

Feile 2026

August 5th - 15th 2026



Fáilte go Féile 2026!

Welcome to Féile 2026!

Derry's biggest community arts festival is back this August with another huge programme of events. Now in its 34th year, Féile 2026 will bring music, films, discussions, sport, family events and community celebrations to the Bogside, Brandywell, Creggan, Bishop Street, and Derry City centre from August 5th-15th.

Féile 2026 has a huge programme of activities for children, young people, families and older people. Summer schemes, fun days and family gatherings will run throughout the week, while The Greatest Show returns with circus performers and magicians popping up across local parks and green spaces. On Saturday 15th August, Féile will bring residents of all the neighbourhoods together for community celebrations in the Bogside and Creggan.

Sport and games are once again central to Féile, with the Colm Quigley Jog in the Bog returning and a number of tournaments taking place throughout the week. Féile will celebrate Brandywell native and sporting legend Ryan McBride, while the Derry City FC open training session returns, giving young fans a unique opportunity to meet their football heroes for a selfie and a signature.

This year's festival will bring together some of Ireland's most exciting musicians and performers, including Madra Salach, now tipped as a major force in Irish music, as they make their Derry debut following a sold-out tour of Britain and Ireland. David Kitt will also perform at Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin to mark the 25th anniversary of his landmark debut album The Big Romance, while Mano Le Tough, one of Ireland's most respected electronic artists, returns for a DJ set at Nerve Centre.

Féile has always had a strong tradition of international solidarity. Across films, discussions, music, art and community events, this year's programme will challenge racism, division and the rise of the far right, while continuing to stand with the people of Palestine. Féile 2026 will also provide space for conversations on Ireland's future, including the growing debate on a new and united Ireland, the role of women in shaping constitutional change, and the political choices facing people across the island in the years ahead.

RMT General Secretary Eddie Dempsey, one of the strongest trade union voices across these islands, will speak on workers, class politics and the power of trade union organising. The discussions also include a live recording of the Stormont Sources podcast, the annual Donncha Mac Niallais Lecture with Irish Language Commissioner Pól Deeds, the campaign to end violence against women and girls, and events marking the 90th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War and Derry's connections to the fight against fascism in Spain.

Féile 2026 will feature a strong line-up of films and documentaries, including Life Support, a new film documenting the experiences of international doctors who entered Gaza while the world's media were blocked from reporting. Dr Nick Maynard, who features in the film, will join the audience to speak about his experiences working alongside Palestinian medical staff in Gaza's hospitals. Celtic Utopia will also screen at Nerve Centre Cinema, capturing a new wave of Irish musicians who are bold, funny and politically outspoken, including The Mary Wallopers, The Deadlians, Young Spencer, Lankum and more.

We can't wait to welcome you all to Féile 2026 as we showcase everything that's great about our neighbourhoods, celebrate the city's very best creative talent, and highlight what makes our communities the very best place to live, work, play and visit.

Féile 2026 would not be possible without the support of our funders, partner organisations, community groups, volunteers and residents from throughout the Bogside, Brandywell, Creggan, Bishop Street and Fountain areas, who have come together to shape and manage this programme of events.



Comic-Con Family Fun Day

Wednesday 5th August | 1pm - 3pm

Creggan Neighbourhood Partnership, Central Drive

Join us at the Corned Beef Tin for a Comic-Con themed celebration packed with excitement for all ages. Enjoy cosplay, games, creative activities, entertainment, delicious food and plenty of family fun.



Little Kickers

Thursday 6th August | 10am

Trojans YCG, Oakland Park

Trojan's YCG & Surestart Edenballymore present a fun introduction to football skills. The session is play based and specifically designed for confident walkers aged from 18 months to 4 years. A light snack & water will be provided.



Forest Family Event

Thursday 6th August | 11am - 12.30pm

Creggan Country Park, Westway

This special outdoor gathering is designed to help families connect with each other and with nature through fun, interactive activities in a beautiful woodland setting. Enjoy nature trails, team challenges, creative play and hands-on exploration that encourage teamwork, laughter and shared discovery. Spaces are limited. To book, email: fionamccann@creggancountrypark.com



Soft Play Party

Friday 7th August | 10am

Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road

Join us for a bouncing good time where little ones get the chance to explore, climb, crawl and play in a safe, fun-filled environment! There will be soft play zones, music & movement, baby-friendly areas and refreshments.



Futuristic Robots

Friday 7th August | 3pm - 4pm

Creggan Library, Central Drive

Turn everyday materials into your own unique robot at this futuristic craft session. Suitable for children aged 5-11. Children aged 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential.

Tel: 028 7126 6168 or email:

creggan.library@librariesni.org.uk.



Harvest BBQ

& Community Scavenger Hunt

Saturday 8th August | 11am - 2pm

Ballymagowan Allotments & Urban Park

Enjoy a harvest BBQ before taking part in a environmental community scavenger hunt through the newly established walking trails. There will also be a petting farm, bug hunts, bouncy castles and face painting. The winning street will win a fun day with bouncy castles and face painting.

Register via Google Forms or call 028 7126 1916.



PICNIC IN THE PARK

Saturday 8th August | 2pm – 6pm

Jon 'Ugg' Clifford Bull Park

Live Music

Amusement Rides

Arts & Crafts

Face Painting

& more

Healthy Kids Summer Scheme

Monday 10th - Friday 14th August

Long Tower Youth Club, Ann Street

Health for Life, Save the Children and Féile are running a summer scheme for children aged 5-11 living in the TRIAX area, with a focus on health, wellbeing, play and fun activities. The programme includes a family trip to Gortin Glen Forest Park. Transport and park entry included.

Cost: £5 per person or £20 per family.

For more information, email:

alison@bbhealthforum.org.



Frankie Magilligan

Monday 10th August | 4pm

Deanery Street, Brandywell

With his incredible smile and impeccable fashion sense, Frankie Magilligan will leave you in stitches with his hilarious antics and incredible juggling skills. And if that wasn't enough, he'll be performing on a stunning gold unicycle that will leave you in awe. Frankie's show is the perfect combination of skill, humor, and style, and he'll have you on the edge of your seat as he juggles everything from balls and clubs to knives and fire. So if you're looking for non-stop laughter and jaw-dropping entertainment, look no further than Frankie Magilligan's comedy juggling show.



A man in a dark suit is performing magic in a grassy field. He is facing away from the camera, gesturing with his hands. A young girl in a purple shirt is in the foreground, looking towards the performer. A large crowd of children and adults is sitting on the grass in the background, watching the show. The scene is outdoors at dusk or night, with warm lighting and bokeh effects.

IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC

It's A Kind of Magic

Monday 10th August | 6.00pm - 8pm

Bishop's Field, Creggan

An unforgettable family-friendly magic show in Bishop's Field featuring performances from two of Ireland's most spellbinding performers. Caolan McBride presents a high-impact magic and mind-reading show that blends psychological illusion, theatrical storytelling, and moments of pure impossibility. With his incredible smile and impeccable fashion sense, Frankie Magilligan will leave you in stitches with his hilarious antics and incredible juggling skills.

Foyle Valley Railway Museum Open Day & Family BBQ

Tuesday 11th August | 1pm - 3pm

Foyle Valley Railway Museum, Foyle Road

The Foyle Valley Railway Museum, one of the North West's hidden gems, tells the story of the four railway companies that once served the region, transporting passengers, food and livestock across the North West of Ireland. Join us for the launch of the Foyle Valley Model Railway, created by local enthusiast Martin Parke and designed to captivate visitors of all ages. BBQ and arts and crafts available.



Jo Jingles

Tuesday 11th August | 11.30am

Healthy Living Centre, Central Drive

Join us for a fun-filled Jo Jingles session - perfect for little ones who love music, movement, and making noise! Expect catchy songs & classic rhymes, Instruments, props & parachute fun. Suitable for 0-4 year olds.

The Greatest Show:

Tumble Circus - Won't Be Told

Wednesday 12th August | 3pm

Ballymagowan Park, Creggan

Annoying, talented and stubbornly skilled, Ken and Tina from Tumble Circus present Won't Be Told, a rebellious circus adventure that rages against the dying of the light. Their world is packed with wild acrobatics, absurd juggling and hysterical comedy, all delivered with the fierce determination of performers who refuse to go quietly. A circus with attitude, heart and a glorious refusal to behave. Supported by Apex Housing Association.



The Greatest Show:

Tumble Circus & Jitterbug Jackson

Wednesday 12th August | 6pm - 8pm

Abercorn Park, Abercorn Road

Tumble Circus present Won't Be Told, a rebellious circus adventure that rages against the dying of the light. Their world is packed with wild acrobatics, absurd juggling and hysterical comedy, all delivered with the fierce determination of performers who refuse to go quietly. A circus with attitude, heart and a glorious refusal to behave. Captain of Chaos Jitterbug Jackson crash lands in Derry with I Used to Dream of Rocket Ships. Expect the seasoned raconteur and Ringmaster of the Absurd to deliver a thrilling mix of circus, comedy, dance, poetry, science and song.



Construction Zone

Thursday 13th August | 10am

Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road

Calling all mini builders! Come along to a fun, hands-on play session where little ones can dig, build, and create! Expect building blocks & sensory materials, imaginative construction play, activities that boost coordination & creativity.



The Greatest Show:

Grant Goldie

Thursday 13th August

3pm at Magowan Park, Creggan

6pm at Brandywell Park, Anne Street

With his unique humour and a bottomless bag of tricks, Grant Goldie charms audiences with ease. Juggling verbal dexterity as effortlessly as his props, he's every bit the man, the myth... the leg-end! Hailing from the North Antrim Coast, Frankie brings his mesmerising mix of manipulation and equilibristics (that's juggling to you and me). Expect comedy, juggling, music and the world's only known gold giraffe.

The Greatest Show will also feature a Circus Skills workshop from In Your Space Circus where young people will get their chance to try their hand at juggling, diablo and more.

Supported by Apex Housing Association.



Community Summer Festival

Friday 14th August | 1pm - 5pm

Central Drive, Creggan

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of summer fun at our Community Summer Festival. Bring the whole family along and enjoy a fantastic day packed with excitement, laughter, and entertainment for all ages.

Enjoy a vibrant Colour Run, cool off at our fantastic Foam Party, get creative with arts and crafts stalls, bouncy castles, bubble show magician, face painting, music, games, and plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy, it's the perfect way to end the summer and celebrate community. Everyone is welcome!



Stone Stories Children's Art Workshop with Éabha Mallett

Saturday 15th August | 2pm - 3.30pm

Centre for Contemporary Arts, Artillery Street

This family-friendly workshop, led by artist Éabha Mallett, forms part of the public programme for 'All I See Is the Present', a solo exhibition by Christopher Steenson. Children will explore how the past and present meet through making, imagining and building. Inspired by the exhibition, they'll become 'mini archaeologists' and "future builders" as they discover prehistoric sites, traces and the movement of objects across time. Suitable for children aged 6+.

Parent or guardian supervision is required.
All materials provided. Booking essential.



FEILE FAMILY FEST

Saturday 15th August | 2pm – 5pm
Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road

**Enjoy a fun-filled day for children, young people and families,
with a range of family-friendly activities, entertainment and
opportunities to get creative.**

**Hosted by the Gasyard Development Trust,
Hive Cancer Support and Neighbourhood Management Team.**



Community Cultural Breakfast

Friday 7th August | 11am - 1pm

Creggan Neighbourhood Partnership, Central Drive

A welcoming morning celebrating the traditions, flavours and stories that make our community unique. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, meet your neighbours and share cultures, conversations and experiences in a relaxed setting.



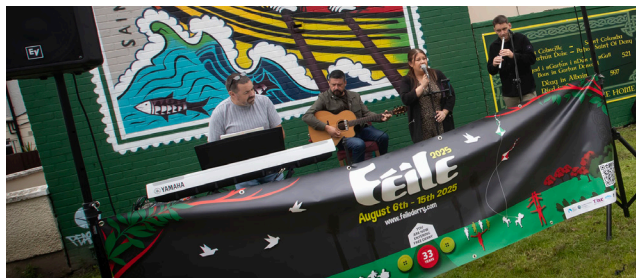
Gathering at The Abbey

Monday 10th August | 1pm - 3pm

Abbey Bed and Breakfast, Abbey Street

Some of Derry's finest traditional musicians will gather for a session at Abbey Bed and Breakfast and Grindhouse Coffee yard.

All Welcome.



Meenan Square Tea Party

Wednesday 12th August | 2pm - 5pm

Meenan Square / Dove Gardens

An afternoon for all the family, with live music, food, craic, entertainment, hosted by the fabulous Mickey Doherty. Jitterbug Jackson, the Captain of Chaos, will also be dropping in his madcap mix of circus, comedy, dance, poetry, tricks and song.



Growing Greener Together

Wednesday 12th August | 4pm - 7pm

Pilots Row, Rossville Street

Enjoy a fun-filled environmental themed day with smoothie bikes, jewellery making, bouncy castles, The Herbal Hub, Reduce Your Risk workshops and a special appearance from Buzz and much more. With activities for all ages, it's a great chance to learn something new while having fun with family and friends.



House in the Wells BBQ

Friday 14th August | 12 noon - 2pm

House in the Wells

We welcome neighbours and friends for a BBQ lunch, live music and an opportunity to meet residents and staff. The BBQ will be provided by the Rapid Response Team (RRT). Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Free admission, with donations to the House in the Wells Residents' Comfort Fund welcome.



Wan Big Brunch

Saturday 15th August | 11am - 1pm

Creggan Neighbourhood Partnership, Central Drive

Kick-start a fun-packed day with a hot brunch for all the family. Enjoy a selection of hot food, brunch favourites, tray bakes and more. Register using the Google Form on Facebook:

@NeighbourhoodManagementTeam.



Summer Souk for Gaza Ground Aid

Saturday 15th August | 11am - 3.30pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

Rise for Palestine Derry's Summer Souk raises vital funds for Gaza Ground Aid to support emergency humanitarian aid in Gaza. Enjoy an eclectic mix of local and Middle Eastern food, unique arts and crafts, handmade jewellery, skincare, clothing and live music. Support the stalls and rise for Palestine.





OUR PLACE OUR PEOPLE

Community Carnival Parade
Saturday 15th August | 1pm

Féile presents a carnival parade through Bishop Street, the Bogside and the Brandywell, celebrating the people, places and stories that have shaped these neighbourhoods. From the ancient origins of Colmcille's monastery and the stories passed down through generations, to the struggle for civil rights and the creativity, talent and achievements of the people who continue to shape these communities today. Join us to bring the story to life and fill the streets with music, colour and performance.

Field Day

Saturday 15th August
Bishop's Field, Creggan | 3pm - 9pm

THUNDER Action BMX Show

Tailteann Games

The Big Creggan Céilí

Celtic FC Foundation Games

Live Music

Football Freestyler Sam Madden

celtRonic kiDs

EXhibition Matches

Street Performers

Facepainting

Arts & Crafts

+ MUCH MORE

QuizKings Musical Bingo: The Ultimate Throwback Night!

Saturday 8th August | 8pm - 11pm

Seán Dolans GAC, Bligh's Lane

Join us on Saturday 8th August as the fantastic QuizKings host a Musical Bingo night like no other. We are swapping bingo balls for pure nostalgia, bringing you the biggest 90s anthems and Y2K bangers. Test your musical memory, win prizes and bring the craic!

Tickets are £5 per person. Purchase tickets by contacting the Neighbourhood Management Team on 02871261916.



The Original Sound of Derry

Saturday 8th August | 8pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

Get ready to experience The Original Sound of Derry at Féile 2026! Bringing together some of the city's most exciting original artists, this one-night showcase celebrates the music, creativity, and spirit that make Derry's scene so special. From indie and rock to folk, hip-hop, electronic and beyond. Whether you're discovering your next favourite act or supporting local music, don't miss this celebration of the creativity that makes Derry's music scene so unique.

Advance tickets: £8 at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Féile Laughs:**Paddy Raff and special guests****Sunday 9th August | 8pm****Seán Dolans GAC, Bligh's Lane**

Get ready for a night of big laughs as comedy sensation Paddy Raff takes to the stage at Seán Dolans GAC as part of Féile 2026 on Sunday 9 August. Known for his sharp wit, hilarious storytelling and much-loved characters, Paddy has become one of Ireland's most popular comedians. Whether you're a long-time fan or seeing him live for the first time, expect an evening packed with laughter, unforgettable moments and top-class entertainment. Don't miss one of the comedy highlights of the festival!

Advance Tickets: £12/15 at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



It's About Time

Written and performed by Val Whitworth.

Tuesday 11th August | 12.30pm

Culturlann Uí Chanain, Great James Street

A 50-minute poetic performance giving voice to stolen childhood innocence, sexual violation and the visceral adult rage through which a journey towards reclaiming voice and freedom begins. After the performance, the artist Val Whitworth and the Cognitive Behavioural Therapist and Founder of the Creative Living Programme Ursula McHugh, will be in conversation about the journey of recovery and the process of healing. This event is organised with the support of The Junction as part of its 'Reimagining Relationships' programme for the ending of all forms of gender based violence. This performance is suitable for ages 16 years and over. Performance starts at 12.45pm (No admittance once performance starts), followed by discussion/Q&A.

Booking is Essential: bit.ly/ItsaboutTime



Get Into Hip-Hop with Sello

Thursday 13th August | 12pm - 5pm

St Mary's Youth Club, Fanad Drive

In partnership with the Rio Ferdinand Foundation, young people will work with drill artist and rapper Sello at a day-long workshop at St Mary's Youth Club and Celtronic Studios where they will learn hip-hop techniques and how to get involved in the music industry.

For more info: sean@rioferdinandfoundation.com



Koback Live

Thursday 13th August | 7pm

Sandinos, Water Street

KOBACK LIVE marks KOBACK's first headline showcase following the release of his second studio album, bringing together some of Ireland's most exciting emerging talent for one unforgettable night. The support lineup includes Yamiyo, Kidd, Donnrua, CMCL, Rubberneck, Dnuos and Téga. Sello, one of Ireland's leading drill artists, joins the lineup, adding another heavyweight act to an already stacked bill. Adm: Free.



Our Space Music Night

Thursday 13th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre, Magazine Street

Get ready to rock the summer with a night of emerging talent at Nerve Centre! We are excited to announce the latest instalment of our live music gigs with Our Space, bringing together some of Derry's finest young bands, including new acts as well as returning favourites. Dedicated to supporting emerging artists, Our Space - with the support of Nerve Centre - provides a platform for young musicians to perform, connect, and develop their confidence. The line-up includes Poser, Safety, Carp, Skins and Growing Pains. Youth Engagement Services at Our Space is committed to providing opportunities for young people to experience live music from in front of, behind and on the stage. This is an under 18's no alcohol show and will end at 10pm. You must be aged 14+ to attend the gig. Admission: £4 + booking fee available from www.nervecentre.org.



Anything to Declare:

An Artistic Border Reflection

Thursday 13th & Friday 14th August | 7.30pm

Verbal Arts, The Playhouse and New Gate Arts Centre

“An impressive multifaceted arts project.... that offers no fixed viewpoint but presents four different artistic impressions of the Border”. **** Irish Times

“Anything to Declare” is a series of contemporary presentations offering unique creative reflections on the invisible line/border that has divided the island of Ireland for over 104 years.

Originally presented throughout the Cavan border village of Swanlinbar in July 2024, Anything to Declare is being reimaged for Féile 2026.

This inventive thought-provoking project involves the presentation of 4 specially commissioned contemporary works, 3 from 2024 and one new Derry artist commission specially for 2026.

Composer Caolán Austin will join film-maker Róisín Loughrey, and choreographer and dancer Dylan Quinn in presenting four complimentary but unique pieces of work over a 90 minute period. Traversing the Walled City of Derry performances and presentations will take place on either side of this historic boundary across four locations.

Advance Tickets: £10/12 at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Madra Salach

Friday 14th August | 8pm

Nerve Centre, Magazine Street

The Dublin alternative folk six-piece band Madra Salach will make their Derry debut at Féile 2026.

It is rare these days for a band to be the name on everyone's lips, to gather a following, without officially releasing any music, but that's exactly what Madra Salach did in 2025.

Instead, the band captured people's attention through their live performances.

Madra Salach's live show is an emotional and timeless experience – one not to be missed.

Their debut EP *It's a Hell of an Age* was released earlier this year, featuring recent singles "I Was Just A Boy" and "Blue & Gold", which have received high praise from the likes of The Line of Best Fit, The Independent and BBC Radio 6.

Advance Tickets:
£15 at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



David Kitt

Saturday 15th August | 8pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of his landmark debut album, *The Big Romance*, David Kitt will perform live at Féile 2026. *The Big Romance* featured the singles 'Song From Hope St. (Brooklyn, NY)' and 'You Know What I Wanna Know' and sold 60,000 copies in Ireland alone and marked a major shift in David Kitt's life as a musician and performer. Originally released on Warner Music, Kitt reflects: "the contract I signed back then means they own the rights to the album 'for the universe forever', apparently. Great! I approached them about a vinyl reissue for the 10th and 20th anniversaries and got nowhere. So, for the 25th anniversary, I decided to take matters into my own hands and make a version of the album that I own myself and I'm free to press on vinyl."

Advance Tickets: £15 at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Irish Night

Saturday 15th August | 9.00pm

Bishop's of Creggan, Central Drive

A night of live Irish music to round off Féile 2026. Enjoy singing and plenty of craic in one of the neighbourhood's most popular venues.



Mano Le Tough

Saturday 15th August | 10.30pm

Nerve Centre, Magazine Street

One of the world's best DJs, Mano Le Tough, makes a welcome return to the city for A Summer Dance at Féile 2026. Irish by Birth. International in Spirit. A native Irishman and former resident of Berlin and Zürich, the international in spirit Mano has become a unique and important voice in today's vibrant electronic music landscape.

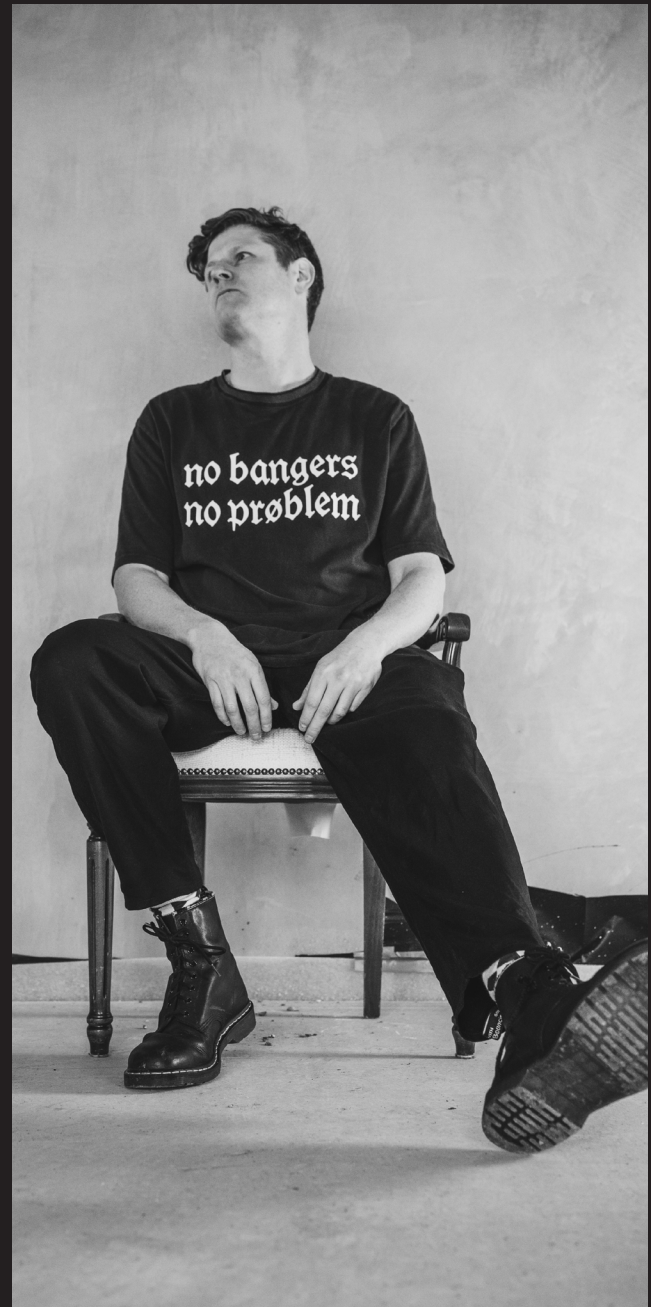
Mano Le Tough is known for his melodic, deep, folkl house music and a storied history of acclaimed releases and collaborations / remixes. Mano started the record label "Maeve" in 2012 alongside The Drifter and Baikal and continues this journey with his fresh imprint "Passion Beat" which started in 2024.

After a handful of well received E.P's on labels such as Buzzing Fly and Internasjonal, Mano's debut album, 'Changing Days' was released in 2013 on Permanent Vacation and was followed up with 2015's "Trails". His third album "At the moment" came out on Dj Koze's influential Pampa in 2021.

Mano strongly believes in DJing as an art form. His eclecticism, versatility and commitment to challenging himself as a selector have seen him become a regular at clubs like Berghain / Panorama Bar, Fabric and Circoloco Ibiza.

Room 2 will be taken over by an all female collective of Derry DJs making their Nerve Centre debut.

Advance Tickets: £15 at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Older People's Bus Run

Monday 10th August

Enjoy a bus trip to Buncrana before heading to Ballyliffin Lodge for a two-course meal and entertainment. Buses depart from the Old Library Trust and Bishop Street Community Centre at 12.30pm. Cost: £15.

For more info contact denise@bbhealthforum.org or phone 02871373870.



Older People's Sports Day

Wednesday 12th August | 11am - 1pm

Bishop's Field, Creggan

A fantastic celebration of fun, teamwork, and friendly competition, promoting physical wellbeing, social engagement, and community spirit.

Participants will enjoy a wide variety of activities designed to encourage movement, laughter, and social connection. The day will feature exciting challenges including inflatable darts, an inflatable penalty shootout, volleyball, beer pong, javelin throw, the classic egg and spoon race, and a bean bag balance race. For more info contact denise@bbhealthforum.org or phone 02871373870



Music & Memories

Wednesday 12th August | 11am - 1pm

Creggan Neighbourhood Partnership, Central Drive

A delightful community event for residents young and old. Enjoy live music, refreshments and great company as we reminisce, share stories and relive nostalgic moments in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



Féile Presents

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DEEDS Tea Party

Wednesday 12th August | 12 noon - 2pm

Bishop's Field Sports Centre, Central Drive

DEEDS are taking a trip back in time to the seaside with an afternoon of familiar tunes and dancing.

An afternoon filled with fun and laughter, reminiscing together recalling memories of days by the sea followed by traditional Fish and Chips and ice cream. Pack your sun hat and bring your smile! Supported by Waterside Credit Union.



Snooker Competition

Wednesday 30th July - Thursday 13th August

Pilot's Row Centre, Rossville Street

Health for Life's annual snooker competition returns, with a cash prize for the winner. Entry fee: £5. To register your interest, contact denise@bbhealthforum.org, call 028 7136 5330, or speak to Joe at Pilot's Row.



The Big Community Bingo

Thursday 13th August | 7pm

Bishop's Field Sports Centre, Central Drive

Try your luck at the Big Bingo, with entertainment from the fabulous Mickey Doherty. Light refreshments will be served. £5 per book.



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Derry City FC Open Training Session

Tuesday 11th August | 12 noon

Ryan McBride Brandywell Stadium

Derry City FC hosts an open training session, giving supporters the opportunity to watch the team in action and meet their favourite players.

Face painting and ice cream will also be available.

Register at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).



Little Kickers

Thursday 6th August | 10am

Trojans YCG, Oakland Park

Trojan's YCG & Surestart Edenballymore present a fun introduction to football skills. The session is play based and specifically designed for confident walkers aged from 18 months to 4 years. A light snack & water will be provided.



Pádraig Barton Cup

Tuesday 11th August | 2pm

Daisyfield Sports Hub, Foyle Road

The seven-a-side competition in memory of young republican Pádraig Barton features teams from the 2016 age group from across the city competing for the trophy, last won by Don Boscós in 2025. Organised by the Bogside and Brandywell Monument Committee.



BJ McVeigh Annual Pool Competition

Tuesday 11th August | 2pm

House in the Wells

Held in honour of our friend and colleague BJ McVeigh, staff, residents and guests will compete in a one-frame knockout tournament for the trophy. Free event. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. To register, contact p.downey@apex.org.uk.





THE ANNUAL RYAN McBRIDE CUP 2026

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST - 2PM
DAISYFIELD SPORTS HUB

Teams from **2019** age group will honour
the **spirit of Ryan McBride** in this special
competition with awards for **fair play,**
loyalty, teamwork, passion and leadership.



Seán Keenan Quiz

Thursday 13th August | 9pm

Mailey's Bar, Lecky Road

The Seán Keenan Quiz returns to Féile 2026. Rumours are rife that quizmaster Christopher 'Pinta' McKnight will come out of retirement to test teams' knowledge of Irish history, sport and culture. To register a team, contact: colmbarton1@gmail.com.



Over the Hill Snooker Club Féile Cup

Friday 14th August | 5pm

Daisyfield Sports Hub, Foyle Road

Members of the Over the Hill Snooker Club will take part in the inaugural Féile Cup doubles competition at the new snooker facility in Daisyfield Sports Hub. A great opportunity to see one of the city's newest sporting venues in action as players compete for this year's Féile title.



Celtic FC Foundation:

Ability Counts 7-a-Side Tournament

Saturday 15th August | 2:00pm

Bishop's Field, Creggan

The Ability Counts 7-a-Side Tournament provides an inclusive football experience for individuals with physical, sensory, and learning disabilities. Guided by Celtic FC Foundation's 'Football for All' ethos, the event promotes participation, confidence, wellbeing, and social connection in a welcoming and supportive environment where everyone has the opportunity to belong and thrive.



Celtic FC Foundation:

Community Games 7-a-Side Tournament

Saturday 15th August | 2:00pm

Bishop's Field, Creggan

The Community Games 7-a-Side Tournament brings together young people aged 9 and 10 for a fun, inclusive day of football inspired by Celtic FC Foundation's Football for All philosophy.



United We Stand Live presents:

Andy Cole & Andy Mitten

Saturday 15th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre, Magazine Street

Andy Mitten is joined on stage by former Manchester United striker Andy Cole to share stories and memories from his remarkable career. Mitten will also give his insight into the latest developments at Manchester United. Tickets at www.nervecentre.org



Martin Mc Guinness

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Éire Aontaithe: Deis Chlaochlaitheach don Ghaeilge agus don Ghaeltacht

Thursday 6th August | 1pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

Tugann Conradh na Gaeilge a bplé ródseó go Féile, ag amharc ar na deiseanna a d'fhéadfadh aontacht na hÉireann a chur ar fáil don Ghaeilge agus do phobail Ghaeltachta. Scrúdóidh an t-imeacht cad é mar a d'fhéadfadh athrú bunreachtúil stádas, cosaint agus forbairt amach anseo na Gaeilge a neartú ar fud na hÉireann, agus an ról is féidir le pobal na Gaeilge a imirt sa mhórghluaiseacht i dtreo na haontachta. Ar an phainéal tá Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin, Róisín Nic Liam agus Jack Mac Íomhair. Is imeacht Gaeilge é seo le haistriúchán comhuaineach go Béarla.

Conradh na Gaeilge brings its roadshow discussion to Féile, exploring the opportunities Irish unity could present for the Irish language and Gaeltacht communities. The panel will feature Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin, Róisín Nic Liam and Jack Mac Íomhair. This is an Irish language event with simultaneous translation into English.

Did Ye Hear About...

Peace and the Political Path

Thursday 6th August | 2pm

Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road

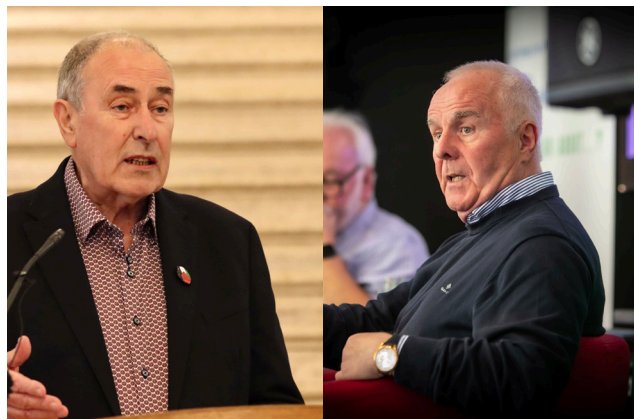
Former Sinn Féin MLAs Mitchel McLaughlin and Raymond McCartney reflect on their experience of Sinn Féin's engagement in democratic and constitutional politics following the Hunger Strikes, culminating in the Good Friday Agreement and the party becoming the largest party on the island.

Éire Aontaithe:

Deis chlaochlaitheach don Ghaeilge agus don Ghaeltacht



Údar an taighde:
Róisín Nic Liam



Ethnic Cleansing of the West Bank

Ori Givati - B'Tselem

Thursday 6th August | 7pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

Join Ori Givati, Director of International Relations at B'Tselem, for a discussion on the violence of Israel and settler militias against Palestinians in the West Bank, and how it forms part of Israel's ethnic cleansing of the territory. This event will be facilitated by Trócaire who partner with B'Tselem in standing up for justice and human rights.



Programmed:

Algorithms, AI and Misogyny

Friday 7th August | 1pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

Debbie Ging is Professor of Digital Media and Gender in the School of Communications at Dublin City University and Director of the DCU Institute for Research on Genders and Sexualities. She teaches and researches on gender and digital media, with a focus on online anti-feminist men's rights politics, the manosphere and radicalisation of boys and men into male supremacist ideologies. Debbie's research also addresses youth experiences of the manosphere and of technology facilitated abuse, as well as the development and delivery of educational interventions to tackle these issues.



Life Support:

Discussion with Dr Nick Maynard

Friday 7th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre, Magazine Street

Gastrointestinal surgeon Dr Nick Maynard returns to Féile with Life Support, a new film offering a first-hand account of doctors working on the frontline in Gaza under Israeli occupation and bombardment.

Following the screening, Dr Maynard will discuss his experiences of volunteering in Gaza's hospitals and working alongside Palestinian medical staff during several visits since October 2023.



The Short Life and Sudden Death of Stephen McCconomy

Saturday 8th August | 1pm

Museum of Free Derry, Glenfada Park

Launch of a new publication exploring the short life and tragic death of Stephen McCconomy, the 11-year-old boy who was killed by a plastic bullet in 1982. Through eyewitness testimony, historical research and personal accounts, the book examines the circumstances surrounding his death, its lasting impact on his family and community, and the continuing search for truth.



Gaels le Chéile:

In Conversation with Tony Scullion

Sunday 9th August | 6pm

Seán Dolans GAC, Bligh's Lane

In May 2021, a group of grassroots GAA members penned a letter to An Taoiseach asking him to begin planning for Irish Unity. This has now been endorsed by tens of thousands of Gaels across Ireland.

A member of Gaels le Chéile will provide an update on the work of this evolving campaign. Followed by a conversation with Derry All Ireland winner Tony Scullion, who will discuss contemporary issues affecting Gaels, his own remarkable playing & coaching career and his thoughts on the future of Ireland.



**The Future of a University in Derry:
Magee Expansion with Malachy Ó Néill**
Monday 10th August | 1pm

Verbal Arts Centre, Stable Lane

This event will look at progress on the expansion of Ulster University's Magee campus and what it means for Derry, its young people, students, the local economy and the wider North West. Prof. Malachy Ó Néill from Ulster University, will discuss Magee's growth and the next steps.



Neutrality Roadshow

Monday 10th August | 1pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

The Neutrality Roadshow is travelling around Ireland hosting conversations with local communities about the importance of preserving Irish neutrality in the face of growing pressure to formally align Ireland militarily with the EU and NATO.

Irish neutrality is already being hollowed out - the US military is allowed to use Shannon airport, there are new 'defense' partnerships with the French navy and others, and most significant of all, the Dublin government is pushing legislative change to allow Irish troop deployments on EU or NATO-led missions. There is also a real push to remilitarise the north to support NATO activities, citing Irish security 'freeloading', the possibility of a united Ireland hostile to NATO interests, and using cold war rhetoric to talk up the threat of Russia, China and Iran.



Eddie Dempsey**Monday 10th August | 7pm****Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street**

Eddie Dempsey is General Secretary of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) and one of the leading voices in the trade union movement across Britain and Ireland.

A strong advocate for workers' rights, public ownership and international solidarity, he has played a central role in campaigns for better pay and conditions, helping lead a union representing more than 40,000 rail workers through one of the most significant industrial disputes of recent years.

Having worked closely alongside former General Secretary Mick Lynch during that period, Eddie succeeded him as leader of the RMT in 2025.

Known for his clear political analysis and commitment to working-class organising, Eddie has helped bring renewed attention to the power of organised labour and the need for public services run in the interests of people rather than profit.

In his first visit to Derry as RMT General Secretary, he will explore workers, class politics and the role of the trade union movement in challenging racism, division and the rise of the far right.



The Good Life and Unresolved Murder of a Derry GAA Man

Tuesday 11th August | 1pm

Museum of Free Derry, Glenfada Park

On May 12, 1997, Seán Brown, a devoted father, tireless chairman of Bellaghy GAC and friend of Seamus Heaney was abducted from the club grounds and murdered in a killing his family has always described as state-sponsored. For almost thirty years, his widow Bridie and their six children have waged a dignified campaign against official obstruction for truth and a public inquiry. This is the story of one man's good life, a community's loss and a family's unyielding fight for justice in the long shadow of collusion. Organised by Pat Finucane Centre.



Stormont Sources Podcast Live

Tuesday 11th August | 7pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

The Stormont Sources podcast, hosted by David McCann, Tim Cairns and Michael McKernan, will be recorded live at Féile for the first time. Hear the most-listened-to political panel in person, come with questions and comments for them, too, and take the chance to put them on the spot. Pragmatism and constructive conversation are at the heart of all of our podcast discussions - and this will be no different. Join us in person to talk about issues of the moment, and issues of the future with less than a year to go until the Assembly and local elections.



The Play for Peace

Tuesday 11th August | 7.30pm

Holywell Trust, Bishop Street

In the highly acclaimed 'Agreement' play, actors Dan Gordon and Ruairi Conaghan stepped into the shoes of the Nobel Peace Prize winners John Hume and David Trimble. In conversation with journalist and author Barney Rowan they'll recreate the tension of long negotiations on power-sharing, arms and north-south bodies, as well as sharing their own stories on the long road to peace.



Donncha Mac Niallais

Léacht Cuimhneacháin

Wednesday 12th August | 1pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

Mar chéad Choimisinéir na Gaeilge tugann Pól Deeds leis taithí ó An Droichead agus Foras na Gaeilge go ról stairiúil nua don teanga. Do Léacht Chuimhneacháin Dhonncha Mhic Niallais i mbliana beidh Pól ag machnamh ar sheirbhísí poiblí do Ghaeilgeoirí, áit na Gaeilge sa tsaol phoiblí, agus an deis todhchaí níos fáiltí a thógáil don teanga. Is imeacht Gaeilge é seo le haistriúchán comhuaineach go Béarla.

As the first Irish Language Commissioner, Pól Deeds brings experience from An Droichead and Foras na Gaeilge to a historic new role for the language. For this year's Donncha Mac Niallais Memorial Lecture, Pól will reflect on public services for Irish speakers, the place of Irish in public life, and the opportunity to build a more welcoming future for the language.

This is an Irish language event with simultaneous translation into English.



A New Beginning? PSNI: 25 Years On

Wednesday 12th August | 7pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

25 years on from the creation of the PSNI and the promise of a “new beginning” to policing, former Policing Board members Denis Bradley, Martina Anderson, Catherine Pollock and Brian Dougherty reflect on policing, accountability, public confidence and whether it has delivered for communities.

Voices of Resilience:

Stories of Hope, Connection & Understanding

Wednesday 12th August | 7.30pm

Destined / Offing Café, Foyle Road

Join us for an evening of conversation as parents and carers who raised a child with a learning disability during the Troubles share intimate, unheard testimonies and reflect on its legacy. Everyone is welcome. We want this to be a relaxed environment where people feel comfortable sharing their personal stories.

£4.3M TO DEFEND THE UNJUSTIFIED AND UNJUSTIFIABLE

Thursday 13th August | 1pm

Museum of Free Derry, Glenfada Park

An in-depth discussion examining the implications of unlimited Ministry of Defence funding for the legal defence of former soldiers facing serious criminal charges. British Ministry of Defence policy permits “uncapped” funding for legal support for former soldiers accused of offences arising from the conflict. Organised by the Pat Finucane Centre.

A New Beginning to Policing? 25 Years On



Future Relationship Conversations: What Next?

Thursday 13th August | 1pm

Holywell Trust, Bishop Street

Holywell Trust's Gerard Deane and economist Paul Gosling are in conversation to mark the culmination of the Future Relationship Conversations project, with the launch of a new podcast and report. Reflecting on the five-year initiative, the discussion will highlight the research and consider LucidTalk polling commissioned by Holywell, focusing on attitudes towards greater cross-border cooperation in the North West across health, education, infrastructure and the environment. It will also explore whether the British and Irish governments should officially recognise the North West as one economic sub-region - and what comes next. Supported by the Irish Government's Reconciliation Fund and the Community Relations Council.



Did Ye Hear About...

Bernadette Devlin-McAliskey?

Thursday 13th August | 2pm

Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road

Bernadette Devlin McAliskey reflects on her remarkable life and legacy, from her role as a leading figure in the Civil Rights Movement to becoming the youngest woman ever elected to the British Parliament. Known for her courage, determination and outspoken advocacy for equality, social justice and human rights, she remains one of Ireland's most influential political and civil rights figures.



Up the Youth Club

Thursday 13th August | 7pm

St Mary's Youth Club, Fanad Drive

Emma Warren's *Up The Youth Club* is a cultural history of youth clubs in the North and Britain. It traces their roots in the Victorian Boys' and Girls' Clubs, explores the self-emancipatory spaces created by and for marginalised young people, and celebrates the music-generating youth clubs of more recent decades.

The book follows their story to 2010, when the vast majority of council and Education Authority-funded youth clubs closed because of austerity.

It is an impassioned history that highlights the lasting impact of youth clubs and youth workers on music, sport, culture and society.

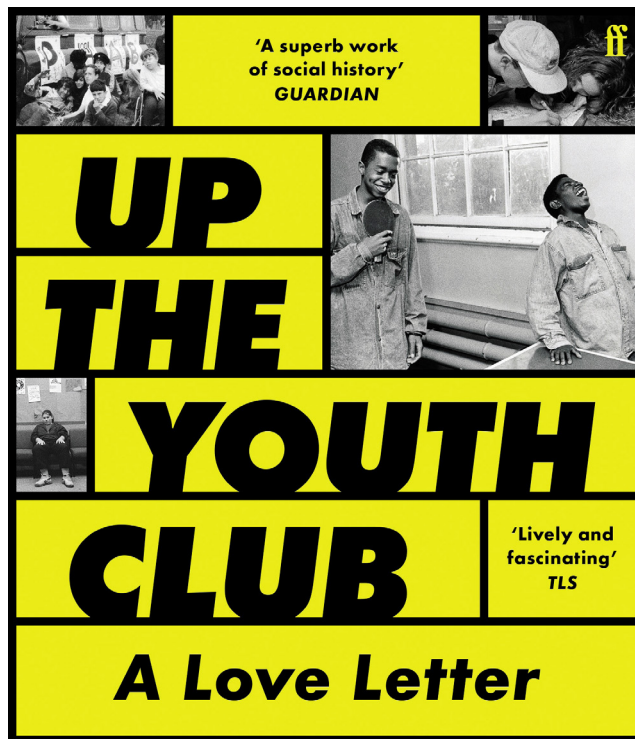
Youth Voices:

For the future of Ireland

Thursday 13th August | 7pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

Young people from a range of political perspectives come together to debate the issues shaping their lives today and the future of Ireland. From constitutional change and public services to housing, education and opportunity, this discussion offers the next generation's views on the challenges and choices that lie ahead.



Smartphone Free Childhood

Friday 14th August | 11am

Healthy Living Centre, Central Drive

In less than two decades, the launch of the smartphone and prolific rise of social media has changed life beyond all recognition for so many. The impact on childhood has been particularly dramatic, with smartphones and social media hijacking these precious foundational years. ‘The great rewiring of childhood’ has been the most harmful human experiment in history, with unprecedented rates of mental health issues now affecting our young people. Paediatrician Dr Claire Sinton, leader of ‘Smartphone Free Childhood’ in Derry, will present an overview of the problem and look at how we can begin to tackle this ‘public health emergency’.



Coercive Control: Where Is the Line?

Friday 14th August | 1pm

Holywell Trust, Bishop Street

Many of us know someone who has been in an unhealthy or abusive relationship. We often hear comments like, “Why don’t they just leave?” or “I’d never put up with that.” These questions overlook a deeper issue: how does someone become a victim of intimate partner violence, and would we recognise abuse when there are no bruises, no shouting and no obvious signs of harm? Dr Susan Lagdon, Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Ulster University, will bring together research and personal reflections shaped by her roles as a daughter, a mother and a researcher. Susan explores the hidden dynamics of coercion, the subtle warning signs that often remain under an “invisibility cloak”, and the complex forces that can make leaving an abusive relationship difficult.



Ireland's Unity - Vote YES**Friday 14th August | 1pm****Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street**

As we move closer to a unity referendum, the conversation about building a successful Yes campaign begins. Join Professor Colin Harvey, Reverend Karen Sethuraman and Niall Murphy as they discuss how to maximise support for a Yes vote. Organised by Ireland's Future.

**Anne Cadwallader****In Conversation with Sara Duddy****Friday 14th August | 7pm****Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street**

What if you dropped a Brit into Ireland at the height of the 1981 hunger strikes? What if she became a journalist with the BBC in Belfast and then moved to Dublin for the Irish Press? What if she met and married a republican ex-prisoner? Anne Cadwallader will also tell the story of why she wrote Holy Cross (on the loyalist blockade in North Belfast), Lethal Allies (as a staffer with The Pat Finucane Centre) on collusion in 120+ murders in Mid-Ulster and, most recently, Crossing Over, a novel focusing on shoot-to-kill.



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Keep an eye out at Féile 2026 events for more info on this initiative.**

Apparition Effect

Conor McFeely and Pascale Steven
Opens Thursday 6th August | 7:00pm

Unit 13 Ráth Mór Business Park

Conor McFeely and Pascale Steven present Apparition Effect, a collaborative art installation comprising photographic works, video and sound pieces, alongside objects and sculpture. The project explores the subjective experience of apparition and its relationship to mysticism, supernatural phenomena and apocalyptic imagination.

Through image-making, material exploration, this work considers moments of uncertainty, revelation, and transformation, examining how experiences at the threshold of perception shape personal and collective understandings of presence, absence, belief, and the unseen.

In 2024, McFeely and Steven collaborated on The Weight of Light, presented at the MAC, Belfast. Apparition Effect develops some ideas first explored in that exhibition, continuing their shared interest in perception, atmosphere and the unstable boundary between the visible world and imagined or unseen realities.

**Installation on display Fri 7th, Sat 8th
and Tues 11th August: 12noon - 4pm**



Behind the Window

Opens Thursday 6th August | 7:00pm

August 6th to August 13th

St Columb's Hall, Orchard Street

Behind the Window is a powerful exhibition that brings together personal experiences and perspectives through creative expression, offering insight into the realities of living with and beyond cancer. The exhibition is accompanied by a panel discussion featuring participants, researchers, professors and medical professionals, creating space for dialogue between lived experience, academic and clinical expertise. Funded by the Ideas Fund. On Thursday August 13th at 6.30pm in St Columb's Hall there will be a panel discussion about the themes of the exhibition chaired by Derry journalist and author Jeananne Craig.

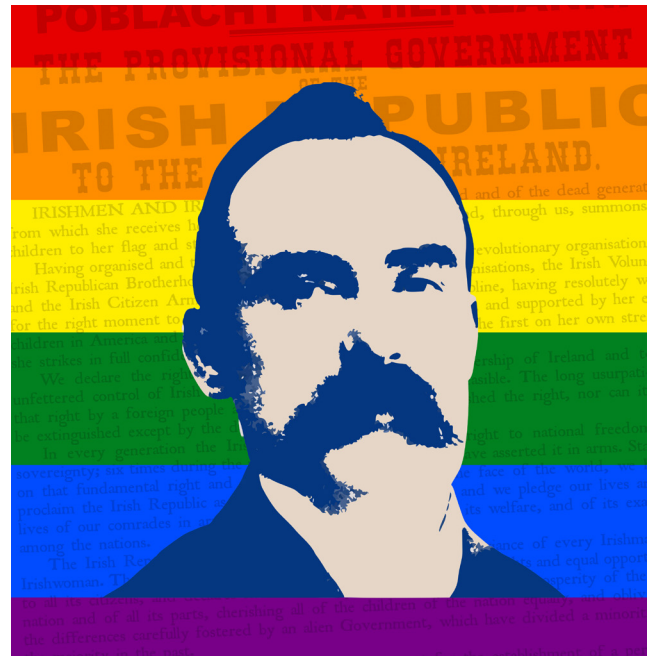


Irish Republicanism & The Gays Cherishing all the Children of the Nation Equally

Opens Thursday 6th August | 7:00pm

The Guildhall / Museum of Free Derry

A more nuanced look than ever before available at the relationship that developed between Irish republicanism and the gay liberation movement from the onset of the conflict through to the peace process. Based on interviews with many of those deeply involved and featuring previously rarely seen archive material. A joint production between the Bloody Sunday Trust, Áras Uí Chonghaile and OUTing the Past. Derry launch in the Guildhall 6 August, and on display in the Museum of Free Derry from 7 August. Available to view during normal museum opening hours.



Camerawork Retrospective

Opens Friday 7th August | 1pm
Pilots Row, Rossville Street

Camerawork was established in 1982 in Derry's Bogside to provide local people with the tools that would enable them to create their own black and white images. Derry in the 1980's resembled a war zone and it was not an uncommon sight to see international journalists capturing images of that conflict. It was against this backdrop that Camerawork photographers began recording everyday life in the city from its citizen's viewpoint.

In existence for over a decade a huge archive was amassed numbering several thousand negatives that provide a fascinating portrayal of a people and place. 'Picture this' offers an opportunity for local people to cast their minds back at a time when everything appeared black and white.





Fledgling - Megan Doherty

Friday 7th August | 7pm

Bishop Street Youth Club, Bishop Street

Award winning photographer Megan Doherty worked with a group of young women from Bishop Street Youth Club to produce a new exhibition 'Fledgling', documenting shared experiences between members of the group.

The work explores adolescence, friendship, community and girlhood.

The series captures the girls during the beginning of Spring; showcasing their vibrant and playful relationships as they engage in group activities and spend time connecting on the streets of Derry.

The series provides a glimpse into the innocence and transformative years of youth, documenting their close and tender bonds, and offering an intimate insight into the celebration of girlhood.

Brandywell Harps Photo Exhibition

Ballymoor Sports Hub, Daisyfield

Tuesday 11th August | 7pm

Formed in the heart of the Brandywell in the early 1970s, Brandywell Harps emerged from an area renowned for producing some of Ireland's finest footballers. This exhibition, curated by Dinny McGinley, looks back at the club's early days through a collection of photographs celebrating the people, teams and moments that shaped its story.



Reeling In The Féile

Wednesday 12th August | 1pm

Meenan Square, Bogside

A new outdoor photographic exhibition at Meenan Square looking back at 34 years of Derry's biggest community arts festival. Presented in partnership with the Derry Journal, Reeling in the Féile features photographs from the Féile and Journal archives, tracing the festival from its early years through to the major community celebration it is today. The exhibition reflects the people and moments that have shaped Féile across more than three decades.



Matchbox Photographic Exhibition:

Sinead Crumlish

Friday 14th August | 2pm

Matchbox Youth Club, Kildrum Gardens

A photographic exhibition created with young people from Matchbox Youth Club with Derry artist Sinead Crumlish. Through a combination of traditional photographic techniques and light graffiti, young people used light as both a subject and a tool to tell the story of their community inviting viewers to see familiar streets transformed under the cover of darkness.



Stone Age Economics:

Christopher Steenson

Tuesday–Saturday, 12pm–6pm

Centre for Contemporary Art, Artillery Street

A solo exhibition of new work by Christopher Steenson using photography, sound and archival material. Focusing on the Beaghmore complex of stone circles and alignments, the work explores how moments from prehistory can be used to speculate on and reinterpret ideas of time, value and landscape. Christopher Steenson has recently exhibited at mother's tankstation - Dublin, Flat Time House - London; VISUAL - Carlow and was selected for URGENCIES (2021).



Creggan Artists Exhibition

Saturday 15th August | 3pm

Bishop's Field, Creggan

Féile is proud to support a new exhibition by the Creggan Artists, a group who meet every Friday at the Old Library Trust in Creggan. The show features watercolour, acrylic, and oil paintings by local artists including Jimmy Roberts, Sadie Harrigan, Súin, Andy Doherty, Celine Taylor, Rose O'Hagan, Catherine Doherty, Marcella Page, Brendan Donnelly, Betty Duffy and Veronica Holmes.



Choosing the Struggle - Martina Anderson **Wednesday 5th August | 7pm**

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

In this memoir, Martina Anderson takes readers through her life growing up in the Bogside and the challenges faced by her family and community. She tells the story of her life as a republican activist and the resistance and resilience shown by individuals, families and communities through some of the darkest periods in her life and the history of our country. She reflects on the comradeship, solidarity and determination of political prisoners as they battled prison conditions in England, Armagh and the H-Blocks. She also recounts her journey as an elected representative, from the Bogside to Brussels and beyond, while reflecting on the personal decisions she made and the reasons behind them. A book about courage, struggle, sacrifice, hope and love.



Séamas O'Reilly

In Conversation with Stephen McCauley
Saturday 8th August | 3pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

Séamas O'Reilly's memoir 'Did Ye Hear Mammy Died?' topped Ireland's nonfiction charts and was named Biography of the Year at the 2022 Irish Book Awards. His debut novel 'Prestige Drama' was released in May 2026. He also has weekly columns in The Observer, New Statesman and The Irish Times, and is features editor for The Fence. Later this year, the short animated film 'Me, Myself and Mary', featuring the voices of Chris O'Dowd and Aisling Bea, will be released and tells the true story of the day Seamas got his days mixed up and ended up alone with his boss and the President of Ireland while under the influence.



Women's Voices Hopes for a New Ireland Wednesday 12th August | 2.30pm

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great James Street

Join us for the launch of a new book celebrating the voices and visions of women from across Ireland and the diaspora.

Produced by Sinn Féin's Commission on the Future of Ireland and compiled by Grace McDermott and Aoife Ferguson, the book brings together a range of contributions sharing women's perspectives on Ireland's future and the role they will play in shaping it.

First Minister and Sinn Féin Vice President Michelle O'Neill will deliver an address and officially launch the publication. Copies will be available to purchase on the day.



Everyone Has a Story Worth Telling: Stories, Memories and the Characters Who Made Us

Thursday 13th August | 2pm

Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road

Join Derry author and publisher Jane Buckley for a lively, entertaining and interactive conversation celebrating the stories that make us who we are. From family legends and childhood memories to local characters and moments that never made the history books, this session explores why ordinary lives are often the most fascinating.



Áras Cholmcille Guided Tour

Thursday 6th August | 12pm-1pm

Áras Cholmcille, Long Tower Church

Join us for a free guided tour of the St Columba Tower. Learn about the history of the site and Colmcille's ancient connection to the area.

Advance booking is essential. To reserve your place, contact dboyle@longtowerarascolm.com.



Herstory Tour

Monday 10th August | 2pm

Top of Waterloo Street

It's history – but not as you know it!

Join herstory Anne Crilly for an innovative tour exploring the Maidens of the Maiden City. Find out about the original Derry Girls – activists, suffragettes, shirt factory workers, and famous visitors such as Amelia Earhart and suffragette Mrs Pankhurst. The tour lasts 70 minutes.

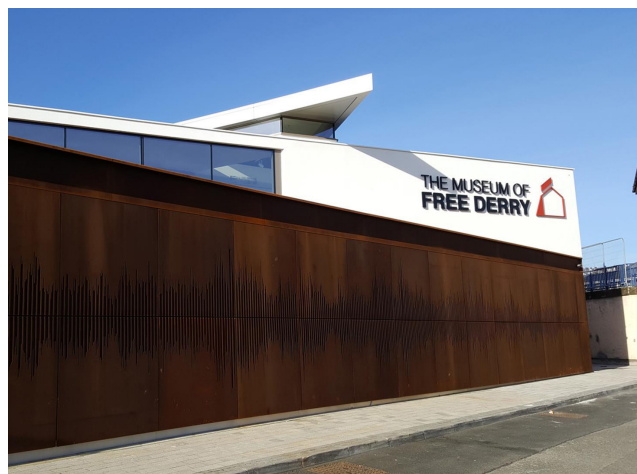


Residents Day at Museum of Free Derry

Monday 10th August

Museum of Free Derry, Glenfada Park

Residents are invited to visit the award-winning Museum of Free Derry free of charge. The exhibition tells the story of how a working-class community rose against oppression, with a focus on Bloody Sunday and the long struggle for justice that followed. The museum stands as a vital part of Ireland's civil rights heritage and continues to inspire internationally.



Residents Day at Peacemakers Museum **Tuesday 11th August**

Peacemakers Museum, Gasyard Centre

Residents are invited to visit the museum free of charge. The museum traces the North's journey from conflict to peace, focusing on the period from August 1972 to May 2007 and the impact of those years on the local area. Through artefacts, oral histories, archive footage, interactive displays and personal accounts, it examines the key events that shaped the peace process and the Good Friday Agreement.



Residents day at Áras Cholmcille **Wednesday 13th August**

Long Tower Church

Residents are invited to visit the Heritage Centre. The exhibition offers a bespoke, interactive experience detailing the extraordinary life of our city's founding father, St Columba, complimented with a range of artifacts and manuscripts as well as items and objects relating to the 200 year history of the building.



Derry City Cemetery Tour **Saturday 15th August | 12 noon**

Derry City Cemetery

Often the most interesting things lie not noticed and on your doorstep. This is certainly true of Derry City Cemetery. The history of the city and its links to the wider world are literally carved in the ageing headstones. Hear the stories of industrialists, politicians, WW1 and WW2 victims, Irish patriots, law makers and law breakers, sports stars, pop stars and celebrities. Tour starts top gates/Creggan. Approx 90 mins.



¡No Pasarán! - Ireland and the Spanish Civil War, 90 Years On

Féile marks the 90th anniversary with a day of events exploring Derry's historical connection to the Spanish Civil War and to remember all of those from the city who joined the fight against fascism.

From the Bogside to Jarama: The Irish who fought in Spain with Dr Brian Hanley

**Friday 14 August, 3pm
Gasyard Centre**

In July 1936, Spain descended into civil war and a battleground for competing ideologies. We follow the Irish volunteers who joined the International Brigades, taking a stand against fascism on foreign soil. Author and historian Dr Brian Hanley is Assistant Professor in 20th Century Irish History at Trinity College.

Tree Planting: Remembering the International Brigades

**Friday 14 August, 4pm
Lecky Road**

A tree will be planted at the Republican Monument to mark the 90th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War and to remember the volunteers from the North West who joined the International Brigades in the fight against fascism and in defence of the Spanish Republic. Organised by the Martin McGuinness Cumann.

Plaque Unveiling – Remembering Eamon McGrotty

Friday 14 August, 4.15pm, Lecky Road/Brow of the Hill

A plaque will be unveiled in memory of Derry man Eamonn McGrotty, a socialist republican, Irish language enthusiast who attended Brow of the Hill CBS. McGrotty joined the International Brigade and was killed at Jarama in February 1937 while fighting against fascism. His life and politics continue to be remembered as part of the story of the Irish volunteers in Spain, including in Christy Moore's song "Viva la Quinta Brigada".

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Displace: The Battle for Dublin

Thursday 6th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre Cinema, Magazine Street

Filmed over four years across kitchen tables, protests and public meetings, *Displace: The Battle for Dublin* depicts a city fighting for itself as a broken property market ruthlessly chews up its citizens for profit – pushing out communities of every kind and leaving a generation trapped in their parents' box rooms. From evicted tenants to artists without studios, from market traders to mothers living in overcrowded accommodation, the film follows an emerging movement demanding justice, housing and dignity.



Life Support

Friday 7th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre Cinema, Magazine Street

Since October 2023, Gaza has been sealed from the world-except for one group, international doctors. While global media are barred from reporting and governments look away, doctors breach the blockade and what they find is not just a humanitarian crisis, but a calculated dismantling of life itself. Covering the entire two years of the genocide, their firsthand accounts and visceral footage offer a rare and vital chronicle of the daily struggles of healthcare workers as they navigate bombed-out hospitals, dwindling supplies, starvation and the overwhelming influx of casualties, predominantly women and children. We will be joined by Dr Nick Maynard, a gastrointestinal surgeon who features in the film.

On the Line

Film Makers Showcase

Sunday 9th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre Cinema, Magazine Street

A platform for young talented filmmakers to screen their work and share their unique perspectives on the big screen at Féile 2026.



Birds of War

Monday 10th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre Cinema, Magazine Street

Lebanese journalist Janay Boulos and Syrian activist and cameraman Abd Alkader Habak share their extraordinary love story, told through 13 years of personal archives spanning revolutions, war and exile.



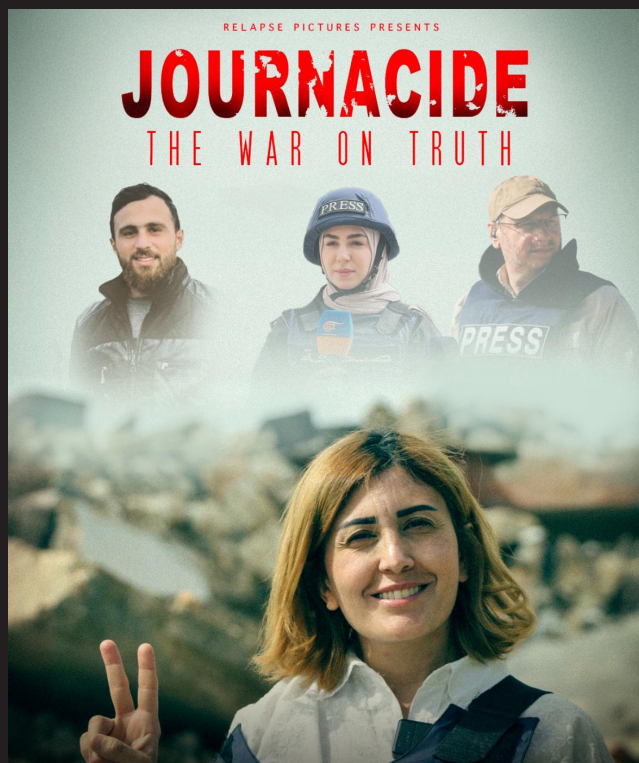
Shoot the People

Tuesday 11th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre Cinema, Magazine Street

This film captures photographer and activist Misan Harriman's journey documenting global protest movements and the people driving social change. Renowned for his wide-ranging work, including powerful images from the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests and his documentation of the Palestinian liberation movement, Harriman also made history as the first Black man to photograph a British Vogue cover.

The film follows Harriman as he records the resilience of grassroots activists fighting for equality, civil rights and social justice. Through historical context, interviews and an exploration of digital activism, it examines the links between these movements and the role photography can play in bringing their struggles to a wider audience.



Journacide

Wednesday 12th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre Cinema, Magazine Street

As of early May 2026, over 260 journalists and media workers have been killed in Gaza since October 7, 2023. The UN and various organisations have described this as the deadliest conflict for journalists in history. With Israel's new surge of ethnic cleansing in South Lebanon the total has now reached 28 for the same period. Director Seán Murray investigates Israel's policy of Journacide and highlights the collective silence of mainstream media in holding to account the direct targeting of those attempting to uphold the truth. Screening will be followed by a Q&A.



CELTIC UTOPIA



Celtic Utopia

Thursday 13th August | 6pm

Nerve Centre Cinema, Magazine Street

A vibrant portrait of Ireland's folk renaissance, Celtic Utopia captures a new wave of musicians who are bold, funny, and politically outspoken. Featuring the likes of The Mary Wallowers, The Deadlians, Young Spencer, Lankum and more, these artists grapple with Ireland's complex past, confronting legacies of colonialism while imagining freer futures. With humour, honesty, and a loose energy, the film celebrates music's power to challenge painful histories while shaping what comes next.



People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

Derry

The Time is Now!

The Story of the Craigavon Two

Thursday 13th August | 7.30pm

Nerve Centre Cinema, Magazine Street

After seventeen years of imprisonment following their conviction for the murder of PSNI officer Stephen Carroll in 2009, Brendan McConville and John Paul Wootton continue to protest their innocence.

Now widely known as the “Craigavon Two”, this short documentary investigates emerging new evidence that increasingly points to a grave miscarriage of justice.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the film's director Seán Murray.

A People's Emergency Briefing

Friday 14th August | 7pm

Nerve Centre Cinema, Magazine Street

A People's Emergency Briefing is a powerful documentary exploring the growing call for action on the climate and nature crisis. The film features footage from last November's National Emergency Briefing, which brought together leading experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature. It presents a clear overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life and what the evidence says about the risks and responses.

Presented by Hive Cancer Support, the event reflects on the links between our health, our environment and our communities. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion.

Women's Well-Being Session

Friday 7th August | 10.30am - 12 noon

Creggan Country Park, Westway, Creggan

Join us for a relaxing Women's Well-Being Session. Enjoy tea, coffee, friendly chats and a fun icebreaker before a gentle nature walk through the park, followed by calming breathwork and positive affirmations. A chance to relax, connect with others and embrace the healing power of nature.



Sound Reset Ritual with Creative Connections

Monday 10th August | 12 noon - 1pm

Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road

Take time out during Féile for Sound Reset Ritual, a calming wellbeing session led by Creative Connections. Using sound, rhythm, relaxation and grounding practices, the session offers a peaceful space to pause, unwind and reconnect.

Adm: £3



Tori's Art Masterclass with support from Frank Turton

Wednesday 12th August : 12 noon - 2pm

Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road

Join artist Tori, supported by Frank Turton, for a creative art masterclass. This hands-on workshop explores artistic techniques while encouraging creativity, confidence and self-expression in a relaxed and supportive environment. Suitable for beginners and those with more experience.

Adm: £3.



Oil Painting Class with Tommy Long**Thursday 13th August | 1pm - 3pm****Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road**

Artist Tommy Long leads an oil painting workshop exploring painting techniques, composition, colour and creative expression in a friendly and encouraging setting. Suitable for beginners and those with some painting experience. Adm: £3

**Relief Print Workshop****Friday 14th August | 11am - 1pm****Healthy Living Centre, Central Drive**

Join artist Gráinne McMenamin for a hands-on relief printmaking workshop in collaboration with the Centre for Contemporary Art. Participants will explore the process of carving and printing original designs onto paper and textile surfaces, experimenting with pattern, texture and colour. Suitable for beginners and those with some experience. Book through Eventbrite.com



Introduction to Creative Health:

Creative Connections and**Dr Gráinne McAnee****Friday 14th August | 12 noon - 1.30pm****Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road**

Explore the role creativity can play in supporting wellbeing, connection and community participation. Creative Connections will lead experiential creative activities, while Dr Gráinne McAnee introduces the wider concept of Creative Health and its potential to support individual and community wellbeing. Adm: £3.



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