

Cruinniú na nÓg

2026 Saturday 6 June 2026

Unleash your creative spark!

dlr Programme of Events

What's on?

Creativity in the Park

Shanganagh Park, Dublin Road Entrance

All ages / 11.00am - 1.00pm

Get ready for a fun-filled family adventure at Shanganagh Park for Cruinniú na nÓg 2026! Families of all ages are invited to join us as we bring movement, music, and nature-inspired creativity to the park.

Mythology & Storytelling Performance by students from Dominican Primary School

IADT Carnegie Library, A96 X2AA

All ages / 1.30 - 2.30 pm

Roseanne Lynch and Denis McArdle, will facilitate a staged performance of personal storytelling and mythology by students from Dominican Primary School.

Pre-booking required

Woollen Worlds

Blackrock Library, A94 YF76

Age: 10+ / 11.00am - 12.00pm

Drop in and try some needle felting with artist Jenni Kilgallon. View the artwork made by participants from a series of previous workshops.

Author Events @dlrLexlcon

dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire, A96 H283

Come along to dlr Lexlcon and participate in a series of workshops led by award-winning authors and illustrators.

Places in these workshops are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.

Kevin Moran: Writing Workshop

Age: 8+ / 12.00 - 1.00pm

Join author Kevin Moran to learn all about the inspiration behind his fantasy horror series, The Doomsday Club. Kevin will be inviting attendees to create their own Doomsday Club story.

Johnathan Sung: Drawing & Animation Workshop

Age: 9+ / 2.30 - 3.15pm

In this fun and engaging workshop, illustrator Johnathan Sung will show young artists how to create their own unique characters.

Ashwin Chacko: Illustration Workshop

Age: 6+ / 3.45 - 4.30pm

Award-winning illustrator Ashwin Chacko will host an engaging read and draw-along, interactive workshop in which participants will create their own Magical Mystical Monster.

Events for Young People

Wonder Walls

Moran Park, dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire, A96 H283

Age: 12+ / 12.00 - 4.00pm (drop in)

Participants will collaborate to design and create a large-scale mural, building real spray-paint skills and working as a creative team.

Music Generation DLR Showcase and Workshop

Loughlinstown Community Rooms, A96 RY11

Age: 12 - 18

Workshop: 12.00 - 2.00pm

Showcase: 2.00 - 3.00pm

These workshops will give young people a flavour of creating, recording and performing music, including exploring songwriting, DJing, production and studio engineering. This will be followed by performances from a range of local young people from Music Generation DLR's programmes.

To book a slot in a Music Production Workshop, email musicgeneration@ddletb.ie

Deirdre Sullivan: Finding Your Voice

dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire, A96 H283

Age: 12+ / 2.30 - 3.30pm,

Award-winning writer Deirdre Sullivan facilitates a workshop where participants will explore various methods of storytelling, reflecting on what works for them as readers and writers.

Pre-booking required



Immersive Storytelling VR workshops with IADT
Ballyogan Library, D18 HT72

Age: 10+

2.00 – 3.00pm – Beginner session

3.00 – 4.00pm – Session for those with experience

This workshop will offer an opportunity to experience different worlds through dlr libraries Rendever Headsets. Young people are invited to step into a virtual canvas, paint in mid-air, bring their own spaces to life and then walk around inside them.

To book a place please email ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie

Smartphone Filmmaking Workshop

Project Room, dlr Lexlcon, A96 H283

Age: 13 - 16 / 2.00 - 4:30pm

Learn to use your smartphone to create short captivating films in this hands-on workshop designed for beginners. At the end of this workshop you'll have a completed film made by you and your fellow group members.

Pre-booking required

Silent Disco

Myrtle Square, Dún Laoghaire, A96 VK16

Age: 14 - 18 / 6.00 - 8.00pm

Music Generation dlr's young DJs will be showcasing their talents! Get your dancing shoes on, bring your friends and dance to your own beat in a public space that welcomes young people.

Headphones supplied, so just bring yourself!



The Centre is the Heart

Check in at Kilcross Resource Centre, D18 EK60

All Ages / 4.00 - 5.00pm

What does it mean to explore where you're from? To really think about a place? Examine its roots? Young people from Kilcross Youth Club have been working with theatre artist Louise White since November 2025 to answer these questions.

Join us for this intimate performance in Fitzsimon's Wood as part of Cruinnú na nÓg dlr 2026. Expect beautiful surroundings, poems of the future, macho butterflies, dance circles, and songs. Featuring original composition by Michelle O'Rourke, cello performance by Lioba Petrie, and a group of committed young performers, it promises to be a unique and special event.

Pre-booking required

Cruinniú Cois Faraige

Coal Harbour, Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Age: 10 - 12 / 9:00 - 11:50am

Age: 13 - 15 / 12:15 - 3:15pm

Age: 16 - 18 / 3:45 - 6:45pm

Moontour invites young people to experience the harbour like never before through a series of immersive kayaking workshops as Gaeilge.

Participants will explore themes of biodiversity, heritage, and climate action through hands-on outdoor adventure.

Pre-booking required



Inclusive Events

Popcorn – A project by Ballyowen Meadows Special School

The Project Room, dlr Lexlcon, A96 H283

Age: Primary School Age Children / 12.00 – 1.00pm

We warmly invite families to join us for a one-hour art workshop that is specially designed for autistic children. This engaging, sensory-rich visual art experience is the result of a collaboration between the students of Ballyowen Meadows Special School and visual artist Jane Cummins. The mixed media workshop is tailored to embrace and celebrate each child's unique interests, creating a welcoming space for creativity and self-expression for the whole family.

Pre-booking required

Family Sparks Mark their Marks Sessions

Dún Laoghaire Baths, Studio 4, A96 WP7A

Age: 0-7, Various times

We are delighted to invite very young children with special needs and their families to join artists Niamh Lawlor, Helen Barry and Chloe McHugh for a wonderful multi-sensory exploration of the sea in dlr Baths Studio 4.

Pre-booking required.



Note for parents/guardians: You must be present at all times for our family and children events and activities.

There will be a photographer present on the day. If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please bring this to the attention of the event staff.



Some events require prebooking, all links are provided on our website www.dlrcoco.ie