabhairt do gach duine taitneamh a bhaint as an nGaeilge, agus eagraítear imeachtaí siamsúla agus spráilúla éagsúla atá oiriúnach do gach aoisghrúpa. Reáchtáladh an fhéile idir an 27 Feabhra agus an 17 Márta. I mbliana, leagadh béim ar imeachtaí beo i leabharlanna ar fud an chontae agus sa phobal trí chéile. Eagraíodh go leor imeachtaí difriúla lena n-áirítear: ceolchoirm le ceoltóirí traidisiúnta cáiliúla, the Armagh Rhymers, Damhsa Hip Hop, Niall De Burca - fear ar breá leis an domhan a thaisteal agus scéalta a insint, Gearóidín Bhreathnach, TJs Bounce Clay agus údair scéalta do pháistí i mbun scéalaíochta. Bhí deis ag páistí agus daoine fásta ó cheantair éagsúla idir Fánaid agus Cill Charthaigh, Na Rosa agus Gaoth Dobhair agus Ráth Bhoth, taitneamh a bhaint as sraith imeachtaí éagsúla, siamsúla agus eolasacha.

Acmhainn a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge

Is acmhainn nua í Ceiliúradh Teanga í a Léamh atá forbartha ag an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne agus ag Leabhair Pháistí Éireann chun tacú le daoine fásta, lena n-áirítear tuismitheoirí, caomhnóirí, múinteoirí agus daoine eile nach iad, ionas gur féidir leo leabhair Ghaeilge a roinnt leis na daoine óga a bhfuil aithne acu orthu. Sa phaca acmhainní tá 15 leabhar ar ardchaighdeán do léitheoirí atá idir 0 agus 18 mbliana d'aois, ina bhfuil ceisteanna, dúshlán agus gníomhaíochtaí a thabharfaidh deis dóibh níos mó tairbhe a bhaint as na scéalta. Tá 30 cóip de gach teideal curtha ar fáil ag an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne le tógáil ar iasacht mar chuid den bhailiúchán ranga. Tá cóip chlóite den acmhainn ar fáil le haghaidh gach scoil sa chontae.

Ireland Reads

The Ireland Reads campaign asked everyone to 'squeeze in a read' on Ireland Reads Day, Saturday, February 25th. The Library Service worked with Donegal ETB to provide family literacy bags for Ireland Reads Day which members of the public could collect from their local library. These bags contained a book as well as resources to promote family literacy and numeracy.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge is an international Irish language festival which gives an opportunity to everyone to enjoy Irish, with a calendar of entertaining and fun events for every type of interest and every age group. The festival ran from the 27th of February until March 17th. The emphasis this year was on live events in libraries throughout the county and in the wider community. The events were wide ranging and included: a concert with world renowned traditional musicians, the Armagh Rhymers, Damhsa Hip Hop, world traveller and storyteller Niall De Burca, Gearóidín Bhreathnach, TJs Bounce Clay and readings from children's authors. Children and adults from Fanad to Kilcar, the Rosses and Gaoth Dobhair to Raphoe were treated to a varied, entertaining, and informative series of events.

Irish Language Resource

Ceiliúradh Teanga í a Léamh is a new resource which was compiled by the Library Service and Children's Books Ireland to support adults, whether that be parents, guardians, teachers, and others so that they can share Irish Language books with the young people in their lives. The resource pack focuses on fifteen high-quality books for readers from 0 to 18, with questions, challenges and activities that will allow them to further engage with the stories. The Library Service has 30 copies of each title available to borrow as part of the class set collection. A printed copy of the resource is available for every school in the county.



Read DL

Roghnaíodh *The Lost Girl King*, leis an údar Éireannach, Catherine Doyle, in 2023. I measc na ngníomhaireachtaí a raibh baint acu leis an gclár a eagrú bhí: Teagmháil Baile, Scoile agus an Phobail (HSCL), BOO Dhún na nGall, ATU Dhún na nGall, an Clár Críochnaithe Scolaíochta (SCP) agus Seirbhís Leabharlainne Dhún na nGall. D'éirigh go breá leis an gclár i rith 2023 - chláraigh 93 scoil, grúpa pobail agus Ionad Ógtheagmhála. Réamhthairfeadh 3 imeacht ar líne agus eagraíodh 11 imeacht ar tugadh cuireadh do dhaoine freastal orthu, agus d'fhreastail an líon uasta daoine ar gach imeacht.

Europe Direct, Leitir Ceanainn

Tá Europe Direct lonnaithe sa Lárleabharlann, Leitir Ceanainn. Cuireann Europe Direct eolas ar fáil don phobal faoi gach saincheist a bhaineann leis an AE. Mar aon le clár rialta imeachtaí ina gcuimsítear ceardlanna, seisiúin eolais agus comórtas díospóireachta, cheiliúir ED Leitir Ceanainn 50 bliain a bheith caite ag Éirinn san AE. Mar chuid den cheiliúradh, reáchtáladh comhdháil AE50 ar an 9 Bealtaine. Mhaoinigh an Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha an chomhdháil faoina Tionscnamh Cumarsáide faoin Aontas Eorpach le haghaidh imeachtaí AE50 a bhfuil Údarais Áitiúla freagrach astu agus chomh maith leis sin, baineadh tairbhe as maoiniú agus comhoibriú breise idir Europe Direct, Leitir Ceanainn agus foirne Forbartha Geilleagraí Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall. I rith an imeachta aon lae amháin seo tarraingíodh aird ar thábhacht bhallraíocht na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach i gcaitheamh na mblianta, tionchar náisiúnta, réigiúnach agus áitiúil na dtionscnamh agus na dtionscadal a thacaigh ar bhealach suntasach le forbairt shóisialta agus gheilleagrach. Ba é an aidhm a bhí leis an imeacht cur le tuiscint an phobail ar an ról atá ag an Aontas Eorpach inár saol laethúil ag leibhéal áitiúil agus réigiúnach. I measc na gcainteoirí a bhí i láthair ar an lá bhí Stephen Kinsella, léachtóir le hEacnamaíocht, Chris McManus MEP, Luke Ming Flanagan MEP, Colm Markey MEP, Emma Murtagh Bainisteoir Clár AE Sinsearach in The Wheel agus Katarzyna Kurzeja, Seirbhís Óige Dhún na nGall.

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The Lost Girl King, by Irish author Catherine Doyle was the book chosen for 2023. Agencies involved in organising the programme were: Home School Community Liaison (HSCL), Donegal ETB, ATU Donegal, School Completion Programme (SCP) and Donegal Library Service. The programme was successful during 2023 with 93 schools, community groups and Youth Reach Centres registering. There were 3 pre-recorded online events and 11 planned in-person events, all of which had full attendance.

Europe Direct, Letterkenny

Europe Direct is based in the Central Library, Letterkenny. Europe Direct provides information to the public on all EU issues. As well as the regular programme of events which includes workshops, information sessions and a debating competition, ED Letterkenny celebrated 50 years of Ireland in the EU. As part of the celebrations an EU50 conference was held on the 9th of May. The conference was funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs under their Communicating Europe Initiative for Local Authority led EU50 events and was made possible through additional funding and collaboration between Europe Direct Letterkenny and Donegal County Council's Economic Development teams. This one day event showcased the importance of Ireland's membership in the European Union throughout the years, the national, regional and local impact of the initiatives and projects which significantly supported social and economic development. The event aimed to deepen public awareness of the role that the European Union plays in our daily lives at a local and regional level. Speakers included Stephen Kinsella, lecturer in Economics, Chris McManus MEP, Luke Ming Flanagan MEP, Colm Markey MEP, Emma Murtagh Senior EU Programmes Manager at The Wheel and Katarzyna Kurzeja, Donegal Youth Service.



An Clár Ceart Léitheoireachta

Is clár náisiúnta é An Clár Ceart Léitheoireachta a bhfuil sé mar aidhm leis tacú le litearthacht agus forbairt léitheoireachta i measc daoine de gach aois agus ó gach cúlra. D'oibrigh Leabharlann Chontae Dhún na nGall le comhpháirtithe líonra chun tionscadail agus imeachtaí a fhorbairt agus a chur chun cinn chun litearthacht agus léitheoireacht a spreagadh i rith na bliana. I measc na gclár seo, agus cláir eile nach iad, bhí Am Scéalaíochta an Earraigh, Réalta Samhraidh agus Am Teaghlaigh ag do leabharlann. Cuireadh dhá chlár litearthachta ar éirigh thar cionn leo ar fáil do pháistí óga trí lonaid Luathfhoghlama. Mar chuid de na cláir seo, Málaí Leabharlainne Beaga agus Málaí Leabharlainne Beaga Am Codlata, cuireadh leabhair ar fáil do pháistí a bhí faoi chúig bliana d'aois. Chomh maith leis sin, spreag an clár leabharlainne Beag teaghlaigh chun cuairt a thabhairt ar an leabharlann.

Right To Read Programme

The Right to Read Programme is a national programme to promote literacy and reading development for people of all ages and backgrounds. Donegal County Library worked with network partners to develop and promote projects and events to encourage literacy and reading throughout the year. These programmes include but are not limited to Spring into Storytime, Summer Stars and Family Time at Your Library. Two very successful literacy programmes were delivered to young children through Early Learning Centres. The programmes, Little Library Bags and Little Library Bags at Bedtime, saw the provision of picture books to children under five years of age. The Little libraries programme also encouraged families to join the library.

Club Leabhar Ealaíon na Léitheoireachta

Thug an Laureate i gcomhair Ficsean Éireannach, Colm Tóibín, cuairt ar an Lárleabharlann, Leitir Ceanainn i mí na Bealtaine mar chuid de thionscadal Chlub Ealaíon na Léitheoireachta na Comhairle Ealaíon. Chuir sé an t-úrscéalaí Éireannach, Luke Cassidy, faoi agallamh agus labhair sé leis faoina shaothar agus faoin timpeallacht liteartha. Tugadh cuireadh do chlubbanna leabhar as ar fud an Chontae freastal ar an imeacht. Léigh Luke sliocht óna úrscéal agus d'freagair sé ceisteanna ó Cholm agus ón lucht féachana. Is é cuspóir an tionscadail seo léitheoirí a thabhairt le chéile chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar Fhicsean Éireannach comhaimseartha. Tá an podchraoladh le fáil ag <https://www.arts council.ie/Arts-in-Ireland/Literature/Laureate-for-Irish-Fiction/The-Art-of-Reading/>

Clár Rannpháirtíochta sa Phobal Chuimhneachán Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir

Mar chuid de Chuimhneachán Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir, a reáchtáladh i mBaile na nGallóglach ar an 21 Bealtaine, d'fhorbair an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne clár rannpháirtíochta sa phobal chun spéis agus rannpháirtíocht sa chuimhneachán a spreagadh. I measc na n-imeachtaí bhí léacht a thug an Dr Arlene Crampsie dar teideal 'Variations on Life and Death in Donegal during the Famine' agus taispeántas i Leabharlann Bhaile na nGallóglach. Reáchtáladh an taispeántas dar teideal, 'A Forgotten Polish Hero of the Great Irish Famine: Paul Strzelecki's Struggle to Save Thousands' i rith mhí Bealtaine. Chomh maith leis sin, thug Ambasadóir na Polainne, Madam Anna Sochanska, cuairt ar an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne. Chun spéis daoine óga a mhúscailt sa chuimhneachán d'fhorbair agus d'eagraigh an t-éascaitheoir John D Ruddy tionscadal a bhí bunaithe ar Chonair Filíochta do bhunscoileanna áitiúla. Ag deireadh an tionscadail taifeadh sraith dánta tochtmhara a scríobh na páistí bunscoile áitiúla agus cuireadh ar fáil ar líne iad i dteannta le leabhrán dea-mhéine. Chomh maith leis sin, taispeánadh rogha dánta ar scéalchláir a cuireadh ar taispeáint ag an imeacht Chuimhneacháin.

The Art of Reading Book Club

Laureate for Irish Fiction, Colm Tóibín, visited Central Library, Letterkenny in May as part of the Arts Council's Art of Reading Book Club project. He interviewed Irish novelist Luke Cassidy about his work and the literary scene in Ireland. Book clubs from around the County were invited to attend the event. Luke read from his novel and took questions from Colm and the audience. The purpose of the project is to bring readers together to celebrate contemporary Irish Fiction. The podcast is available at <https://www.arts council.ie/Arts-in-Ireland/Literature/Laureate-for-Irish-Fiction/The-Art-of-Reading/>

National Famine Commemoration Community Engagement Programme

As part of the National Famine Commemoration, which was held in Milford on the 21st of May, the Library Service developed a community engagement programme to encourage interest and participation in the commemoration. Events included a lecture by Dr Arlene Crampsie entitled 'Variations on Life and Death in Donegal during the Famine' and an exhibition in Milford Library. The exhibition, 'A Forgotten Polish Hero of the Great Irish Famine: Paul Strzelecki's Struggle to Save Thousands' ran throughout May. The Library Service also enjoyed a visit from Polish Ambassador, Madam Anna Sochanska. To engage young people in the commemoration, a Poetry Trail project was developed and delivered to local primary schools by facilitator John D Ruddy. The project culminated in a series of poignant poems by the young primary school children which were recorded and made available online with a complimentary booklet. A selection of the poems was also displayed on story boards which were exhibited at the commemoration event.



Clár Dheich mBlíana na gCuimhneachán

D'fhorbair an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne clár imeachtaí cuimsitheach do Dheich mBlíana na gCuimhneachán. Cuireadh tús leis an gclár, arna mhaoiniú tríd an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, i mí Márta le léachtaí faoi Mhairtíriú Dhroim Bó a thug an Dr Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh. Reáchtáladh Seó Bóthair Staire Sóisearach do bhunscoileanna i mí Bealtaine, tráth a raibh Irisoir le RTÉ agus speisialtóir gnóthaí polaitiúla, David McCullagh, agus an t-iriseoir agus staraí, Myles Dungan, i mbun ceardlann do bhunscoil áitiúil in Inis Eoghain. Thug an Dr Angela Byrne sraith léachtaí dar teideal 'Life & Society in Donegal 1923' ar fud Dhún na nGall i rith Sheachtain na hOidhreachta i mí Lúnasa. Chomh maith leis sin, thug an Dr Kerron Ó Luain léacht dar teideal 'The Revolutionary Period in Dublin', i Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair. Eagraíodh siúlóidí stairiúla in An Fál Carrach, Srath an Urláir, Bun Dobhráin, Leitir Ceanainn agus Carn Domhnach freisin i rith Sheachtain na hOidhreachta. Dhírigh na turais treoraithe ar thionchar thréimhse na réabhlóide ar dhaoine agus ar an tírdhreach. Cuireadh críoch leis an gclár le Campa Samhraidh Praiticiúil Staire do pháistí bunscoile i Lárleabharlann na Nascbhailte. Ba é John D Ruddy a bhí i mbun na gcampaí samhraidh a raibh an-tóir orthu.

Decade of Centenaries Programme

The Library Service developed a comprehensive events programme for the Decade of Centenaries. The programme, funded through the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht & Media, began in March with the Drumboe Martyrs lectures delivered by Dr. Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh. A Junior History Roadshow for primary schools followed in May, where RTÉ Journalist and political affairs specialist David McCullagh and journalist and historian, Myles Dungan delivered workshops to a local primary school in Inishowen. Dr Angela Byrne delivered a series of lectures entitled 'Life & Society in Donegal 1923' across Donegal during Heritage Week in August. This was accompanied by a lecture from Dr Kerron ÓLuain on 'The Revolutionary Period in Dublin', which was held in Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair. Guided historical walks were also held in Falcarragh, Stranorlar, Bundoran, Letterkenny and Carndonagh during Heritage Week. The guided tours focused on the impact of the revolutionary period on both people and landscape. The programme finished with a very successful Hands-on History Summer Camp for primary school children in Twin Towns Library. The summer camps which proved very popular were delivered by John D Ruddy.



Tionscadal Litearthachta Thionscadal Lucht Siúil Dhún na nGall

Chomhoibriú an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne, BÓO Dhún na nGall agus Tionscadal Lucht Siúil Dhún na nGall le chéile ar thionscadal arb é an aidhm a bhí leis acmhainní do pháistí a fhorbairt. Bhí an tionscadal litearthachta do dhaoine fásta bunaithe ar fhorbairt scéalmhálaí agus d'oibrigh grúpa ban i Leitir Ceanainn agus i mBéal Átha Seanaidh le teagascóir BÓO agus gairmí DTP ina leabharlanna áitiúla. Moladh do na mná a bheith páirteach i bpobal na leabharlainne agus úsáid a bhaint as acmhainní na leabharlainne. Mar thoradh ar an tionscadal seo cuireadh ceithre leabhar i dtoll a chéile, ina ndéantar ceiliúradh ar Chultúr an Lucht Siúil, dhá leabhar do pháistí agus leabhar amháin do dhaoine fásta mar aon le dhá scéalmhála atá ar fáil sa leabharlann.

Donegal Travellers Project Literacy Project

The Library Service, Donegal ETB and Donegal Travellers Project cooperated on a project which saw resources developed for children. The adult literacy project was based around the idea of developing storybooks and saw a group of women in Letterkenny and Ballyshannon work with an ETB tutor and DTP professional in their local libraries. The women were encouraged to join the library and make use of library resources. Subsequently four books, which celebrate Traveller Culture, emerged from this project, two for children and one for adults as well as two storybooks which remain in the library.



Féile Ealaíon agus Leabhar Wainfest do Pháistí

Reáchtáladh Wainfest idir an 7 agus an 15 Deireadh Fómhair 2023. I rith na féile bhí na mílte páistí, múinteoirí, teaghlach agus taibhithe ag triall ar leabharlanna, spásanna taobh amuigh, músaeim, hallaí, ionaid chultúrtha agus ionaid chomhoibríocha ar fud an chontae. Eagraíodh meascán d'imeachtaí faoi dhíon, imeachtaí i spásanna taobh amuigh agus sruthaíodh roinnt imeachtaí beo ar líne. I measc na n-imeachtaí éagsúla a eagraíodh bhí scéalaíocht, amharclannaíocht, puipéadóireacht, litríocht, damhsa, ETIM, stair, ealaíona & ceardaíocht, agus teangacha, agus bhí formhór an chlár bunaithe ar théama 2023 - Ár bPláinéad, Ár mBaile. D'fhreastail thart ar 9,843 duine ar fad ar an bhféile, ina measc 6,900 mac léinn ó scoileanna agus 2,943 duine mar rannpháirtithe in imeacht teaghlaigh. Reáchtáladh an clár in 28 ionad éagsúil agus eagraíodh 176 imeacht ar fad. Mar chuid den chlár in 2023, d'eagraigh coiste eagrúcháin Wainfest ceithre imeacht speisialta do na scoileanna áitiúla in An Craislach. Eagraíodh na himeachtaí seo chun aitheantas a thabhairt don bhliain a bhí caite ó tharla an tragóid sa phobal bliain roimhe sin, díreach nuair a bhíodhas ar tí tús a chur le Wainfest 2022. Eagraíodh Wainfest 2023 trí thairbhe a bhaint as maoiniú ó chlár Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán 2012-2023, Europe Direct, Ciste Éire Ildánach, Ciste Éire na Sláinte i Do Leabharlann agus sruth maoinithe Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall.

Wainfest Children's Arts and Book Festival

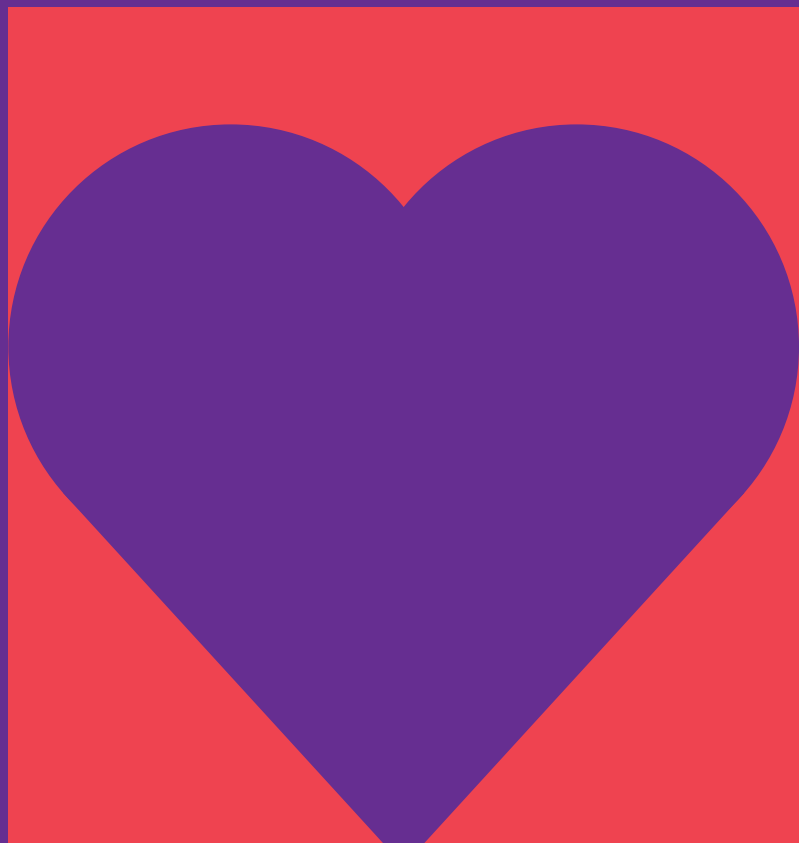
Wainfest took place from the 7th to the 15th of October 2023. The festival welcomed thousands of children, teachers, families and performers into libraries, outdoor spaces, museums, halls, cultural venues and collaborative venues across the county. The delivery was hybrid with a mixture of indoor, outdoor and live online streamed events. The diverse line-up included storytelling, theatre, puppetry, literature, dance, STEM, history, arts & crafts and languages with the majority of the programme curated around our theme for 2023, 'Our Planet, Our Home'. The festival attracted a total of 9,843 attendees, with 6,900 students attending from schools and 2,943 as family event participants. The programme spanned across 28 venues and featured a total of 176 events. As part of the programme in 2023, the organising committee of Wainfest arranged four special events for the local schools in Creeslough. These events were in recognition of the one-year anniversary of the tragedy which occurred in the community a year prior, just as Wainfest 2022 was about to commence. Wainfest 2023 was delivered using a combination of funding from the Decade of Centenaries programme 2012-2023, Europe Direct, the Creative Ireland Fund, Healthy Ireland at Your Library Fund and Donegal County Council's own funding stream.

SEIRBHÍS EALAÍON

ARTS SERVICE

Tugann an tSeirbhís Ealaíon tús áite do chlár a chuireann ar chumas níos mó saoránach éagsúil tairbhe a bhaint as na healaíona agus clár a thacaíonn le healaíontóirí agus le heagraíochtaí ealaíon saothar nua a chruthú agus a scaipeadh.

The Arts Service prioritises programmes which enable more and a greater diversity of citizens to engage with the arts and which support artists and arts organizations in the creation and dissemination of new work.





Clár Maoinithe Ioncaim na Comhpháirtíochta Straitéisí

Cuireadh €107,000 ar fáil do líonra d'eagraíochtaí ealaíon – lena n-áirítear Ionad Ealaíon Balor agus Balor DCA, Bealach Féich; Ionad Ealaíon Abbey, Béal Átha Seanaidh; Amharclann Ghaoth Dobhair, Artlink Dhún an Dúin Riabhaigh, An Gailearaí, Doire Beag agus Summer Palace Press, Cill Charthaigh.

Scéim Sparánachtaí d'Ealaíontóirí

Chuir Scéim Sparánachtaí d'Ealaíontóirí na Comhairle Ealaíon sparánachtaí de suas le €1000 agus €900 ar fáil do 57 de na cleachtóirí ealaíon gairmiúla is fearr sa tír.

Féile Bhá Dhún na nGall agus na gCruach Gorm

I measc na mbuaicphointí bhí taibhithe Amharclann Damhsa Aerga Fidget Feet dá seó dar teideal House!, saothar a forbraíodh mar thoradh ar thréimhse chónaitheachta cúig seachtaine óstáilte in Ionad Ealaíon Abbey agus ag an tSeirbhís Ealaíon, cuid de thionscnamh um Chuireadh chun Comhoibrithe na Comhairle Ealaíon i gcomhpháirt le comhairle contae Chill Dara agus Thiobraid Árann.

Chuir Acadamh Damhsa Aislingí leagan cóirithe de scéal Frances Browne, 'Tale of Fairyfoot', i láthair ag Coillte Dhroim Bó. Curtha i láthair mar chuid d'Fhéile Liteartha Frances Browne, páirteach sa léiriú seo a raibh an-tóir air bhí suas le 40 taibheoir, á stiúradh ag an gcóiréagrafaí de bhunadh Bhealach Féich, Tanya Ward.

I measc na n-imeachtaí móra eile a reáchtáladh bhí Donegal Voices a thug 'Mass in C Major' le Mozart chun beochta i mBéal Átha Seanaidh agus Na Gleannta, saothar nua Matt McGranaghan, 'Embrace', i mBéal Átha Seanaidh, leagan iontach Chiorcal Drámaíochta Dhún na nGall de shaothar Martin McDonagh, 'The Beauty Queen of Leenane' ag Leghowney agus saothar Dark Daughter, 'Drumshee Dry Dancehall', ag Baile an tSratha.

Strategic Partnership Revenue Funding Programme

€107,000 was provided to a network of arts organizations – including Balor Arts Centre and Balor DCA, Ballybofey; Abbey Arts Centre, Ballyshannon; Amharclann Ghaoth Dobhair, Artlink Fort Dunree, An Gailearaí Doire Beag and Summer Palace Press, Cill Chartha.

Artists' Bursaries Scheme

The Council's Artists' Bursaries Scheme provided bursaries up to €1000 and €900 each to 57 of the county's leading professional arts practitioners.

Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival

Among the highlights were Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Theatre's performances of their show, House!, the culmination of a five week residency hosted by the Abbey Arts Centre and the Arts Service, part of an Arts Council Invitation To Collaboration initiative in partnership with Kildare and Tipperary county councils.

Aislingí Dance Academy staged an adaptation of Frances Browne's 'Tale of Fairyfoot', at Drumboe Woods. Presented with the Frances Browne Literary Festival, the hugely popular production featured up to 40 performers, directed by Ballybofey choreographer, Tanya Ward.

Other notable events included Donegal Voices performing Mozart's 'Mass in C Major' in Ballyshannon and Glenties, Matt McGranaghan's new work, 'Embrace', at Ballyshannon, Donegal Drama Circle's excellent rendition of Martin McDonagh's 'The Beauty Queen of Leenane' at Leghowney and Dark Daughter's 'Drumshee Dry Dancehall', at Ballintra.



Oíche Chultúir

Chraol RTÉ clár teilifís speisialta beo ar an Oíche Chultúir ó Ionad Cois Locha, Dún Lúiche agus ón amfaitéatar nua amuigh faoin aer a d'fhorbair an Chomhairle ar Oileán Árinn Mhór. Bhí an slua faoi dhraíocht ag Jessie Buckley, The Murder Capital, Aby Coulibally, Amharclann Tírdhreacha LUXE agus Ye Vagabonds le Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh agus Nia Byrne.

I measc na mbuaicphointí eile bhí taispeántas Neacha Aisteacha Charnabhal Inis Eoghain i bPáirc Bhaile Leitir Ceanainn agus suiteáil ealaíontóirí Turas Úr i nGairdín Theach na mBocht Leitir Ceanainn, agus d'óstáil Músaem an Chontae, an Lárleabharlann, an tIonad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach agus Amharclann an Ghrianáin clár taispeántas, stair bheo, cabaret agus dioscó Ska agus Punc déanach san oíche.

Culture Night

RTÉ hosted its special live Culture Night television broadcast from Ionad Cois Locha, Dún Lúiche and the new Council-developed outdoor amphitheatre on Oileán Árinn Mhór. There were memorable performances by Jessie Buckley, The Murder Capital, Aby Coulibally, LUXE Landscape Theatre and Ye Vagabonds with Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh and Nia Byrne.

Other highlights included Inishowen Carnival's Strange Creatures spectacle at Letterkenny Town Park and the Turas Úr artists' installation at Letterkenny Workhouse Garden, while the County Museum, Central Library, Regional Cultural Centre and An Grianán Theatre hosted programmes of exhibitions, living history, cabaret and a late-night Ska and Punk disco.



Éagsúlacht Ealaíon agus Chultúrtha

I mí Dheireadh Fómhair, d'fháiltigh an tSeirbhís Ealaíon roimh cheapadh Oifigeach Ealaíon agus Éagsúlachta Cultúrtha, an chéad cheapachán dá leithéid déanta ag údarás áitiúil in Éirinn. Cumasaíodh an ceapachán seo trí thacaíocht a fháil ó Scéim um Sholáthar Foirne Speisialta na Comhairle Ealaíon.

Chomhoibrigh foireann na Seirbhíse seo leis an Aonad um Ionchuimsiú Sóisialta agus le hArdán Idirchultúrtha Dhún na nGall chun Lá na hAfraice a eagrú i mí Bealtaine, lá ar éirigh thar cionn leis. San áireamh sa chlár bhí Lá Spraoi Teaghlaigh agus cuireadh bia Afracach ar fáil, tugadh léargas ar dhamhsa comhaimseartha agus ceardaíocht thraidisiúnta mar aon le ceol agus amhráin ó gach cuid den Afraic le DJ Thabo agus Caroline Nyaka Chana (an tSiombáib).

Arts and Cultural Diversity

In October, the Arts Service welcomed the Council's engagement of an Arts and Cultural Diversity Officer, the first such appointment by an Irish local authority. The position was enabled through the support of the Arts Council's Specialist Staffing Scheme.

The Service collaborated with the Social Inclusion Unit and Donegal Intercultural Platform to present a very successful Africa Day in May. The programme featured a Family Fun Day with African food, contemporary dance and traditional crafts as well as music and song from all parts of Africa with DJ Thabo and Caroline Nyaka Chana (Zimbabwe).



Ag infheistiú i Saothar Ealaíne Nua a Chruthú i nDún na nGall

Thacaigh an tSeirbhís Ealaíon le Cónaitheacht an Dr Martin Tourish le Tionscadal Ceoil Thraidisiúnta Inis Eoghain agus le Ceolfhoireann agus Cór Traidisiúnta Inis Eoghain, agus a 120 ball, a bhain taitneamh as taibhiú díolta amach sa Cheoláras Náisiúnta i mí Eanáir. Tacaíodh le North West Opera chun saothar Stephen Sondheim, 'Sweeney Todd', a léiriú in Amharclann an Ghrianáin i mí Meithimh, agus tacaíodh le Féile Cheoldrámaíochta Thamhnach an tSalainn chun a ceoldráma mór bliantúil a léiriú i mí Iúil.

Maoiníodh dhá shaothar nua eile – léiriú Ionad Ealaíon Balor de dhráma Kieran Kelly faoin gCogadh Cathartha, Droim Bó, agus paimfléad filíochta Annemarie Ní Churreáin dar teideal Ghostgirl – maoinithe mar chuid de chlár Dheich mBlíana na gCuimhneachán na Comhairle, a léiríodh den chéad uair ag Féile Bhá Dhún na nGall agus na Cruaiche Goirme.

Investing in the Creation of New Artistic Work in Donegal

The Arts Service supported Dr. Martin Tourish's Residency with the Inishowen Traditional Music Project and the 120 member Inishowen Trad Orchestra and Choir, who enjoyed a sold-out performance at the National Concert Hall in January.

North West Opera was assisted to produce Stephen Sondheim's 'Sweeney Todd' at An Grianán Theatre in June, while Mountcharles Opera Festival was supported to present its annual opera gala in July.

Two further new works – Balor Arts Centre's production of Kieran Kelly's Civil War drama, Drumboe, and Annemarie Ní Churreáin's poetry pamphlet Ghostgirl – funded as part of the Council's Decade of Centenaries programme

AMHARCLANN AN GHRIANÁIN

I measc na mbuaicphointí bhí léiriú intí shaothar Kieran Kelly, 'Jimmy's Winning Matches', taibhithe ag Louise Connaghan i mí Eanáir agus i mí na Samhna. I measc na dtaibheoirí áitiúla eile a chabhraigh le saothar nua a fhorbairt agus a léiriú bhí cuideachta amharclannaíochta Fíorscéal, Orson Sterritt, Conal Gallen, The Henry Girls, Cuideachta Damhsa Zona agus Ceolfhoireann Aireagail Dhún na nGall.

D'oibrigh an tSeachtain Cheoil Thraidisiúnta agus Féile Scannán nua Sound! go héifeachtach leis an Ionad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach, agus ainmníodh Conor McAuley mar Ealaíontóir Cónaithe Ceoil Tumchumtha na Cuideachta. Ainmníodh an t-aer-chleasgheacaí de bhunadh Bhealach Féich mar dhamhsóir cónaithe do thionscadal Cónaitheachta Damhsa an Iarthuaiscirt.

Reachtáladh imeachtaí a raibh an-tóir orthu ag ardán na hamharclainne cosúil le Lá na hAfraice, Paráid Mhórtais Leitir Ceanainn agus an Fhéile Cheoil ar an tSeanstíl agus Gormacha. Cuireadh tuilleadh éagsúlachta fós leis an gclár le 14ú Féile Damhsa Aerga na hÉireann mar aon le taispeántais le healaíontóirí Úcránacha, Aisling Ní Cheallaigh agus Audrey Henry.

IONAD EALAÍON NA MAINISTREACHA

Chuir Ionad Ealaíon Bhéal Átha Seanaidh clár gnóthach scannáin, amharclannaíochta, ceoil agus coiméide le chéile. I measc bhuaicphointí an chlár bhí 70ú Féile Drámaíochta Bhéal Átha Seanaidh i mí Márta, dráma Mathew McMahon faoin uathachas, 'Flowers of May', saothar Shaun Byrne, 'Margaret', saothar John McDonagh, 'Off The Meter, On The Record' agus an gheamaireacht intí, 'Beauty and The Beast', i mí na Nollag.

Imeacht amháin ar éirigh thar cionn leis ba ea ceathairéad Dhún na nGall, Onóir, a dhíol amach ticéid san ionad cúig oíche i mí Iúil agus i mí na Nollag, agus Féile Ealaíon Allingham a d'eagraigh imeachtaí le Sean McGinley, Easkey Britton agus Regina Nathan.

AN GRIANÁN THEATRE

Among the highlights was the in-house production of Kieran Kelly's 'Jimmy's Winning Matches', performed by Louise Connaghan in January and November. Other local performers assisted to develop and present new work included Fíorscéal theatre company, Orson Sterritt, Conal Gallen, The Henry Girls, Zona Dance Company and Donegal Chamber Orchestra.

Trad Week and the new Sound! Film Festival were successful co-promotions with the Regional Cultural Centre, while Conor McAuley was the Improvised Music Company Artist in Residence. Ballybofey aerialist Rosie Mullin was resident dancer for the North West Dance Residency project.

The theatre's plaza hosted hugely popular events such as Africa Day, Letterkenny Pride Parade and the Roots and Blues Festival. Further diversity was added to the programme with the 14th Irish Aerial Dance Festival as well as by exhibitions from Ukrainian artists, Aisling Ní Cheallaigh and Audrey Henry.

ABBAY ARTS CENTRE

Ballyshannon's Abbey Arts Centre presented a busy programme of film, theatre, music and comedy. Among the highlights were the 70th Ballyshannon Drama Festival in March, Mathew McMahon's autism-themed play, 'Flowers of May', Shaun Byrne's, 'Margaret', John McDonagh's 'Off The Meter, On The Record' and the in-house pantomime production, 'Beauty and The Beast', in December.

Other notable successes included Donegal quartet, Onóir, who sold out five nights at the venue in July and December, and Allingham Arts Festival events with Sean McGinley, Easkey Britton and Regina Nathan.



FÉILE EALAÍON AN EARAGAIL

Mar chuid de 36ú Féile Ealaíon na hEaragail eagraíodh clár leathan imeachtaí ar bhain breis is 42,000 duine taitneamh as agus a raibh baint ag breis is 300 ealaíontóir leis.

Sraith TG4

Leanadh ar aghaidh le comhpháirtíocht nuálach na féile leis an gcuideachta léiriúcháin Aniar, atá lonnaithe i nGaoth Dobhair, chun sraith de cheolchoirmeacha speisialta a léiriú a taifeadadh in Amharclann an Ghrianáin agus atá le craoladh ar TG4. I measc na gceoltóirí a ghlac páirt san fhéile bhí tríréd Dhún na nGall - Fídl, Na Casadaigh, an sárghrúpa ceoil thraidisiúnta - Ushers Island agus Lisa O'Neill, agus eagraíodh ócáid ómóis speisialta do na máistirfhihléirí, Vincent agus Jimmy Campbell, nach maireann, ó Na Gleannta..

Comhionannas, Éagsúlacht agus Ionchuimsiú

Trí níos mó béime a leagan ar rannpháirtíocht phoiblí, éagsúlacht agus ionchuimsiú, thug na tionscadail rannpháirteacha deis do níos mó daoine taitneamh a bhaint as an bhféile, agus chuathas i bhfeidhm ar cheantair nach bhfuil mórán béime á leagan ar na healaíona iontu go háirithe.

Sorcas, Ealaín Sráide agus Mórthaibhsiú

San áireamh sa chlár sorcais agus ealaíon sráide bhí imeachtaí in Ráth Bhoth, Gaoth Dobhair agus Leitir Ceanainn le healaíontóirí cosúil le Tumble Circus, Elisa Gallo Rosso agus Sólta Circus. Buaicphointe ba ea mórthaibhsiú mórshiúlach Amharclann Tírdhreacha LUXE dar teideal 'Seas Above', curtha i láthair i mBun Cranncha agus ar Oileán Árainn Mhór.

Ceoltóirí ar Camchuaire

Bhí deis ag ceoltóirí idirnáisiúnta dul ar camchuaire arís agus bhí ceol nua spéisiúil le cloisteáil ó cheoltóirí Éireannacha nua agus ceoltóirí atá i mbun ceoil le fada freisin. I measc na mbuaicphointí bhí taibhithe leis an tríréd Neipealach Kanta Dab Dab, Anna Mieke, Matt McGranaghan, George Houston, Shauna McDaid, Neil Martin agus Stephen Rea.

EARAGAIL ARTS FESTIVAL

The 36th Earagail Arts Festival presented a wide-ranging programme which was enjoyed by over 42,000 people and to which over 300 artists contributed.

TG4 Series

The festival's innovative partnership with Gaoth Dobhair based Aniar productions continued with a further series of special concerts at An Grianán Theatre recorded for broadcast by TG4. Among the artists featured were Donegal trio Fídl, Na Casadaigh, trad supergroup Ushers Island and Lisa O'Neill, as well as a special tribute to master fiddle players, the late Vincent and Jimmy Campbell of Glenties.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

With greater emphasis on public engagement, diversity and inclusion, participatory projects brought the festival to a wider constituency, reaching areas of low arts provision in particular.

Circus, Streets Arts and Spectacle

The circus and street arts programme included events in Raphoe, Gaoth Dobhair and Letterkenny with artists such as Tumble Circus, Elisa Gallo Rosso and Sólta Circus. LUXE Landscape Theatre's 'Seas Above' processional spectacle, presented in Bunrana and Oileán Árainn Mhór, was also a particular highlight.

Touring Artists

There was a return to performances by international touring artists and exciting new music from emerging and established Irish artists. Among the highlights were performances by Neplaese trio Kanta Dab Dab, Anna Mieke, Matt McGranaghan, George Houston, Shauna McDaid, Neil Martin and Stephen Rea.



AN tIONAD CULTÚRTHA RÉIGIÚNACH REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE



Scríobhadh in The Irish Times gurb é an tIonad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach ‘ceann de na saoráidí ealaíon is deise sa tír’, agus tá clár cuimsitheach d’ealaíona ar ardchaighdeán agus de ghníomhaíochtaí pobail á thairiscint ag an ionad ó bunaíodh é in 2007. Is féidir an clár seo a fhorbairt de bhrí go bhfuil maoiniú á fháil gach bliain ón gComhairle Ealaíon, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, agus maoiniú tionscadail ó fhoinsí éagsúla.

The Regional Cultural Centre, acclaimed as ‘one of the finest arts facilities in the country’ by The Irish Times, has been offering a comprehensive programme of high-quality arts and community activities since its establishment in 2007. This programme is made possible through annual funding from the Arts Council, Donegal County Council, and project funding from various sources.





Mol Ceolmhar

Mar cheann de na moil cheolmhara is aitheanta agus is éagsúla sa tír, lean an RCC ar aghaidh lena chlár oideachais cheoil i gcomhpháirt le Comhpháirtíocht Oideachais Cheoil Dhún na nGall (DMEP). In 2023, chuir DMEP oideachas ceoil ar fáil do 1,748 duine atá ina gcónaí i nDún na nGall, daoine idir 7 mbliana d'aois agus 70 bliain d'aois. Ina measc bhí cláir cosúil le Ceolfhoireann Óige Dhún na nGall, Ceolfhoireann Aireagail Dhún na nGall, Ceolfhoireann Téaduirle Shóisearach, agus ensemble éagsúil, iad ar fad bunaithe san Ionad Cultúrtha.

Lean Stiúideo Fuaime RCC ar aghaidh ag obair ar a chlár nuálach ealaíontóra chónaithe i rith na bliana, agus le rochtain a thabhairt do cheoltóirí áitiúla, náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta ar acmhainní ar ardchaighdeán chun saothar nua a fhorbairt.

In 2023, lean an RCC ar aghaidh le heispéiris agus le féilte ceoil bheo dodhearmadta a eagrú agus dhírigh siad ar sheánraí éagsúla lena n-áirítear ceol traidisiúnta, rac-cheol, punc-cheol, ceol bluegrass, ceol tuaithe, ceol domhanda, ceol tíre, snagcheol agus ceol leictreonaice.

A Musical Hub

As one of the most esteemed and versatile music hubs in the country, the RCC continued its music education programme in partnership with the Donegal Music Education Partnership (DMEP). In 2023, the DMEP provided music education for 1,748 Donegal residents, spanning ages from 7 to 70. This included programmes such as the Donegal Youth Orchestra, Donegal Chamber Orchestra, Junior String Orchestra, and various ensembles, all based at the Cultural Centre.

The RCC Sound Studio maintained its innovative artist residency programme throughout the year, offering local, national, and international musicians access to top-quality resources to develop new work.

In 2023, the RCC continued to host unforgettable live music experiences and festivals spanning genres such as traditional, rock, punk, bluegrass, country, world music, folk, classical, jazz, and electronica.

Seachtain Cheoil Thraidisiúnta Leitir Ceanainn

Reáchtáladh an tSeachtain Cheoil Thraidisiúnta, ceiliúradh bliantúil Leitir Ceanainn ar cheol traidisiúnta na hÉireann, ceol tíre agus ceol domhanda, san Ionad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach agus in Amharclann an Ghrianáin, i mí Eanáir 2023 mar is iondúil.

Idir an Aoine, an 20 Eanáir agus an Domhnach, an 28 Eanáir, tugadh deis do cheoltóirí den chéad scoth léargas a thabhairt do dhaoine ar a gcumas, agus reáchtáladh roinnt imeachtaí saor in aisce, lena n-áirítear Ceol na nÓg / Seisiún Ceoil Thraidisiúnta do Dhaoine Óga, Pop-Up Gaeltacht & Seisiún Ceoil Thraidisiúnta, agus dhá cheolchoirm ag am lóin in The Eatery in Amharclann an Ghrianáin.

I measc na mbuaicphointí ceoil in 2023 bhí taibhithe le Sibéal & Na Casaidigh, Jiggy, Lisa O'Neill & Cormac Begley, Skipper's Alley, Landless, Clann Mhic Ruairí agus TRÚ.

Letterkenny Trad Week 2023

Trad Week, Letterkenny's annual celebration of Irish traditional, folk, and world music, presented by the Regional Cultural Centre and An Grianán Theatre, returned to its usual January slot in 2023.

From Friday, January 20th to Sunday, January 28th, a plethora of world-class musical acts were showcased, along with several free events, including Ceol na nÓg / Young People's Trad Session, Pop-Up Gaeltacht & Trad Session, and two lunchtime concerts at The Eatery in An Grianán Theatre.

Musical highlights in 2023 included performances by Sibéal & Na Casaidigh, Jiggy, Lisa O'Neill & Cormac Begley, Skipper's Alley, Landless, Clann Mhic Ruairí, and TRÚ.



Na hAmharc-ealaíona

Lean an RCC ag cur lena chlár eisceachtúil de thaispeántais amharc-ealaíne, agus scríobhadh neart léirmheasanna dearfacha faoi sheónna ar ghlac ealaíontóirí cosúil le Locky Morris, Ian Gordon, Áine Mac Giolla Bhride, Emily Waszak, Ara Devine, Cornelius Browne, James Fraher, Selena Mowat, Myrid Carten, agus Cat agus Eimear McClay páirt iontu.

In 2023, ceapadh Daniel Nelis, fear de bhunadh Dhún na nGall, mar Choimeádaí Cónaithe Luathghairme. D'éirigh thar cionn le tréimhse chónaitheachta Daniel, agus chomhoibrigh sé le healaíontóirí áitiúla, choimeád sé taispeántas dé-ionaid trí úsáid a bhaint as bailiúcháin phoiblí ó IMMA agus ón gComhairle Ealaíon, agus chuir sé clár oideachais spreagúil i láthair ar bhain breis is 500 mac léinn taitneamh as i rith thréimhse an taispeántais.

Pictiúrlann RCC

Leanadh le club scannán RCC a fhorbairt in 2023, agus taispeánadh scannáin idirnáisiúnta dhuaisbhuaiteacha faoi dhó sa tseachtain do lucht féachana áitiúil agus ar cuairt.

Scannán RCC

Gné lárnach de chlár bliantúil RCC ba ea scannáin a chur chun cinn agus a léiriú, agus reáchtáladh ceardlanna scannáin rialta agus deiseanna bualadh le daoine eile i rith na bliana i gcomhar le hOifig Scannán Dhún na nGall. Ina theannta sin, d'eagraigh an RCC máistir-rang scannáin leis an scannánóir aitheanta idirnáisiúnta, Antonia Campbell Hughes, cineamatagrafaí Piers Grails, agus iriseoir scannáin RTÉ, Derek O'Connor.

Visual Arts

The RCC continued its exceptional programme of visual art exhibitions, earning positive national reviews for shows featuring artists such as Locky Morris, Ian Gordon, Áine Mac Giolla Bhride, Emily Waszak, Ara Devine, Cornelius Browne, James Fraher, Selena Mowat, Myrid Carten, and Cat and Eimear McClay.

In 2023, Donegal native Daniel Nelis was appointed as the Early-Career Curator-in-Residence. Daniel's residency was highly successful, involving collaboration with local artists, curating a dual-venue exhibition using public collections from IMMA and The Arts Council, and presenting an engaging educational programme that reached over 500 students during the exhibition's duration.

RCC Cinema

The RCC's film club experienced continued growth in 2023, presenting award-winning international films biweekly to local and visiting audiences.

RCC Film

Film promotion and production remained integral to the RCC's annual programme, with regular film workshops and meet-ups held throughout the year in association with the Donegal Film Office. Additionally, the RCC organized a film masterclass featuring leading international filmmaker Antonia Campbell Hughes, cinematographer Piers Grails, and RTÉ film journalist Derek O'Connor.





Féile Scannán Fuaimrianta Sound!

Is é Sound! an chéad fhéile scannán fuaimrianta a eagraíodh in Éirinn chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar ealaín an cheoil agus na fuaime i scannáin. I measc na mbuaicphointí bhí scannáin chlasaiceacha a thaispeáint le scóir cheoil bheo, cosúil leis an scannán vaimpíirí clasaiceach ciúin, *Nosferatu* (1923) agus an máistirshaothar ficsean eolaíochta Rúiseach, *Solaris* (1972). I measc na mbuaicphointí eile bhí 'ceoldráma réaltachta fíorúla' Chompántas Náisiúnta Ceoldrámaíochta Éireann, *Out Of The Ordinary*, agus taispeáint speisialta iomaitheoir dhuais Oscar na hÉireann, *An Cailín Ciúin*, mar aon le cainteanna, ceardlanna agus taispeáint scannán ciúin clasaiceach le tionlacan ceoil ó Little John Nee.

The Pig's Back

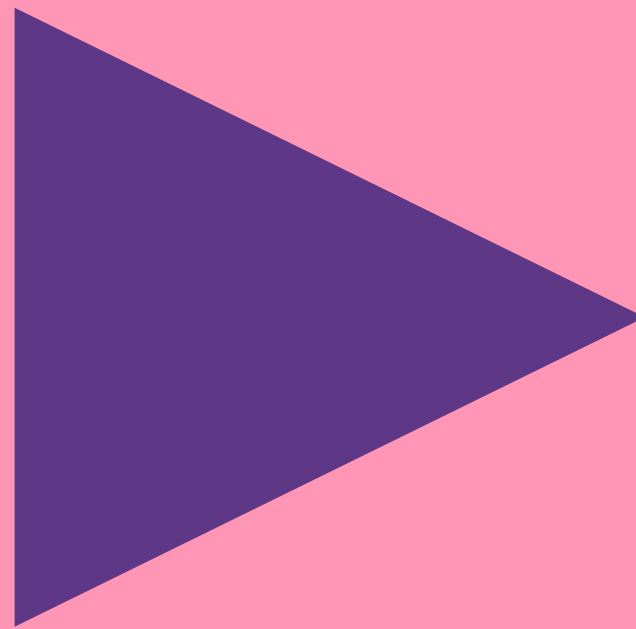
Bhunaigh RCC The Pig's Back (ainm atá bunaithe ar An Mhucais) in 2021, iris liteartha ina bhfoilsítear saothar scríbhneoirí Éireannacha éagsúla. Foilsíodh Eagrán 3 agus Eagrán 4 in 2023, agus tá saothar scríbhneoirí Éireannacha cosúil le Megan Nolan, Kathryn Scanlan agus Ella Gaynor le fáil iontu mar aon le scríbhneoirí nua agus lárghairme. In 2023, cuireadh tús le The Pig's Back a dháileadh in áiteanna cosúil le Leitir Ceanainn, Baile Átha Cliath, Gaillimh, Béal Feirste, Doire, Glaschú agus Dún Éideann, agus díoladh cóipeanna den iris ar líne in 16 thír dhifriúla ar 5 ilchríoch dhifriúla.

Sound! Soundtrack Film Festival

As Ireland's inaugural soundtrack film festival, Sound! celebrated the art of music and sound in film. Highlights included screenings of classic films accompanied by live musical scores, such as the silent vampire classic *Nosferatu* (1923) and the Russian sci-fi masterpiece *Solaris* (1972). Other highlights included Irish National Opera's 'virtual reality opera' *Out Of The Ordinary* and a special presentation of Ireland's Oscar contender *An Cailín Ciúin*, alongside talks, workshops, and a family presentation of classic silent films with live musical accompaniment by Little John Nee.

The Pig's Back

Founded by the RCC in 2021, The Pig's Back (named after Muckish mountain) is a literary journal featuring a diverse selection of Irish writers. Issues 3 and 4 were published in 2023, showcasing leading Irish writers such as Megan Nolan, Kathryn Scanlan, and Ella Gaynor alongside emerging and mid-career writers. In 2023, The Pig's Back expanded its distribution to Letterkenny, Dublin, Galway, Belfast, Derry, Glasgow, and Edinburgh, with online sales reaching over 16 different countries across 5 continents.



MÚSAEM CONTAE DHÚN NA NGALL DONEGAL COUNTY MUSEUM

Trí Sheirbhís an Mhúsaem, caomhnaíonn agus déanann Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ceiliúradh ar chomhchuimhne an chontae agus a phobal, trí dhéantúsáin a bhaineann le stair Dhún na nGall a chaomhnú, a chur ar taispeáint agus a léirmhíniú. In 2023, bronnadh Creidiúnú Iomlán ar an Músaem faoi Chlár Caighdeán Músaem na hÉireann (MSPI). Éacht tábhachtach ba ea é seo de bhrí gur éirigh leis an bhfoireann an 34 caighdeán a chomhlíonadh don dara huair.

Through the Museum Service, Donegal County Council conserves and celebrates the collective memory of the county and its communities, by preserving, displaying and interpreting artefacts related to the history of Donegal. In 2023 the Museum was awarded maintenance of its Full Accreditation under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). This represented an important achievement as staff maintained the 34 standards for a second time.





Clár Taispeántais

D'eagraigh foireann an Mhúsaeim clár éagsúil taispeántas sa Mhúsaem agus in ionaid eile. I rith Fhéile Ealaíon na hEaragaile, taispeánadh saothar an ealaíontóra, Ina Olohan as Ceanannas, Co. na Mí, mar chuid den taispeántas dar teideal *In Search of Colmcille*. Ina saothar tugadh léargas ar an taighde atá déanta aici ar shaol Cholm Cille agus ar an miotas a bhaineann leis agus bhain sí tairbhe as colláis, teicstílí, blocphrionta agus fuáil ina saothar. Chomh maith leis sin, mar chuid den taispeántas seo rinneadh scrúdú ar dhéanamh ruaimeanna agus dúch nádúrtha a d'úsáid manaigh Cholm Cille i lámhscríbhinní dathmhaisithe.

Ba é an Músaem agus Seirbhís Cartlainne an Chontae a rinne coimeádaíocht ar an taispeántas dar teideal *The Workhouses of County Donegal*. Trí úsáid a bhaint as cartlanna agus grianghraif insíodh scéal thithe na mbocht Dhún na nGall sa taispeántas seo, ó ré an Ghorta Mhoir go dtí gur dúnadh na tithe seo sa bhliain 1923. Fuarthas maoiniú trí Scéim Taispeántas na Músaem Réigiúnach a bhí á riar ag an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán. I gcomhar leis an taispeántas, forbraíodh bileog oibre do pháistí agus sraith de thurais faoin stair bheo agus ceardlanna scoile i dteannta le Jonathan Burgess.

Suiteáil uathúil, chomhoibríoch fuaime ba ea *The Irish Room*, á coimeád ag Jo-Anne Velin, ealaíontóir, iriseoir agus scannánóir as Ceanada. Bhain Jo-Anne úsáid as cuid de na taifeadtaí is túisce a rinneadh de ghuthanna ban Éireannach, taifeadtaí a rinneadh beagnach 100 bliain ó shin, lena n-áirítear cúig thaifeadadh as Contae Dhún na nGall, chun spás tumthach, corportha, éistitheach agus haptach a chruthú sa Mhúsaem. Ba é seo an chéad ionad in Éirinn inar eagraíodh an tsuiteáil, agus beidh an tsuiteáil á cur ar taispeáint i gCeanada agus i suíomhanna éagsúla ar fud na hEorpa.

Cuireadh tús le taispeántas Colmcille 1500 an Mhúsaeim, Man and Myth, a thaispeáint in ionaid éagsúla in Albain i gcomhpháirt le CHARTS; d'óstáil an Músaem taispeántas fótagrafach d'éachtaí Ghrúpa Oidhreacht Pobail Leitir Ceanainn; cuireadh taispeántas an Mhúsaeim dar teideal *How We Remember* ag Campa Fionnabhair ar taispeáint tráth a raibh ceiliúradh á dhéanamh ar 50 bliain ó bunaíodh an 28ú Cathlán Coisithe de chuid Óglaigh na hÉireann agus lean an Músaem ar aghaidh lena chomhpháirtíocht le hIonad d'Oibrithe Deonacha Dhún na nGall chun comórtas agus taispeántas fótagrafach a eagrú ar mhaithe le ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar Obair Dheonach sa Phobal.



Exhibition Programme

The Museum organised a varied programme of exhibitions both in the Museum and in other venues. As part of the Earagail Arts Festival, the In Search of Colmcille exhibition showcased the works of artist Ina Olohan from Kells in Co. Meath. The works reflected her research into Colmcille's life and myth and included collage, textiles, block print and stitch. The exhibition also explored the making of natural dyes and inks used by Columban monks in illuminated manuscripts.

The Workhouses of County Donegal exhibition was curated by the Museum and the County Archives Service. Using archives and photographs the exhibition told the story of the Donegal workhouses from the Great Famine to their closure in 1923. It was funded through the Regional Museums Exhibition Scheme under the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. In association with the exhibition a children's worksheet was developed and a series of living history tours and schools' workshops were organised in conjunction with Jonathan Burgess.

The Irish Room was a unique, collaborative, sound installation curated by Jo-Anne Velin, a Canadian artist, journalist, and filmmaker. Jo-Anne used some of the earliest recordings of Irish women's voices from almost 100 years ago, including five from County Donegal, to create an immersive, corporal, auditory and haptic space in the Museum. This was the first venue in Ireland for the installation, which will also travel to Canada and to various locations in Europe.

The Museum's Colmcille 1500 exhibition, Man and Myth began a tour of venues in Scotland in association with CHARTS; the Museum hosted a photographic exhibition of the achievements of the Letterkenny Community Heritage Group; the Museum's exhibition How We Remember was on display in Finner camp for the 50th anniversary of the formation of the 28 Infantry Battalion, Irish Defence Forces and the Museum continued its partnership with the Donegal Volunteer Centre to deliver a photographic competition and exhibition which celebrated Volunteering in the Community.



An Clár Imeachtaí

I rith na bliana, d'eagraigh agus ghlac foireann an Mhúsaeim páirt i gclár imeachtaí sa Mhúsaeim agus in ionaid ar fud an chontae. D'eagraigh foireann an Mhúsaeim searmanas foirmiúil leagtha bláthfhleisce ar fhreastail an tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, Charlie McConalogue TD, air chun cur chun báis ceathair fear, Charlie Daly, Daniel Enright, Timothy O'Sullivan agus Séan Larkin ag Caisleán Dhroim Bó, Srath an Urláir ar an 14 Márta 1923, a thabhairt chun cuimhne. Bhí teaghlaigh an cheathair fear a cuireadh chun báis i láthair ag an searmanas.

Ghlac foireann an Mhúsaeim páirt in eagrú Chuimhneachán Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir a reáchtáladh i mBaile na nGallóglach i mí Bealtaine. Chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar Lá Idirnáisiúnta na Músaeim, d'eagraigh foireann an Mhúsaeim 2 imeacht, ceardlann faoin Tuirne agus caint faoi Sheandálaíocht Dhún na nGall le Jane O'Shaunessy ó Sheirbhís na Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta. I rith na Féile Bealtaine, d'eagraigh foireann an Mhúsaeim agus na Seirbhísí Cartlainne sraith Seisiún Cuimhní Cinn in ionaid in An Craoslach, An Clochán Liath agus Fánaid. D'óstáil agus d'eagraigh foireann an Mhúsaeim sraith cainteanna sa Mhúsaeim agus in ionaid ar fud an Chontae maidir le hábhair cosúil le hAimsir Dhún na nGall; 'Untold: Donegal Women - The

War of Independence and the Civil War'; Taismigh agus Marthanóirí an Chéad Chogadh Domhanda ó Dhún na nGall agus Teifigh 'Dhílseacha' Éireannacha agus Coiste Deontas na hÉireann 1922 – 1929, leis an Dr Niamh Brennan, Cartlainnaí an Chontae. Mar chuid d'Fhéile Liteartha Cheathrú na hArdeaglaise d'óstáil an Músaeim seó aonair le Sinead Rice McAleavey, bunaithe ar shaol Cassandra Jane Louisa Hill.

I rith na hOíche Cultúir d'eagraigh foireann an Mhúsaeim turais faoin stair bheo agus insíodh scéalta a bhain le tithe na mbocht agus tugadh cuireadh do Chór Fear Ghleann na Finne a bheith i láthair. Rinne an Coimeádaí Cúnta cur i láthair maidir le Dún na nGall agus an Chéad Chogadh Domhanda i gColáiste na nGael i Lováin tráth ar seoladh an chéad bhunachar sonraí a d'fhorbair an Músaeim faoin gCéad Chogadh Domhanda atá le fáil ag www.donegalgreatwardead.ie. Rinne an Coimeádaí cur i láthair ag Fóram Machnaimh Shnáithe Pobail Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán eagraithe ag an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán. I rith Sheachtain na hOidhreacht, reáchtáil foireann an Mhúsaeim roinnt imeachtaí lena n-áirítear turas mórthimpeall ar an Músaeim; seisiún buail isteach faoi Shuirbhé Seandálaíochta; caint faoi stair LADTA+ leis an Dr Brian Lacey agus caint faoi Philíocht agus Áiteanna le Eamonn Bonner.



Events Programme

Throughout the year the Museum organised and participated in a programme of events both in the Museum and in venues throughout the county. The Museum organised a formal wreath laying ceremony attended by Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue TD to commemorate the execution of 4 men, Charlie Daly, Daniel Enright, Timothy O'Sullivan and Séan Larkin at Drumboe Castle, Stranorlar on the 14th March 1923. The ceremony was attended by the families of the four executed men.

The Museum participated in the organisation of the National Famine Commemoration which took place in Milford in May. For International Museums Day the Museum organised 2 events, a Spinning Wheel workshop and a talk on the Archaeology of Donegal by Jane O'Shaunessy of the National Monuments Service. During the Bealtaine Festival, the Museum and Archives Services delivered a series of Reminiscence Sessions in venues in Creeslough, Dungloe and Fanad. The Museum hosted and organised a series of talks in both the Museum and in venues throughout the County on topics

including Donegal Weather; 'Untold: Donegal Women - The War of Independence and the Civil War'; Donegal Casualties and Survivors of WWI and Irish 'Loyalist' Refugees and the Irish Grants Committee 1922 – 1929, by Dr Niamh Brennan, County Archivist. As part of the Cathedral Quarter Literary Festival the Museum hosted a one-woman show by Sinead Rice McAleavey, based on the life of Cassandra Jane Louisa Hill.

During Culture Night the Museum organised living history tours telling stories from the workhouses and hosted the Finn Valley Mens choir. The Assistant Curator gave a presentation on Donegal and the First World War at the Irish College in Leuven at which the Museum's First World War database www.donegalgreatwardead.ie was launched. The Curator gave a presentation at the Decade of Centenaries Community Strand Reflective Forum organised by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. During Heritage Week, the Museum ran several events including a tour of the Museum; an Archaeological Survey drop-in session; a talk on LGBTQ+ history by Dr Brian Lacey and a talk on Poetry and Places by Eamonn Bonner.



Tionscadail

Arch 40, Digitíú phleananna agus shleamhnáin Shuirbhé Seandálaíochta Dhún na nGall

Ba é an aidhm a bhí leis an tionscadal digitithe seo sleamhnáin agus líníochtaí uathúla an tSuirbhé Seandálaíochta ar Chontae Dhún na nGall a rinneadh ag tús na 1980idí a dhigitíú agus ba é seo an Chéad Suirbhé Seandálaíochta Contae a rinneadh in Éirinn. Tá sé beartaithe ag foireann an Mhúsaem rochtain ar líne ar an ábhar digitithe a chur ar fáil. I dtuaispeántas tionlacain insítear scéal an tSuirbhé agus foilsíú Shuirbhé Seandálaíochta Chontae Dhún na nGall ina dhiaidh sin. Cuireadh maoiniú ar fáil don tionscadal seo faoi Chiste Maoirseachta Oidhreachta 2023 na Comhairle Oidhreachta.

Póidiam Digiteach Rainbow Revolutions

I gcomhar le hArd-Mhúsaem na hÉireann, d'fhorbair Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall an póidiam digiteach Rainbow Revolutions ina bhfuil físeáin, grianghraif agus bailiúcháin chartlainne le fáil a bailíodh agus a coimeádadh go cúramach chun scéalta daoine LADTA+ in Éirinn agus forbairt ghluaiseacht chearta LADTA+ phobal na hÉireann a insint. Tá na scáileáin seo ar fáil i músaem atá páirteach i Líonra Músaem an Údaráis Áitiúil, Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall san áireamh.

Gníomh Digiteach maidir leis an Athrú Aeráide le Timpeallachtaí Oidhreachta (DACCHE)

Ainmníodh an Músaem mar chomhpháirtí i dtionscadal Chlár Forimill agus Artaigh Thuaidh an AE a bheidh ar siúl idir 2023-2026. Is príomhghníomhaithe sa phlé faoin aeráid agus i bpobail agus cuairteoirí a spreagadh trí fheasacht agus gníomh iad eagraíochtaí oidhreachta. Éascaíonn Gníomh Digiteach maidir leis an Athrú Aeráide le Timpeallachtaí Oidhreachta (DACCHE) úsáid a bhaint as eolas áitiúil agus cuireann sé ar chumas pobal tírdhreacha cultúrtha a chaomhnú trí scéalta faoin aeráid a insint, agus straitéisí inghníomhaithe a fhorbairt d'athchóiriú talún, mar aon le habhcóideacht a spreagadh i ré ina bhfuil an timpeallacht ag athrú go tapa. Is iad an tSualainn, an Iorua, an Íoslainn, Éire agus Oileáin Fharó na heagraíochtaí comhpháirtíochta.

Projects

Arch 40, Digitisation of the Donegal Archaeological Survey plans and slides

The aim of this digitisation project was to preserve the unique slides and drawings of the Archaeological Survey of County Donegal which took place in the early 1980's and was the first County Archaeological Survey in Ireland. The Museum plans to provide online access to the digitised material. An accompanying exhibition tells the story of the Survey and subsequent publication of the Archaeological Survey of County Donegal. The project was funded through the Heritage Council's Heritage Stewardship Fund 2023.

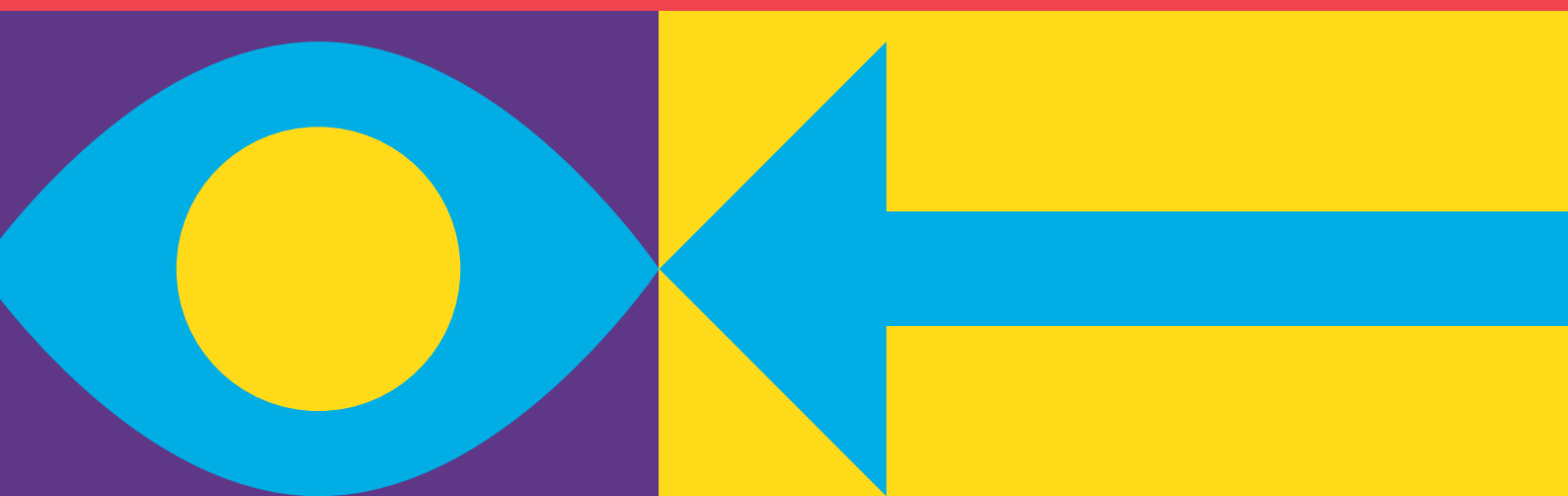
Rainbow Revolutions Digital Podium

In collaboration with the National Museum of Ireland, Donegal County Museum unveiled the Rainbow Revolutions digital podium which contains videos, photographs and archival collections which have been carefully sourced and curated to tell the stories of LGBTI+ people in Ireland and the growth of the Irish LGBTI+ rights movement. These screens are available across the participating members of the Local Authority Museums Network including Donegal County Museum.

Digital Action on Climate Change with Heritage Environments (DACCHE)

The Museum became a partner in an EU Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme project which will run from 2023-2026. Heritage organisations are key actors in climate dialogue, motivating communities and visitors through awareness and action. Digital Action on Climate Change with Heritage Environments (DACCHE) facilitates the use of local knowledge and equips communities to preserve cultural landscapes with digital solutions and enable the communication of climate stories, as well as developing actionable strategies for land restoration, instilling advocacy in the face of a rapidly changing environment. The partner organisations are in Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Ireland, and the Faroe Islands.

SEIRBHÍS CARTLAINNE ARCHIVES SERVICE



Is é sainchúram na Seirbhíse Cartlainne oidhreacht chartlainne phobal Dhún na nGall a chaomhnú agus a chur ar fáil do ghlúnta an lae inniu ann agus do na glúnta a bheidh ann amach anseo. Tá sé seo á dhéanamh trí bhailiúcháin a fháil ón bpobal agus ó fhoinsí príobháideacha a bhaineann le stair agus cultúr Dhún na nGall agus na bailiúcháin sin a chatalógú, a chaomhnú, a dhigitiú agus a stóráil go sábháilte, agus trí rochtain a thabhairt don phobal ar a chartlanna. Tá an tSeirbhís Cartlainne ag obair i gcomhpháirt le go leor grúpaí agus eagraíochtaí.

The Archives Service remit is to preserve and make accessible the archival heritage of the people of County Donegal for present and future generations. It does this through the acquisition, cataloguing, conserving, digitisation and secure storage of collections of public and private origin which relate to the history and culture of Donegal, and through the provision of public access to its archives. The Archives Service works in partnership with many groups and organisations.

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Na Cartlanna & Taifid a Bhainistiú

Thug an tSeirbhís Cartlainne cabhair do thaighdeoirí a bhí ag féachaint ar na Cartlanna, cabhair ar an teileafón, trí ríomhphost agus trí na meáin shóisialta in 2023, agus do dhaoine a raibh spéis acu i stair theaghlaigh agus áitiúil. I measc na dtaighdeoirí ar tugadh cabhair dóibh bhí mic léinn dara agus tríú leibhéal, lucht acadúil, ginealeolaithe, grúpaí staire agus staraithe. Bhainistigh foireann na Seirbhíse Cartlainne taifid neamhreacha thaiscthe Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, chuir sí comhairle ar dhaoine agus rinne sí moltaí maidir le caomhnú cartlann agus diúscairt taifead údaráis áitiúil neamhchartlainne. Tá an tSeirbhís Cartlainne ag leanúint ar aghaidh le cóiríocht shealadach agus bhuan a lorg do chartlanna agus do thaifid neamhreacha.

Rinne tuilte damáiste do Chartlanna an Chontae i mí Bealtaine 2023 agus b'éigean obair chaomhnaithe agus dheisiúcháin phráinneach a dhéanamh. Bogadh cuid de na cartlanna chomh fada le Leifear.

Managing the Archives & Records

Researchers were assisted at the Archives, by phone, email and through social media in 2023 including those interested in family and local history. Researchers included students at second and third level, academics, genealogists, history groups and historians. The Archives Service managed Donegal County Council's deposited non-current records, gave advice and made recommendations regarding the preservation of archives and disposal of non-archival local authority records. The Archives Service continued to seek both temporary and permanent accommodation for both archives and non-current records.

Two units rented by the County Archives suffered flooding in May 2023 and urgent preservation and remedial work had to be carried out. Some of the archives were temporarily moved to Lifford.



Digitíú mhiontuairisciú Chomhairle Chuimhneachán na nDeich mBliana & na Comhairle Ceantair:

Trí mhaoiniú a fháil ón Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, faoi Shnáithe Pobail Chlár Chuimhneachán na nDeich mBliana, dhigitigh an tSeirbhís Cartlainne 42 imleabhar faoi cheangal, an tráinse deiridh de mhiontuairiscí cruinnithe Chomhairle Ceantair Uirbhig agus Tuaithe Dhún na nGall (go dtí deireadh bhlianta na réabhlóide). Leanadh ar aghaidh leis na cartlanna digitithe a uaslódáil i rith na bliana.

Forbairt an bhailiúcháin

I measc na mbailiúcháin a taisceadh sna Cartlanna in 2023 bhí: bailiúchán stairsheanchais, béaloidis, filíochta agus ceoil Sheoirse Ó Dochartaigh; cartlann Amhránaithe Glendoon; albam grianghraf & cártaí poist a bhain leis an gcontae; cláir tinrimh agus leabhair rolla scoile; bileog cheoil uathúil dar teideal Hymn to St Cecilia For the Opening of Enach Tirconaill, 1898; páipéir an fhile ar ball d'Aosdána é, Francis Harvey, agus theaghlach Tuthill agus theaghlach Davis, Béal Átha Seanaidh; dhá léarscáil agus litreacha ó Chumann Staire Raymochy; léas 300 bliain d'aois ó Bhéal Átha Seanaidh; páipéir an ghrósaera, WH Raitt a bhain leis na 1930idí; agus míreanna aonair eile. I measc na mbailiúcháin atá liostaithe tá taifid scoile agus cartlann Wallace Bros. Ullmhaíodh bailiúcháin eile a bhí le digitíú i rith na bliana.

Decade of Centenaries & Rural District Council minutes digitisation:

With funding from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media under the Community Strand of the Decade of Centenaries programme the Archives Service digitised 42 bound volumes, the final tranche of Donegal's Urban and Rural District Council minutes of meetings (up to the end of the revolutionary years). Uploading of digitised archives continued throughout the year.

Collection development

Among the collections deposited in the Archives in 2023 were: the oral history, folklore, poetry and music collection of Seoirse Ó Dochartaigh; the archive of the Glendoon Singers; an album of photographs & postcards of the county; school registers and rollbooks; a unique music sheet entitled Hymn to St Cecilia For the Opening of Enach Tirconaill, 1898; the papers of Aosdana poet, Francis Harvey and of the Tuthill and Davis families, Ballyshannon; two maps and letters from Raymochy History Society; a 300 year old lease from Ballyshannon; WH Raitt grocers' papers 1930s; and other individual items. Collections listed included school records and Wallace Bros archive. Other collections were prepared for digitisation during the year.

For-rochtain & Imeachtaí

Chuir foireann na Seirbhíse Cartlainne cartlanna ar fáil do ghrúpaí agus rinne sí cuir i láthair maidir le téamaí stairiúla éagsúla. Rinne an Cartlainnaí píosa cainte faoin téama 'I want Nothing only what is Just: The Irish Grants Committee' i Músaem an Chontae agus ina dhiaidh sin ghlac sí páirt i sraith podchraoltaí Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán a bhí le craoladh ar Raidió Highland, i gcomhpháirt leis an Músaem. Rinne an cartlainnaí cur i láthair maidir le saol na ndaoine a mhair i dteach na mbocht i Leitir Ceanainn (Músaem an Chontae) agus labhair sí le Cumann Staire Magh Éne i mBun Dobhráin faoi shaol an réabhlóidí, Joseph Murray. I mí na Samhna, chinn an tSeirbhís Cartlainne oibriú i gcomhpháirt leis an Lárleabharlann chun seó bóthair Taisce Fhíorúil a óstáil agus rinne an cartlainnaí ceann de na cuir i láthair faoi fhoinsí stair theaghlaigh & áitiúil.

I rith Fhéile Liteartha Frances Friel i Srath an Urláir, rinne an cartlainnaí cur i láthair maidir leis na mná a bhí ina gcónaí i dtithe na mbocht. Rinneadh é seo ag seoladh phaimfléad filíochta an fhile aitheanta, Annemarie Ní Chuirreáin. Díróinn na dánta cumhachtacha in Ghostgirl ar scéalta na ndaoine a mhair i dtithe na mbocht agus sna hárais máithreacha agus naíonán i nDún na nGall. Ba é an Músaem agus an tSeirbhís Cartlainne a choimisiúnaigh Ghostgirl le cabhair ó mhaoiniú a fuarthas ón Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, faoi Shnáithe Pobail chlár Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán.

D'eagraigh an tSeirbhís Cartlainne taispeántas beag faoi stair Leifir ag Seanteach na Cúirte i Leifear do Sheachtain na hOidhreacht a mí Lúnasa.

Uaslódáladh cur i láthair fíorúil, arna léiriú le cartlanna, dar teideal 'Discovering Women in the Archives' ar YouTube ar Lá Fhéile Bríde, ar an dara lá de mhí Feabhra. Féach: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adElmVPZSxI>

Chabhraigh an tSeirbhís Cartlainne le Músaem an Chontae lena thaispeántas faoi stair thithe na mbocht, agus baineadh úsáid as cartlanna bunaidh. Cuireadh taispeántais a bhí ar camchuairt ar taispeánt ag roinnt ionad. Eagraíodh feachtais chun aird a tharraingt ar an tseirbhís cartlainne ar na meáin shóisialta i rith Sheachtain Scrúdaigh an Chartlann agus imeachtaí agus féilte eile i rith na bliana.

I mí Bealtaine, ghlac an tSeirbhís Cartlainne páirt i bhféile Bealtaine, i dteannta leis an Músaem, agus tugadh cartlanna agus déantúsáin chomh fada le hionaid lae agus grúpaí eile mar chuid de na seisiúin mhachnaimh a eagraíodh ar fud an chontae.



Outreach & Events

The Archives Service brought archives out to groups and gave presentations on a variety of historical themes. The Archivist spoke on the theme 'I want Nothing only what is Just: The Irish Grants Committee' at the Co. Museum and later contributed to a series of Decade of Centenaries podcasts for Highland Radio, in conjunction with the Museum. The Archivist gave a presentation on life in the workhouse in Letterkenny (Co. Museum) and spoke on the life of revolutionary Joseph Murray to Magh Ene Historical Society in Bundoran. In November, the Archives partnered with Central Library, Letterkenny to host a Virtual Treasury roadshow and the Archivist gave one of the presentations, on family & local history sources.

During the Frances Friel Literary Festival in Stranorlar, the Archivist presented on the subject of women in the workhouses. This was at the launch of renowned poet Annemarie Ní Churreáin's pamphlet of poetry Ghostgirl. The powerful poems in Ghostgirl focus on the human stories behind the workhouses and mother and baby homes in Donegal. Ghostgirl was commissioned by the Museum and Archives Service with funding from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports & Media under the Community Strand of the Decade of Centenaries programme.

The Archives presented a small exhibition on Lifford's history at the Old Courthouse in Lifford for Heritage Week in August.

A virtual presentation, illustrated with archives, titled 'Discovering Women in the Archives' was uploaded to YouTube for St. Brigid's Day, 2nd February. See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adElmVPZSxI>

The Archives assisted the County Museum with its exhibition on the history of the workhouses, including the use of original archives. Touring exhibitions were displayed at a number of venues. Campaigns to promote the archives service took place on social media during Explore Archive Week and other events and festivals during the year.

In May, the Archives took part in the festival of Bealtaine, along with the Museum, bringing archives and artefacts to day centres and other groups for reminiscence sessions across the county.



Comhoibriú le hEagraíochtaí Seachtracha

Chomhoibrigh an Cartlannaí, a bhí páirteach i gcoistí an Ghrúpa Cartlannaithe & Bainisteoirí Taifead Rialtais Áitiúil, le cartlannaithe áitiúla eile, an Chartlann Náisiúnta, LGMA, TUSLA, an Roinn Tithíochta agus an Roinn Leanaí, an Cumann Cartlann agus Taifead (ARA), Taisce Fhíorúil & comhlachtaí eile ar thionscadail agus saincheistean náisiúnta eile a bhaineann le cartlanna, caomhnú agus rochtain ar thaifid a bhain le hárais agus institiúidí máithreacha agus naíonán.

Chomhoibrigh an cartlannaí le heagraíochtaí seachtracha eile, lena n-áirítear Músaem Free Derry ar thionscadal Chartlann Shibhialta an Iarthuaiscirt.

Foilseacháin

Chun comóradh a dhéanamh ar Chuimhneachán Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir a bheith á óstáil i gCo. Dhún na nGall, choimisiúnaigh an tSeirbhís Cartlainne agus Músaem an Chontae an Dr Hilary McLaughlin-Stonham mar Staraí Cónaithe sa tSeirbhís Cartlainne, chun leabhar a scríobh ina mbeadh ceithre aiste faoi ghnéithe den Ghorta Mhór i nDún na nGall. Cuireadh an leabhar i gcrích ag deireadh na bliana agus is é *The Consequences will be fearful: Donegal during the Great Famine, 1845 – 1850*, an teideal atá air. Tá íomhánna ón gcartlann le fáil sa leabhar seo, atá scríofa i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge, agus tá sé bunaithe ar roinnt foinsí bunaidh lena n-áirítear bailiúchán Theach na mBocht Sheirbhísí Cartlainne Chontae Dhún na nGall (Aontais Dhlí na mBocht Dhún na nGall).

Scríobh an Cartlannaí alt don iris mór le rá, *Irish Archives*, don Eagrán: *Sources and Legacies of the Decade of Centenaries*, dar teideal ‘*Donegal County Archives & the Decade of Centenaries*’, agus chabhraigh sí le halt faoi Joseph Murray a foilsíodh i mBliainiris Dhún na nGall.

Collaboration with External organisations

The Archivist, on the committees of the Local Government Archivists & Records Managers Group, collaborated with other local archivists, the National Archives, the LGMA, TUSLA, Departments of Housing and of Children, the Archives & Records Association (ARA), Virtual Treasury & other bodies on various national projects and issues regarding archives, preservation, and access to records of former mother and baby homes and institutions.

The Archivist collaborated with other external organisations, including the Museum of Free Derry on the North West Civil Archive project.

Publications

To mark the occasion of the National Famine Commemoration being hosted in Co. Donegal, the Archives Service and County Museum commissioned Dr Hilary McLaughlin-Stonham as Historian in Residence at the Archives, to write a book of four essays focusing on aspects of the Great Famine in Donegal. The book was finalised at the end of the year and is entitled *The Consequences will be fearful: Donegal during the Great Famine, 1845 – 1850*. This book, in English and in Irish, is illustrated with archival images and draws from a number of original sources including Donegal County Archives' own Workhouse collection (the Poor Law Unions of Donegal).

The Archivist wrote an article for the prestigious journal *Irish Archives*, Edition: *Sources and Legacies of the Decade of Centenaries*, entitled ‘*Donegal County Archives & the Decade of Centenaries*’ and also contributed an article on Joseph Murray to the *Donegal Annual*.

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The role of the County Donegal Heritage Office is to raise awareness, provide advice, collect data, develop policy and promote best practice in relation to our cultural, built, archaeological and natural heritage. It oversees the implementation of the County Heritage Plan in partnership with the County Heritage Forum. The Heritage Officer Programme is a partnership between The Heritage Council and local authorities. In partnership with Culture Division colleagues and national agencies, the Heritage Office assisted in the delivery of the National Famine Commemoration in Milford in May.



Plean Oidhreachta Chontae Dhún na nGall

Chuir Oifig Oidhreachta Chontae Dhún na nGall agus Fóram Oidhreachta Chontae Dhún na nGall i gcomhpháirt leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta críoch le hullmhú Phlean Oidhreachta Contae nua ar ghlac comhaltaí tofa Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall leis d'aon ghuth. Is plean straitéiseach é Plean Oidhreachta Chontae Dhún na nGall (2023-2030), plean nua a bhfuil sé mar aidhm leis ár n-oidhreacht thógtha, sheandálaíochta, chultúrtha agus nádúrtha a shainaithint, a chaomhnú, a bhainistiú, a chur chun cinn agus a léirmhíniú. Mar chuid de chur chun feidhme Phlean Oidhreachta Chontae Dhún na nGall, choimisiúnaigh an Rannán Cultúir i gcomhpháirt le hIonad Mellon um Staidéar Imirce taighde ar shaol oibre daoine de bhunadh Dhún na nGall a raibh gairmeacha éagsúla acu in Albain idir 1940 agus 1990. Mar chuid den taighde seo cuirfear cuid de na scéalta is mó cáil maidir leis an obair agus eispéiris phearsanta san áireamh agus eagrófar taispeántas mór an bhliain seo chugainn. I gcomhpháirt le hIonadobhas Brian Friel, choimisiúnaigh an Oifig Oidhreachta taispeántas ar líne a ullmhú faoi Ballybeg Brian Friel chun aird a tharraingt ar áiteanna dáiríre agus ar áiteanna samhalta i saothair liteartha Brian Friel chun cabhrú le léirmhíniú na láithreán oidhreachta a luaitear lena shaol agus lena shaothar. Chomh maith leis sin, cuireadh tacaíocht ar fáil chun an leabhar dar teideal Wild Things le Hannah Gallagher & Laura Buchanan a fhoilsiú.

County Donegal Heritage Plan

The County Donegal Heritage Office and the County Donegal Heritage Forum in partnership with The Heritage Council completed the preparation of the new County Heritage Plan that was adopted unanimously by the elected members of Donegal County Council. The new County Donegal Heritage Plan (2023-2030) is a strategic plan for the identification, conservation, management, promotion and interpretation of our built, archaeological, cultural and natural heritage. As part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan, the Culture Division in partnership with the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies commissioned research on the working lives of Donegal people in a variety of occupations in Scotland between 1940 and 1990. The research will blend some of the best-known stories of labour with personal experiences and culminate in a major exhibition in 2025. In partnership with the Brian Friel Trust, the Heritage Office commissioned the preparation of an on-line exhibition on Brian Friel's Ballybeg to highlight the real and imagined places portrayed in Brian Friel's literary works to assist in the interpretation of heritage sites associated with his life and work. Support was also provided for the publication of the Wild Things book by Hannah Gallagher & Laura Buchanan.







Ag Tacú leis an Oidhreacht Dhúchasach, Thógtha & Sheandálaíochta

Thacaigh Scéim Deontais Deisithe Díonta dhuaisbhuaiteach Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall le 27 tionscadal beag deisithe díonta ceann tuí. Bainistíonn an Oifig Oidhreachta agus an Oifig Caomhantais an scéim tras-stiúirthóireachta a chuireann comhairle speisialaithe ar úinéirí maidir le caomhnú díonta ceann tuí agus a leithdháileann maoiniú chun deisiúchán ar scála beag a dhéanamh ar dhíonta ceann tuí. Tá an tOifigeach Oidhreachta ag leanúint ar aghaidh ag feidhmiú mar ionadaí Lónra Oifigeach Oidhreachta an Údaráis Áitiúil do Straitéis na hOidhreachta Dúchasaf Tógtha - Grúpa Stiúrtha na dTithe Ceann Tuí bunaithe ag an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil & Oidhreachta. Thacaigh An Ciste Séadchomharthaí Pobail, arna riar ag an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil & Oidhreachta, i gcomhpháirt leis an Oifig Oidhreachta agus le Músaem an Chontae, le tionscadail oidhreachta sheandálaíochta

a chosain €391,000 ag An Dún, Eaglais Chill Bharrainn, Seanséipéal Chill Leacht Aodha, Seanséipéal Chionn Mhálanna, Eaglais & Reilig Raymochy, Sraith na Cille i nDún Lúiche agus Séipéal Naul in Inbhear. Bhí Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall i measc ceann amháin de sheacht n-údarás áitiúla ar fud na tíre a fuair maoiniú luach €20,000 ón gComhairle Oidhreachta chun Seandálaí Pobail páirtaimseartha a cheapadh ar bhonn conartha seirbhísí. Trí bheith ag obair leis an Oifig Oidhreachta agus le Músaem an Chontae, chabhraigh an Seandálaí Pobail chun feachtas a mhúscailt, comhairle a chur ar fáil agus dea-chleachtas a chur chun cinn i ndáil lenár n-oidhreacht sheandálaíochta agus, go háirithe, d'oibrigh sé le grúpaí pobail ar chaomhnú na hoidhreachta atá le fáil sa 50 reilig stairiúil atá faoi chaomhnóireacht Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall.



Supporting Vernacular, Built & Archaeological Heritage

Donegal County Council's award-winning Thatch Repair Grant Scheme supported 27 small-scale thatch repair projects. The Heritage Office and the Conservation Office manages the cross-directorate scheme to provide specialist advice to owners on the conservation of thatch and to allocate funding for small-scale thatch repairs. The Heritage Officer continues to serve as the Local Authority Heritage Officer Network representative on the Built Vernacular Heritage Strategy - Thatch Steering Group established by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. The Community Monuments Fund administered by the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage in partnership with the Heritage Office and the County Museum supported archaeological heritage projects worth €391,000 at Doon Fort, Kilbarron Church, Killaghtee Old Church, Malin Well Old Church,

Raymochy Church & Graveyard, Sraith na Cille in Dunlewey and St. Naul's Church in Inver. Donegal County Council was one of only seven local authorities countrywide to secure funding of €20,000 from The Heritage Council for the appointment of a part-time Community Archaeologist on a contract for services basis. Working with the Heritage Office and County Museum, the Community Archaeologist helped to raise awareness, provide advice and promote best practice in relation to our archaeological heritage and, in particular, worked with community groups on the conservation of the archaeology present in the 50 historic graveyards in the guardianship of Donegal County Council.

Tionscnaimh na mBailte Stairiúla

D'éirigh go breá le hiarratas Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall chun plean athghiniúna oidhreachta a ullmhú do dheich bhfoirgneamh stairiúla i Ráth Mealtain agus bhronn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta agus an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil & Oidhreachta maoiniú luach €40,000 ar an gComhairle Contae. Ba é an tOifigeach Oidhreachta agus an tOifigeach Caomhantais a d'ullmhaigh agus a bhainistigh an tionscnamh i gcomhpháirt le Cumann Seoirseach Ráth Mealtain, Dedalus Architecture, úinéirí réadmhaoine agus an pobal áitiúil. Is é seo an cúigiú bliain as a chéile ar éirigh le Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall an maoiniú seo, a ndéanann go leor grúpaí iarratas air, a fháil. Tugadh léargas ar eispéireas Thionscnaimh Bhailte Stairiúla Bhéal Átha Seanaidh ag ceardlann náisiúnta Thionscnaimh Bailte Stairiúla na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus ag ceardlann Institiúid Chaomhantais na bhFoirgneamh Stairiúil agus bronnadh an Gradam um Athghiniúint Uirbeach & Forbartha ar an tionscnamh ag Gradaim Phleanála Institiúid Phleanála na hÉireann. Tugadh léargas ar Thionscnaimh Bhailte Stairiúla Dhuaisbhuaiteacha i Ráth Mealtain, Béal Átha Seanaidh agus Leitir Ceanainn i bhfíseán a d'fhorbair an Oifig Caomhantais agus an Oifig Oidhreachta trí úsáid a bhaint as maoiniú a chuir an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil & Oidhreachta ar fáil agus a seoladh ar an Oíche Chultúir (www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMnbk_xVHVQ). Tugadh léargas ar Thionscnaimh Bhailte Stairiúla Ráth Mealtain san fhíseán Old Town, New Place freisin, a d'fhorbair Institiúid Ríoga Ailtirí na hÉireann (www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUP8udd4QRY).

Historic Towns Initiatives

Donegal County Council's application for the preparation of a heritage-led regeneration plan for ten historic buildings in Ramelton was successful and was awarded €40,000 in funding from The Heritage Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. The initiative was prepared and managed by the Heritage Officer and the Conservation Officer in partnership with the Ramelton Georgian Society, Dedalus Architecture, property owners and the local community. This is the fifth year in-a-row that Donegal County Council secured this highly-competitive funding. The Ballyshannon Historic Towns Initiative experience was presented at the Heritage Council's Historic Towns Initiative national workshop and at the Institute of Historic Building Conservation workshop and the initiative won the Urban Regeneration & Heritage Award at the Irish Planning Institute's Irish Planning Awards. The award-winning Historic Towns Initiatives in Ramelton, Ballyshannon and Letterkenny were featured in a video produced by the Conservation Office and Heritage Office with funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage launched on Culture Night (www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMnbk_xVHVQ). The Ramelton Historic Towns Initiative was also featured in the Old Town, New Place video produced by the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUP8udd4QRY).



Oideachas & Feasacht

I gcomhpháirt le Seirbhís Leabharlaine an Chontae, d'urraigh an Oifig Oidhreachta cúig cheardlann Wild About Nature le hÉanna Ní Lamhna mar chuid de Wainfest agus deich gcur i láthair Sábháil na Beacha do pháistí. Reáchtáladh an tSeachtain Náisiúnta Oidhreachta idir an 12 Lúnasa agus an 20 Lúnasa, agus reáchtáladh 95 imeacht sa chontae ar tugadh cuireadh do dhaoine freastal orthu. Tá an tSeachtain Oidhreachta á comhordú ag An Chomhairle Oidhreachta agus Oifigigh Oidhreachta Údaráis Áitiúil. D'fhorbair an Oifig Oidhreachta Treoir Imeachtaí Sheachtain Oidhreachta Dhún na nGall a foilsíodh i nuachtáin áitiúla agus cuireadh earraí bolscaireachta don tSeachtain Oidhreachta ar fáil d'eagraithe imeachtaí. Ag Gradaim na Seachtaine Náisiúnta Oidhreachta i mí Dheireadh Fómhair, bronnadh gradaim náisiúnta ar dhá ghrúpa oidhreachta atá lonnaithe i nDún na nGall. Is é seo an cúigiú bliain as a chéile a bhfuil dhá Ghradam Náisiúnta Seachtaine Oidhreachta, as na sé nó seacht ngradam a bhronntar gach bliain, buaite ag tionscadail oidhreachta atá lonnaithe i gContae Dhún na nGall.

Tionscnaimh Fhiadhúlra agus Bhithéagsúlacht

D'éirigh le Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall maoiniú luach €85,622 a fháil ó Sheirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fíadhúlra na Roinne Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta, faoin gCiste Gníomhaíochta um Bithéagsúlacht Áitiúil don suirbhé leanúnach ar bhogaigh an chontae agus do thionscadail a bhaineann le cothabháil fála creachóir-eisiaimh chun lapairí pórúcháin a chosaint agus chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar an rath atá ar phríomhspeicis éin ar Thoraigh (i gcomhpháirt le Cairde Éanlaith Éireann) agus chun leabhar dar teideal Native Woodlands of County Donegal (i gcomhpháirt le Páirc Náisiúnta Ghleann Bheatha) a fhoilsiú. Lean Oifigigh Oidhreachta agus Oifigigh Bhithéagsúlachta Údaráis Áitiúil, i gcomhpháirt leis an Ionad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta, le hurraíocht a dhéanamh ar an nGradam Pailneora Údaráis Áitiúil bhliantúil mar chuid de Chomórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara chun grúpaí áitiúla a spreagadh chun gníomhartha a thacaíonn le pailneoirí a chur chun feidhme ina mbailte agus sráidbhailte. D'fháiltigh Fóram Oidhreachta Chontae Dhún na nGall roimh chinneadh Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall a chéad Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta a cheapadh ag deireadh mhí na Samhna 2023 faoi Chlár an Oifigigh Bithéagsúlachta, tionscnamh idir an Chomhairle Oidhreachta agus na húdaráis áitiúla.

Education & Awareness

In partnership with the County Library Service, the Heritage Office sponsored five Wild About Nature workshops for children by Éanna Ní Lamhna as part of Wainfest and ten Save the Bees presentations for children. National Heritage Week took place from August 12th to August 20th with 95 in-person events taking place in the county. Heritage Week is coordinated by The Heritage Council and Local Authority Heritage Officers. The Heritage Office produced a County Donegal Heritage Week Event Guide that was published in local newspapers and provided Heritage Week merchandise for event organisers. At the National Heritage Week Awards in October, two Donegal-based heritage groups won national awards. This is the fifth year in-a-row that County Donegal-based heritage projects won two National Heritage Week Awards of the six or seven awards awarded annually.

Wildlife & Biodiversity Initiatives

Donegal County Council secured €85,622 in funding from the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage under the Local Biodiversity Action Fund for the on-going county wetlands survey and for projects involving the maintenance of predator-exclusion fences to protect breeding waders and monitoring the success of key bird species on Tory Island (in partnership with BirdWatch Ireland) and the publication of Native Woodlands of County Donegal book (in partnership with Glenveagh National Park). Local Authority Heritage Offices and Biodiversity Offices in partnership with the National Biodiversity Data Centre continued to sponsor the annual Local Authority Pollinator Award as part of the Tidy Towns Competition to encourage local groups to implement pollinator-friendly actions in their towns and villages. The County Donegal Heritage Forum welcomed the appointment by Donegal County Council of its first Biodiversity Officer in late November 2023 under the Biodiversity Officer Programme, an initiative between The Heritage Council and local authorities.

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Leathanach 9

Micheál D. Ó hUiginn, Uachtarán na hÉireann & Jack Chambers T.D., Aire Stáit sa Roinn Iompair; agus sa Roinn Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide, ag Cuimhneachán Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir i mBaile na nGallóglach, Contae Dhún na nGall

Grianghraf: Clive Wasson

Leathanach 11

Neil Burns choral arranger photographed at the Culture and Creativity Project Awards event Songs of Inishowen: a new tradition

Grianghraf: Unknown

Leathanach 13

Grúpa ag baint taitnimh as Eachtraí Eithne i gCoillte Dhroim Bó i rith Chruinniú na nÓg

Grianghraf: Clive Wasson

Leathanach 15

Fiontraíthe óga ag baint taitnimh as ceardlann XR mar chuid den tionscadal rannpháirtíochta IMMERSE ar cuireadh maoiniú ar fáil lena aghaidh trí Chiste Gníomhaíochta Eacnamaíche Éire Ildánach

Grianghraf: Brian Farrell

Leathanach 17

Dave Swift ag cur a cheardlainne maidir le stair bheo i láthair i rith Wainfest 2023

Grianghraf: Donegal County Library Staff

Leathanach 19

Radharc ón dráma "Drumboe"

Grianghraf: Gerard McHugh

Leathanach 20

Judith McCarthy (C) agus Caroline Carr (D), Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall taobh le taispeántas 'Droim Bó 100' i Leabharlann na Nascbhailte

Grianghraf: Donegal County Museum Staff

Rannpháirtí ag baint taitnimh as Dave Swift i rith Wainfest 2023

Grianghraf: Donegal County Library Staff

Leathanach 22

Dave Swift sraith cainteanna agus bhain sé úsáid as earraí cuimhneacháin éagsúla lena n-áirítear earraí faisin, éadaí míleata agus armra.

Grianghraf: Donegal County Library Staff

Leathanach 23 & 25

Cur i láthair ag meánscoil áitiúil faoi Choillte Dhroim Bó mar chuid de Chlár Deich mBliana na gCuimhneachán leis an irisoir, láithreoir agus údar Éireannach, David McCullagh

Grianghraf: Donegal County Library Staff

Leathanach 27

Rannpháirtí ó Ghaelscoil Adhamhnáin ag baint taitnimh as ceardlann Sábháil na Beacha eagraithe ag Cathal Ó Fearraigh

Grianghraf: Donegal County Library Staff

Leathanach 29

An Cathaoirleach Clr Liam Ó Bléine le baill foirne Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall agus cainteoirí ag comhdháil EU50.

Grianghraf: Clive Wasson

Leathanach 31

Imeacht Ealaíon na Léitheoireachta sa Lárleabharlann i dteannta leis an Laureate i gcomhair Ficsean Éireannach, Colm Tobin, agus leis an údar Luke Cassidy

Grianghraf: Denzil Browne

Leathanach 32

Daoine ag damhsa ag dioscó ciúin a reáchtáladh i rith Wainfest 2023

Grianghraf: Paul McGuckin

Leathanach 33

Páistí scoile ag baint taitnimh as seisiún le Jay Ryan i Leabharlann Phobail Charn Domhnach i rith Wainfest 2023

Grianghraf: Paul McGuckin

Leathanach 35

Ghlac an t-aisteoir agus amhránaí cáiliúil, Jesse Buckley agus Ceolfhoireann Shiansach RTÉ páirt i léiriú speisialta i gcuimhne ar Sinead O'Connor, nach maireann, ag Ionad Chois Locha, Dún Lúiche, mar chuid de chraoladh teilifíse beo RTÉ ar an Oíche Chultúir, a craoladh as Dún na nGall i mbliana

Grianghraf: Declan Doherty

Leathanach 37

Sheinn an ensemble ceol tíre cáiliúil, Ye Vagabonds, le Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh (an Fhídil) agus Nia Byrne (an Fhídil) i suíomh álainn - amfaitéatar cois cladaigh - ar Oileán Árainn Mhór, mar chuid de chraoladh teilifíse beo speisialta RTÉ ar an Oíche Chultúir, a craoladh as Dún na nGall i mbliana

Grianghraf: Declan Doherty

Leathanach 38

An Comh. Donal 'Mandy' Kelly, Méara Leitir Ceanainn, le baill den slua ag ceiliúradh Lá na hAfraice ag Ardán Amharclann an Ghrianáin i mí na Bealtaine

Grianghraf: Clive Wasson

Leathanach 39

Ghlac Ceolfhoireann agus Cór Traidisiúnta Inis Eoghain, faoi stiúir an Dr Martin Tourish (Ceolfhoireann) agus Lorna McLaughlin (Cór), páirt i gceolchoirm díolta amach sa Cheoláras Náisiúnta, Baile Átha Cliath, i láthair Uachtarán na hÉireann, Micheál D. Ó hUiginn, i mí Eanáir

Grianghraf: Debbie Hickey

Leathanach 41

Dráma cáiliúil Kieran Kelly, 'Jimmy's Winnin' Matches', tugtha chun beochta ar an stáitse ag Louise Conaghan, agus léirithe ag Amharclann an Ghrianáin

Grianghraf: An Grianán

Leathanach 43

Thaitin taibhiú an amhránaí agus cumadóra amhrán cáiliúil, Anna Mieke, ag Féile Ealaíon na hEragaile san Ionad Cultúrtha Réigiúnach i mí Iúil go mór le gach duine a bhí i láthair

Grianghraf: Donna El Assaad

Leathanach 45

Taispeántas Other Worlds ag RCC

Grianghraf: Charlie Joe Doherty

Leathanach 46

Adore i mbun ceoil i rith Chruinniú na nÓg

Grianghraf: John Soffe

Leathanach 47

Jiggy ar an stáitse i rith Sheachtain Cheoil Thraidisiúnta Leitir Ceanainn

Grianghraf: John Soffe

Leathanach 48

Taispeántas Áine MacGiolla Bhríde ag RCC

Grianghraf: Aishling McCoy

Leathanach 49

Sound + Vision DJ Dano, cuid den Fhéile Scannán Fuaimrianta Sound!

Grianghraf: John Soffe

Leathanach 51

"Glencolmcille", saothar ealaíne de chuid Ina Olohan a d'fhorbair sí mar chuid den taispeántas dar teideal, In Search of Colmcille

Grianghraf: Ina Olohan

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Social Prescribing Network associated with Ionad Naomh Pádraig, Gweedore enjoying an inspiring walk around Ards Forest Park
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Participants enjoying Dave Swift during Wainfest 2023
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Dave Swift held a series of talks using a selection of memorabilia including fashions, military attire, and weaponry.
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Presentation at local secondary school on Drumboe Woods as part of the Decade of Centenaries Programme with Irish journalist, presenter and author, David McCullagh
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Pupils enjoying a session with Jay Ryan at Carndonagh Community Library during Wainfest 2023
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Acclaimed actress and singer Jesse Buckley and the RTÉ Concert Orchestra performed a special tribute to the late Sinead O'Connor at Ionad Cois Locha, Dún Lúiche, as part of RTÉ's live Culture Night television broadcast, which this year aired from Donegal
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Popular folk ensemble Ye Vagabonds performed with Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh (Fiddle) and Nia Byrne (Fiddle) in the beautiful setting of the shorefront amphitheatre on Oileán Árann Mhór, as part of RTÉ's special live Culture Night television broadcast, which this year aired from Donegal
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Cllr. Donal 'Mandy' Kelly, Mayor of Letterkenny, with audience members at the Africa Day celebrations at An Grianán Theatre Plaza in May
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The Inishowen Trad Orchestra and Choir, under the direction of Dr. Martin Tourish (Orchestra) and Lorna McLaughlin (Choir), performed a sold-out concert at the National Concert Hall, Dublin, in the presence of President Michael D. Higgins, in January
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Kieran Kelly's hugely popular play, 'Jimmy's Winnin' Matches', performed by Louise Conaghan, was produced by An Grianán Theatre
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Acclaimed singer songwriter Anna Mieke gave a very well received Earagail Arts Festival performance at the Regional Cultural Centre in July
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Other Worlds exhibition at RCC
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Adore perform during Cruinniú na nÓg
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DJ Dano's Sound + Vision, part of Sound! Soundtrack Film Festival
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"Glencolmcille", artwork produced by Ina Olohan as part of the exhibition In Search of Colmcille
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An taispeántas dar teideal, “The Workhouses of County Donegal” ar taispeánt i Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall
Grianghráf: Donegal County Museum

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Turais faoin stair bheo i rith Wainfest mar chuid den taispeántas dar teideal Workhouses of Donegal
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Searmanas leagtha bláthfhleisce Dhoim Bó 100, Srath an Urláir, Márta 2023
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Daoine i láthair ag an taispeántas grianghráf dar teideal Volunteering in the Community, a eagraíodh i gcomhpháirt le hIonad Oibre Deonaí Dhún na nGall
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Leathanach 56

D'éirigh leis an Músaem Creidiúnú Iomlán a fháil i gClár Caighdeán Músaeim na hÉireann in 2023, (C-D) Jacqueline Abbas, Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall; an Comh. Kevin Bradley, Méara Leitir Ceanainn; Judith McCarthy, Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall; an Comh. Martin Harley, Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall; Patsy Lafferty, Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall; Dennis Olubunmi, Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall
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Leathanach 59

Póstaer ó Chartlann Wallace Bros. Rinneadh an bailiúchán a chatalógú in 2023
Grianghráf: Donegal County Archives

Leathanach 60

Cárta poist ó Chartlann Wallace Bros. Rinneadh an bailiúchán a chatalógú in 2023
Grianghráf: Donegal County Archives

Leathanach 61

Niamh Brennan, Cartlannaí, ag labhairt faoi Joseph Murray agus Cogadh na Saoirse le Cumann Staire Magh Éne, Bun Dobhráin, 16 Samhain 2023
Grianghráf: Thomas King

Leathanach 62

Shirley-Anne Bonner, Celine McGlynn, Annemarie Ní Churreáin agus Niamh Brennan ag seoladh Ghostgirl ag Féile Frances Browne, 13 Deireadh Fómhair 2023
Grianghráf: Celine McGlynn

Leathanach 63

Caroline Carr, Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall, le cuairteoirí ar an ionad lae, An Craoslach, do sheisiún machnaimh na Bealtaine, Bealtaine 2023
Grianghráf: Donegal County Archives

Leathanach 65

Bileog Cheoil dar teideal Hymn to St Cecilia For the Opening of Enach Tirconail, 1898, a cuireadh ar fáil don Chartlann in 2023
Grianghráf: Donegal County Archives

Leathanach 67

Oibrithe tolláin a bhí ag obair ar cheann de na scéimeanna hidrileictreacha san Albain i lár an fichiú haois ag ligean a scíth. Tá an Rannán Cultúir i gcomhpháirt le hIonad Mellon um Staidéar Imirce ag obair ar thaispeántas mór a bhaineann le saol oibre daoine de bhunadh Dhún na nGall in Albain san fhichiú haois
Iomhá le caoinchead SSE Renewables

Leathanach 68

Ceiliúradh á dhéanamh ar an duais a bronnadh ar Thionscnamh Bailte Stairiúla Bhéal Átha Seanaidh, an Gradam um Athghiniúint Uirbeach & Forbairt, ag Gradaim Phleanála Institiúid Pleanála na hÉireann i gCaisleán Chluain Tarbh (clé go deas): An Comh. Martin Harley (Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall), an Comh. Barry Sweeny (Grúpa Athghiniúna Bhéal Átha Seanaidh), Mary Mac Mahon (Uachtarán, Institiúid Pleanála na hÉireann), Joseph Gallagher (Oifigeach Oidhreacht, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall), Collette Beattie (Oifigeach Caomhantais, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall), Duncan McLaren (Dedalus Architecture), Joanne McMenamin (Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall) & Patsy Lafferty (Stiúrthóir Tithíochta, Seirbhísí Corparáideacha & Cultúir, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall)
Grianghráf: Irish Planning Institute

Leathanach 69

Faoin gCiste Séadchomharthaí Pobail, d'éirigh le Pobal Dhún Cionnaola Teoranta maoiniú a fháil chun oibreacha cobhsaithe agus caomhantais a choimisiúnú ag Seanséipéal Chill Leacht Aodha, séadchomhartha ailtireachta faoi choimirce Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Grianghráf: Joseph Gallagher

Leathanach 70

Obair deisiúcháin ar an mballa teorann ag Séipéal Cholm Cille in An tSráid, Cluain Maine coimisiúnaithe ag an Stiúrthóireacht Bóithre & Iompair agus á maoirsiú ag Seandálaí Pobail páirtaimseartha Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Grianghráf: Kate Robb

Leathanach 71

Faoin gCiste Séadchomharthaí Pobail, fuair Grúpa Oidhreacht & Staire GAP Dhún na nGall maoiniú chun leanúint ar aghaidh le hoibreacha deisithe cobhsaithe agus caomhantais cloiche singile ag An Dún, séadchomhartha ailtireachta atá faoi úinéireacht phríobháideach
Grianghráf: Joseph Gallagher

Leathanach 72

Le feiceáil sa ghrianghráf seo tá Síle Seoige agus ionadaithe Chontae na nGall bhuaiteoirí gradaim Thogra Fiontar agus Chultúr Uladh agus Iontaobhas Aibhneacha Inis Eoghain, agus ionadaithe na mbuaiteoirí a tháinig sa dara háit i gcomórtas Áras Sheáin Bhain ag Duaiseanna na Seachtaine Náisiúnta Oidhreacht i dTeach an Ghlastoir, Contae Uíbh Fhailí i mí Dheireadh Fómhair
Grianghráf: Joseph Gallagher

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The exhibition, "The Workhouses of County Donegal" on display in Donegal County Museum

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Attendees at the launch of the Volunteering in the Community photographic exhibition in association with the Donegal Volunteer Centre

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The Museum maintained its Full Accreditation in the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland in 2023, (L-R) Jacqueline Abbas, Donegal County Museum; Cllr Kevin Brady, Mayor of Letterkenny; Judith McCarthy, Donegal County Museum; Cllr Martin Harley, Cathaoirleach, Donegal County Council; Patsy Lafferty, Director of Service, Donegal County Council; Dennis Olubunmi, Donegal County Museum

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Poster from Wallace Bro.s Archives. The collection was catalogued in 2023

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Postcard from Wallace Bro.s Archive. The collection was catalogued in 2023

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Caroline Carr, Donegal County Museum, with visitors to the day centre, Creeslough, for Bealtaine reminiscence, May 2023

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Music Sheet titled Hymn to St Cecilia For the Opening of Enach Tirconail, 1898 which was donated to the Archives in 2023

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Tunnel workers taking a break from their work on one of the hydro-electric schemes in Scotland in the mid-twentieth century. The Culture Division in partnership with the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies is working on a major exhibition on the working lives of Donegal people in Scotland in the twentieth century

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Celebrating the Ballyshannon Historic Towns Initiative winning the Urban Regeneration & Heritage Award at the Irish Planning Institute's Irish Planning Awards at Clontarf Castle

are (from left to right): Cllr. Martin Harley (Cathaoirleach, Donegal County Council), Cllr. Barry Sweeny (Ballyshannon Regeneration Group), Mary Mac Mahon (President, Irish Planning Institute), Joseph Gallagher (Heritage Officer, Donegal County Council), Collette Beattie (Conservation Officer, Donegal County Council), Duncan McLaren (Dedalus Architecture), Joanne McMenamin (Donegal County Council) & Patsy Lafferty (Director of Housing, Corporate & Culture, Donegal County Council)

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Under the Community Monuments Fund, Dunkineely Community Limited secured funding to commission stabilisation and conservation works to Killaghtee Old Church, an archaeological monument in the guardianship of Donegal County Council

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Repairs to the boundary wall at St. Columba's Church in Straid, Clonmany commissioned by the Roads & Transportation Directorate and supervised by the part-time Community Archaeologist, Donegal County Council

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Under the Community Monuments Fund, the Donegal GAP Heritage & History Group secured funding to continue stabilisation and dry-stone conservation repair works to Doon Fort, an archaeological monument in private ownership

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Pictured with broadcaster Síle Seoige are County Donegal representatives from award winners Togra Fiontar agus Cultúr Uladh and the Inishowen Rivers Trust and representatives from runners-up Áras Sheáin Bhain at the National Heritage Week Awards in Gloster House, County Offaly in October

Photograph: Joseph Gallagher

ACRAINMNEACHA

ATU	Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta an Atlantaigh
ARA	Cumann Cartlann agus Taifead
CHARTS	Tionól Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Ealaíon, Earra-Ghàidheal agus na hOileáin
DACCHE	Gníomhaíocht Dhigiteach ar Athrú Aeráide le Timpeallacht Oidhreacht
DMEP	Comhpháirtíocht Oideachais Cheoil Dhún na nGall
DTP	Tionscadal Lucht Siúil Dhún na nGall
ED	Europe Direct
ETB	Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna (Dhún na nGall)
EU	An tAontas Eorpach
HSCL	Teagmháil Baile, Scoile agus an Phobail (An Roinn Oideachais & Scileanna)
HSE	Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
IMMA	Áras Nua-Ealaíne na hÉireann
LGMA	An Ghníomhaireacht Bainistíochta Rialtais Áitiúil
FEP	Feisire de Pharlaimint na hEorpa
MSPI	An Clár um Chaighdeán Músaem in Éirinn
RCC	Ionad Ciltúir Reigiúnach
READ DL	Léigh Dún na nGall (tionscadal léitheoireachta pobail)
RTÉ	Raidió Teilifís Éireann (national broadcaster)
SCP	School Completion Programme (Department of Education & Skills)
STEM	Eolaíocht, Teicneolaíocht, Innealtóireacht, agus Matamaitic
TG4	Teilifís na Gaeilge
TUSLA	An Ghníomhaireacht Leanaí agus Teaghlaigh
XR	Réaltacht Leathnaithe

ACRONYMS

ATU	Atlantic Technological University
ARA	Archives & Records Association
CHARTS	Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly, Argyll and Isles
DACCHE	Digital Action on Climate Change with Heritage Environments
DMEP	Donegal Music Education Partnership
DTP	Donegal Travellers Project
ED	Europe Direct
ETB	(Donegal) Education and Training Board
EU	European Union
HSCL	Home School Community Liaison (Department of Education & Skills)
HSE	Health Service Executive
IMMA	Irish Museum of Modern Art
LGMA	Local Government Management Agency
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MSPI	Museum Standards Programme for Ireland
RCC	Regional Cultural Centre
READ DL	Read Donegal (community reading project)
RTÉ	Raidió Teilifís Éireann (national broadcaster)
SCP	School Completion Programme (Department of Education & Skills)
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
TG4	Teilifís na Gaeilge
TUSLA	Child and Family Agency in Ireland
XR	Extended Reality

