

# CRUINNÍÚ NA NÓG 2024

A day of free creativity for children and young people Ireland is the first, and only, country in the world to have a national day of free creativity for children and young people under 18.

Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. Creative Cavan have produced a timetable of events across the county for 2024.

## CROSS BORDER - CAVAN AND FERMANAGH

Creative Cavan are very excited to partner with Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark to offer a series of free creative workshops for children and young people as part of the Cruinniú Shared Island initiative!

'A Giant Adventure' delivers 2 days of workshops around Folklore at Cavan Burren Park for children and young people from both Counties Fermanagh and Cavan to enjoy.

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Events around Co Cavan - Cruinniú Na nÓg 2024							
Event Date	Event time	Event Description	Age range	Location	Booking		
<b>Our Community Garden - Marie Smith</b>							
25.05.24	10:30 - 11.30 am	To facilitate workshops across the county of Cavan making an "Inclusivity Garden" for young people for display in their local community library on 15 June 2024	7-12 years old - children with additional needs are welcome supported by a parent	Bailieborough Library	Booking via Library Tel: (042) 966 5779		
	11:45 am - 12:45 pm						
	2.30 - 3.30 pm			Arvagh Library	Booking via Library tel: 049 433 5905		
	3.45 - 4:45 pm						
08.06.24	10:30 - 11.30 am					Virginia Library	Booking via Library Tel: (049) 8548456
	11:45 am - 12:45 pm						
	2.30 - 3.30 pm					Belturbet Library	Booking via Library Tel: (049) 952 2683
	3.45 - 4:45 pm						
<b>Crafty Kites - Edel Cox</b>							
15.06.2024	2.30 pm - 3.30 pm	<p>Join Artist Edel Cox for a wonderful Kite Making workshop for this year's Cruinniú Na nÓg. Each child will design and make their very own kite to take home and play with in the summer sun.</p> <p>Children will use creative skills such as drawing and construction as well as a wide variety of materials. The workshop aims to bring joy and fun to the creative process. For children aged 5 years and upwards.'</p>	Ages 5-8	Arvagh Library	Booking via Arva Library tel: 049 433 5905		

## Gowna Tidy Towns - Colours of Childhood

30.05.24	3.00 pm- 4.00 pm	Celebrate creativity and community spirit among local children through a series of workshops. Children will be empowered to express themselves while promoting sustainability through the use of recycled materials. These workshops will culminate in a vibrant event on June 15th, featuring drumming, facepainting, chalk art music and giant bubbles and exhibitions of the children's creations.	ages 5-12	St Brigid's Community Hall Loch Gowna Cavan	Booking for the workshops in May will be through <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com">Eventbrite</a> vis <a href="http://www.gownatidytowns.ie">www.gownatidytowns.ie</a> . No booking required for the event on 15th June.								
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13.06.24	3.00 pm- 4.00 pm							ages 5-12		Focus Family Resource Centre, Main Street Portaliff Drive Killeshandra	Booking for the workshops in May will be through <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com">Eventbrite</a> vis <a href="http://www.gownatidytowns.ie">www.gownatidytowns.ie</a> . No booking required for the event on 15th June.		
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<b>St Killian returns - A Shadowy Play - St Kilian's NS Mullagh Co.Cavan</b>					
15.06.24	11.00 am	In October 2024, the ancient relics of St. Kilian will return to Mullagh, the birthplace of St Kilian. This is a very significant event for the community, parish and wider diocese Pupils from St Kilian's NS will perform a shadow puppetry drama to highlight the importance of St Kilian in this area. Workshops for children demonstrate the processes involved when producing shadow puppetry.	Age: 8-11 yrs	St Kilian's Heritage Centre, Mullagh Co.Cavan Mullagh Co. Cavan	Free - contact (046) 924 2433 St Killians Heritage Centre for more information
15.06.24	12.00 Noon				
<b>Creativity for All at the Holy Family School!!!! - Daragh Slack</b>					
15.06.2024		Holy Family School children will participate in a number performances, including a Ukulele orchestra, student choir whilst also creating a stop motion video which will be showcased on 15 June.	5-18 Age	Cavan County Library You Tube Channel and website	Free to view
<b>This is me! - Bailieborough Creative Hub</b>					
15.06.2024	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	In this age of selfies and AI that fuels the desire to look perfect on social media, we will show the children how art can represent a face that does not have to look perfect! Children will be invited to create abstract symbolic self-portraits using their artistic expression, reflection and creativity.	8 and over	Bailieborough Library	Fully Booked !

**Comical Absurdity and silliness - Street Performance - Kim McCafferty Independent Productions**

15.06.24	2.00 pm	A celebration of physical abilities, comical absurdity & silliness, human tenderness & awe inspiring skills through 3 world class shows combining street theatre, contemporary circus & corporeal story telling. Three street shows incorporating non verbal work and in the outdoor space in front of Johnston Central Library.	All Ages	Johnston Central Library, Cavan	no booking required - just turn up !
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**Interactive Museum of Languages for Young Audiences - Tomasz Madajczak facilitated through Kim McCafferty Independent Productions**

11.06.24 to 22.06.24	Library Opening hours	Interactive Museum of Languages for Young Audiences is a creative resource by Tomasz Madajczak that supports children's self-expression and creativity, drawing on living and ancient and living languages to reflect on the diversity of languages in our environment. Each component is designed to be interactive and is accompanied by a range of activities for children.	All ages	Johnston Central Library, Cavan	No booking required - open during library opening hours
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**Drama Taster Sessions - Gonzo Youth Theatre**

15.06.2024	1.30 pm - 2.30 pm	Ever wanted to dip your toes into Youth Theatre? Well, now you can! Come along and experience Youth Theatre, Gonzo style, in these fun relaxed workshops. Discover and develop key acting skills like teamwork, spatial awareness, communication, trust, respect and focus.	Ages 8-12 years	Gonzo Hub, Dublin Road Cavan	to book your FREE place email:info@gonzoyouththeatre.ie
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**A world exclusive: revealed where all the odd socks go ! - Louise Swords (Clayotic)**

15.06.2024	11.00 am - 12.30 pm	An enthralling and educational workshop: the creation of sock monster puppets! This interactive session will accommodate all abilities, including those with additional needs. Participants are encouraged to either bring their favorite odd socks or select from our extensive collection. Through this initiative, we aim to enhance upcycling efforts and provide these socks with a new lease on life. During the session, children will delve into the principles of puppet-making while unleashing their creativity. With materials such as fur, air-drying clay, felt, and various embellishments at their disposal, they will craft whimsical characters under expert guidance.	Ages 5-8	Townhall Theatre, Cavan	Booking via Townhall (fully booked)
	1.00 pm- 2.30 pm		Ages 9-12		

**Written in Stone – make your own Ogham Stone workshop - Cavan County Museum**

15.06.2024	11.00 am - 12 noon	Before people in Ireland began writing manuscripts on vellum or paper, they used stone to record events and place names. The oldest writing in Ireland – ogham – is over 1,700 years old. From over 400 existing stones experts have been able to identify the ogham alphabet. In this workshop learn more about ogham, how to write it, and create your own secret code. Then make your own ogham stone to bring home!	Ages 5-12	Cavan County Museum	Contacting the museum to book a place on 049 8544070 or email <a href="mailto:info@cavanmuseum.ie">info@cavanmuseum.ie</a>
	2.00 pm- 3.00 pm				

**Hidden Gems - Killeshandra N.S. with Ultan O'Brien and Edwina Guckian**

15.06.2024	3.00 pm- 4.00 pm	The students of Killeshandra N.S. have been collecting folklore and stories from older people in the locality and surrounding areas. They've collected old photographs, written memories, artefacts and stories of the past. Students will create an audio-visual installation, a photo exhibition, recorded interviews, a showcase of old artefacts and a live dance performance as a response to some of the themes that have come up in the collected stories.	Ages 12 - 18 years	Martin Memorial Hall, Killeshandra	Email: office@killeshandranscoi.com for further details
	2.30 pm- 3.30 pm				

**Be true to your work, your word and your friend - Breifne College**

15.06.2024	12.30 pm	At Breifne College, the Creative Committee students play a pivotal role in amplifying the student voice in the arts. As part of their initiative under Cruinniú na nÓg, the students proposed the creation of an outdoor artwork to serve as a focal point and conversation starter for the entire school community inspired by the quote, "Be true to your work, your word, and your friend." This mural aims to embody the values of integrity, commitment, and friendship, fostering a sense of unity and inspiration within the school environment.  A launch of the mural will take place including an online video		Breifne College, Cootehill Road, Cullies, Cavan H12 PY67	Free to attend or view on line
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Cavan Burren Park - 8 June 2024 - booking via <https://cuilcaghlakelands.org/events/>

Event time	Event Description	Age range
<b>We're going on a Lugh and Lag Hunt - Deirdre O'Reilly (Communication through Play)</b>		
10.00 am -10.30 am	Join Deirdre and the tiny tots on a giant adventure as we re - create the story of Lugh & Lag using nature and our senses in the format of We're Going on a Bear Hunt! Messy play treasure hunt. Please ensure children wear old clothing  This 30-minute interactive adventure (using a parent as a prop 😊) will see how even tiny tots can become giants for a day. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear	0-2 years
11.00 am -11.30 am		
12.00 noon - 12.30 pm		
2.00 pm - 2.30 pm	Join Deirdre in a workshop directed at the 3 - 5 year olds as they too go on a Giant Hunt to find what Lugh & Lag might have left behind in the Burren. Using sensory material and nature throughout our adventure to get truly immersed in the Burren environment.  This 30 minute interactive adventure involves getting messy! So please wear appropriate clothing and footwear	3-5 years
3.00 pm - 3.30 pm		
<b>Giant Paintings - Elaine Agnew</b>		
10.00 am - 4.00 pm	The workshop which is based on giant Celtic portraiture will focus on flesh tones, Celtic pattern and texture. Ground work and composition will be pre prepared. Students will learn how to compose colours, application techniques and layering skills. Participants will be amazed at what they create. Please bring a packed lunch.	10-16 years
<b>The Giants - Caroline Gower</b>		
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm	The workshops will entail of firstly drawing the the giants at their grave. We will paint own drawing , then re create in into a puppet we follow and end the workshop with your very own puppet( drawings at background ). Ending with a story telling yoga flow of the story of giant love	4-12 years

Tote Bags and Tapestry - Edel Kelly		
10.00 am -12.00 noon	<p>We will explore the pebble relief printing technique on cotton canvas tote bags, all pre-made using sustainably sourced dead-stock fabrics.</p> <p>Participants will use prepared card templates to plan the layout of their stone designs before applying fabric paints directly onto the bags using rollers and paint-brushes. The workshop helps children experiment with shape, colour and composition using stones and pebbles from our natural environment.</p> <p>The print designs will feature the iconic standing stones known as Fionn McCool's five fingers. We will play around with form and colour to depict these famous structures.</p> <p>The primary objective of this workshop is to instill an understanding of the endless possibilities of fabric reuse and recycling and introduce young people to design techniques which elevate up-cycled products .</p>	8-12 year olds
1.00 pm - 3.30 pm	<p><b>CREATING TEXTILE ART PIECES USING RECYCLED MATERIALS</b></p> <p>We'll use the captivating myths of Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark as inspiration to make abstract textile wall-hangings featuring the legendary Lugh, his dog, and his boat.</p> <p>Participants will arrange pre-cut fabric pieces in different colours to create their designs. We will explore basic appliqué techniques and participants can sew their pieces, using embroidery hoops. We will explore colour, form and texture through cutting, gluing, and appliqué.</p> <p>We'll use pre-prepared branches with hanging ropes to display the finished artworks. It's a hands-on experience where they'll learn about local myths and textile crafting while reusing materials creatively. Basic sewing techniques will be taught so this is suitable for complete beginners.</p> <p>This workshop is designed to engage and educate young individuals on the importance of reusing and repurposing clothing and textiles, ultimately diverting them from harmful landfill sites.</p> <p>found objects from our natural environment.</p>	10-15 year olds

<b>The Story of Lugh - Bailieborough Creative Hub</b>		
11.00 am - 12.30 pm	Exploring Creativity in the Footsteps of Lugh Children are invited to unleash their imagination, embrace new experiences through activities that promote exploration, experimentation, and build creative confidence.	
2.30 pm - 4:00 pm	<p>The giant Lugh in Irish folklore was the possessor and inventor of all the arts and was a great King and leader. At the 2nd battle of Moytura, Lugh slayed his grandfather Balor. Balor had lifted his eye with the intention of poisoning all it would behold. Lugh slew his grandfather with a slingshot that he aimed into his 'Evil Eye'. Lugh became the new King of the Tuatha De Danann.</p> <p>King Lugh Head-dress and sword- using a mix of materials including recycled and found natural materials the children will create a headdress fit for king and a small, bejewelled sword (from card). The children will be encouraged to take part in a short procession to display their work.</p> <p>Balor's Evil Eye- using a mix of materials the children will create Balors' evil eye! Collage is a creative and sustainable activity as it teaches children about recycling and reusing materials in a creative way. Collage art allows children to explore texture, colour, shape and design without the need to rely on drawing ability.</p> <p>Parents will be required to stay with Children who have additional needs</p>	8-14 year olds
<b>In the Giants Footsteps - Bee Smith (Geopark Guide)</b>		
12.00 noon - 1.30 pm	Folklore and more contemporary stories told by Geopark Guide Bee Smith and storyteller/musician Tony Cuckson. A short walk to the Calf Hut Dolmen weather permitting. Parents are required to accompany their children.	8 year olds upwards

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<b>Giants Heads - Marie Smith Sculpture</b>		
10.00am - 11.00am	Air Dry Clay Giants heads	8-12
11.15am -12.15am		
12.30pm -1.30pm		
2.00pm - 3.00pm		
<b>Small Steps, Giant Leaps - Geopark Guide Bee Smith and storyteller/musician Tony Cuckson.</b>		
10.00am - 11.30am	A mindful haiku walk followed by a writing session with creative writing facilitator Bee Smith. Waterproof outerwear, sturdy footwear recommended if weather uncertain.	8+
<b>Beautiful Bards of the Burren - Heather Brett</b>		
10.00am - 12.00pm	Bringing a little drama/history/art and poetry together – Workshop will make a poem/song/rap about the giants and fairies of Cuilcagh Lakeland and the Burren Park – the fairies live in the special plants only found in the Cavan Burren – (some special mosses, grasses and gentian blue flowers) and they are friends and guides to the rather silly but lovable giants!!! Will make placards to hold with fabulous faces of the giants and other life in the Burren from centuries ago - for a special parade with natural flora costumes/ flower crowns/found natural materials for artwork.	7-13
<b>Sun catchers - Karina Avena</b>		
10:00 - 10:30 am	Suncatcher is a window decoration to "catch" the sunlight and it acts like stained glass windows. The sunlight shining through the bright colours in a frame will attract even more sun, joy and happiness into your room. The participants will cover the pattern with the coloured tissue paper and will decorate it with different types of decorations. They will bring home a great piece of art!	4-6
11-11.30 am		7-10
12-12.30 pm		
1-1.30 pm		
2-2.30 pm		10+
3-3.30 pm		
<b>Messy Play - Little Mess Fermanagh</b>		
1.00pm - 2.00pm	'A Giant Adventure', promises a day filled with fun, creativity, and exploration for children of all ages. Messy play please ensure old clothing is worn A range of messy play stations set up throughout the interpretive centre, will offer a unique and exciting sensory experience. From giant slime pits to searching for fossils, there will be plenty of opportunities for little ones to get their hands dirty and let their imaginations run wild.	6mth - 5yrs
3.00pm - 4.00pm		