



# Meath County Council's 2026 Cruinniú na nÓg Events Programme

A day of free creativity for children  
and young people Saturday June 6th



**Cruinniú  
na nÓg**



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## A National Day of Creativity for children and young people, Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on Saturday 6th June 2026.

Cruinniú na nÓg is a national initiative that celebrates and encourages participation in culture and creativity through performance, theatre, art and music workshops, readings, screenings, special events and much more.

It is about giving children and young people the opportunity to express themselves through a specially curated programme of cultural and creative activities where they can share their ideas, learn new skills, and have fun!

All events are free of charge, child-centred and activity-based.  
It's a day for lots of doing, making, and creating!

Meath's programme of events will take place in each municipal district with a strong programme for schools.



Bookings will open  
Monday, 25th May

**Please note:** This is a public event and a photographer will be present for many of the activities on June 6th. Attendees will be asked to register for each event and grant consent for photographs to be taken. If you would prefer not to have you or your child's photograph taken, please make the photographer aware of this.



# Family Sensory Fun

Join Sensory Explorers for a 1-hour inclusive Sensory Session

Each Station is different to suit all ages and stages of play such as:

Sensory-themed Messy Play trays  
Construction trays such as Magna tiles and  
Minecraft blocks  
Art & Crafts

We have lots of sensory supports and exploration to discover such as sensory walkways, stepping stones and sensory toys.

Suitable for children of all abilities aged from 1 year to 8+

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

Venue: Ashbourne Library  
Date: 6th June 2026  
Time: 10am - 11am





# Early-Years Rhythm with The National Concert Hall

Join your little one in a percussion-based early-years music session focused on pulse, rhythm, and sound.

These classes include a range of activities using percussion instruments, encouraging listening, coordination, and group participation.

Intended for ages 3–6, with younger and older siblings welcome to attend. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration.

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

<b>Venue:</b>	Ashbourne Library
<b>Date:</b>	6th June 2026
<b>Session 1:</b>	10:15am – 10:45am
<b>Session 2:</b>	11:15am–11:45am





# Greetings, Heroes!

A unique interactive experience with Author Graham Tugwell where teams of young people play the role of adventurers undertaking a perilous mission.

Similar to a choose-your-own-adventure-book, or Dungeons & Dragons, Greetings Heroes! is improvised in real time. Graham guides the adventurers through a series of challenges. As each obstacle or puzzle is encountered, the players must work together and decide on a course of action. Their choices – and the dice – will decide.

Suitable for children aged 9–13 years.

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

Venue: Ashbourne Library  
Date: 6th June 2026  
Time: 1pm – 2pm





## Interactive Kids Concert

Bring your preschoolers along to take part in a Classical Kids Interactive Kids Concert. Sing, dance, meet the instruments, learn all about the music and even make some music with our percussion instruments, it's all lots of fun.

Designed for families with pre-schoolers and older children up to 7yrs. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration.

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

**Venue:** Ashbourne Library  
**Date:** 6th June 2026  
**Time:** 3pm - 4pm





## Play and Create

Step into a world of creativity and exploration at Bettystown Library, where a selection of STEM activities will be available for Cruinniú na nÓg. This is an open-ended play session with games and activities focusing on science, technology, engineering, and mathematical thinking.

It offers a great opportunity for parents and kids to build, learn and play together using our specially selected toys & games. Toys available include Magformers, Lego, Duplo, Jenga, Magnets, Chess, Wooden blocks, Magneti book, Jigsaws, Tic Tac Toe, Scramble, Jumpin', Guess Who, Potato Head, Kapla, Sologic and lots more!

Suitable for children aged 3 – 10 years.

This is a drop-in event. Pre-registration is not required. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration.

**Venue:** Bettystown Library  
**Date:** 6th June 2026  
**Time:** 10am – 11:30am



## Dive “Under the Sea” with Playful Tribe!

Join us for a fun and engaging sensory and messy play session where little ones can explore a world of textures, colours, and materials through hands-on experiences. This child-led adventure sparks creativity, imagination, and early development, all in a calm and welcoming space.

Children are free to explore at their own pace, while caregivers share in the fun and create special memories together.

Suitable for children from when they can sit independently up to 6 years. Children must be accompanied by one adult.

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

This event was planned and scheduled in collaboration with Louth County Council for Cruinniú na nÓg 2026.

Venue:	Bettystown Library
Date:	6th June 2026
Time:	10am – 11am





# Create Your Own Hero & Adventure

A Dungeons & Dragons Workshop for Young Adventurers!

Ever wanted to be a wizard, a warrior, or a sneaky rogue? Join us for a hands-on Dungeons & Dragons workshop where you'll design your very own character.

Each young person will choose their name, skills, backstory and look, before teaming up with fellow adventurers on an exciting, guided quest led by an experienced Dungeon Master.

No experience needed, just bring your imagination!

All materials provided, and every participant gets their own set of RPG dice to take home.

Suitable for ages 8-12

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

Venue: Bettystown Library  
Date: 6th June 2026  
Time: 1pm – 4:30pm





## Botany with Anyone 4 Science!

Get ready to dig into the fascinating world of plants in our Botany STEM Workshop!

Explore the incredible journey of seeds from tiny beginnings to thriving plants. Discover what seeds need to grow, how roots and shoots develop, and why plants are essential to life on Earth.

Plant your own seeds to take home, make observations, and think like real scientists, predict, test, and watch your plants grow over time.

Suitable for children aged 4-7 years.  
Children must be accompanied by one adult.

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

Venue:	Bettystown Library
Date:	6th June 2026
Time:	2pm – 2:45pm





# Make Your Own Kite!

Join Anyone 4 Science and combine creativity with real-world physics to help understand how things fly.

Become young engineers to design, build, and test your very own kites!

Suitable for children aged 7-12 years

Free event.

Places are limited; booking is required.

Venue:	Bettystown Library
Date:	6th June 2026
Time:	3:15pm – 4pm





# Introduction to Drama with The Gaiety School of Acting

Step into the world of drama and let your imagination run wild! This fun, high-energy workshop is perfect for children who are new to drama and just want to give it a go. Through games, improvisation, and group activities, they'll build confidence, make new friends, and discover the joy of performing in a relaxed and supportive space.

It's all about trying new things, having a laugh, and growing in confidence together.

Suitable for children aged 8-10 years

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

Venue 1: Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub  
Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the event at this venue.

Date: 6th June 2026

Time: 10:45am – 12:15pm

Venue 2: Navan Library

Date: 6th June 2026

Time: 1:30pm – 3pm





## Mad Hatter's Magic and Mayhem

Get ready for the maddest magic show on Earth. Invisible wands appear and disappear in a show where anything is possible. The Mad Hatter brings alive fun and creativity with magic, mischief, and puppetry, in a rollicking rollercoaster of entertainment. Enter a world where everyone gets to be magical in this show about imagination and fun.

There is no limit to where the show goes, and with children at the wheel, the trip is sure to take many twists and turns on its way to the final destination ... fun!

Suitable for families and children up to 7 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration.

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

Venue:	Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub
Date	6th June 2026
Time:	1pm – 2pm





# Get ready to move, groove, and shine!

Join GK Stage Academy for a fun dance workshop for 7–10 year olds, where kids will learn to move and groove like their favourite pop stars.

With plenty of creativity, style, and non-stop energy, this workshop is the perfect way to get active and have fun!

No experience needed - just bring your enthusiasm and get ready to dance!

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

Venue 1: Navan Library

Date	6th June 2026
Time:	12:05pm – 12:50pm

Venue 2: Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub  
Children must be accompanied by a parent/  
guardian for the duration of the event at this venue.

Date:	6th June 2026
Time:	2:45pm – 3:35pm





# Sensory Play with Discovery Playtime

Join us at Navan library for a Cruinniú na nÓg Sensory Play Session with Discovery Playtime. This fun, hands-on session invites young children and their caregivers to explore learning through play in a relaxed, sensory-friendly environment.

Children can enjoy a range of activities inspired by summer themes, encouraging creativity, curiosity, and imagination.

Best suited for children aged 3–8 years. Come along to play, explore, and enjoy summer learning together.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration.

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

Venue:	Navan Library
Date:	6th June 2026
Time:	10am – 11am





# Creative Confidence Workshop with The Gaiety School of Acting

Get ready to build your creative confidence and have a great time doing it! This lively, welcoming workshop is perfect for young people who are new to drama and want to try something different.

Through fun games, improvisation, and group activities, you'll meet new people, stretch your imagination, and grow in confidence in a relaxed, supportive space.

It's all about giving things a go, finding your voice, and discovering new ways to express yourself. No experience needed, just a willingness to jump in and have some fun.

Suitable for young people aged 14-16 years  
Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

**Venue:** Navan Library  
**Date:** 6th June 2026  
**Time:** 3:30pm – 4:30pm





## Cruinniú @ Féile na Gealaí, Ráth Chairn

Bí réidh le haghaidh eachtra draíochta le Quentin Reynolds, ball bródúil den Chiorcal Draíochta Inmhéanach le Réalta Óir! Tugann Quentin leis meascán den rúndiamhair, gáire agus amanna iontacha agus beidh lucht féachana de gach aois faoi dhraíocht aige.

### Seó 1: Draíocht & Ruaille Buaille!

Agus é ar fheabhas le haghaidh leanaí níos óige (aois 3-7), tá an seó bríomhar seo lán le draíocht iontach, puipéid rógaire agus a lán scigireachta. Féach agus iontas ort de réir mar a tharlaíonn rud atá dodhéanta os comhair do shúile agus ná bíodh ionadh ort má thugtar cuireadh duit teacht aníos chun cuidiú ionas go dtarlóidh an draíocht.

### Seó 2: Draíocht Dochreidte! (8-12 Aois)

Tar isteach go dtí domhan rúndiamhair ag an seó fionspéisiúil seo atá deartha go speisialta do leanaí níos sine.

Léireoidh Quentin seachmaill iontacha agus cleasa dochreidte léamh intinne...nó an é draíocht atá ann?

Coinnigh do ghuaim ort féin. B'fhéidir go bhfaighfidh tú amach fiú gur féidir leis d'intinn a léamh!

Oiriúnach do theaghaigh. Ní mór do leanaí a bheith i dteannta faoi thuismitheoir nó caomhnóir fad a bheidh an seó 1 ar siúl.

Ionad:	Leabharlann Ráth Chairn
Dáta:	6 Meitheamh 2026
Seó 1	Aois 3-7: 10am -10:40am
Seó 2	Aois 8-12: 11am – 11:40am

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# Cruinniú @ Féile na Gealaí, Ráth Chairn

Tar isteach linn taobh amuigh de leabharlann Ráth Chairn le haghaidh maidin spráúil de dhráma sorcais!

Foghlaim cleasanna faiseanta ar nós gleacaíocht, húlahúpáil agus cothromaíocht, agus tú ag gáire go leor ag an am céanna.

Níl aon taithí ag teastáil – tabhair leat do chuid fuinnimh agus fiosracha.

Beidh an oiread sin spraoi agat, ní bheidh tu ag iarraidh go dtiocfadh deireadh leis!

Níl aon ghá le háiritint.

Ionad: Leabharlann Ráth Chairn  
Dáta: 6 Meitheamh 2026  
Am: 10am - 12pm

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# The Spectacular Spinning Sisters present their Lollipop Aerial Act!

The dazzling Spinning Sisters bring their spectacular Lollipop Aerial Act to life high above the ground, performing breathtaking tricks, spins, and balances on their giant hoop-shaped “lollipop.”

After the show, it’s your turn to join in! Step into the world of circus and try hula hooping in a fun, hands-on workshop led by expert performers. It’s a joyful, interactive circus experience for children and families of all ages. Come along and be part of the magic!

Suitable for all ages.

Free event. Places are limited; booking is required.

**Venue:** Oldcastle Library  
**Date:** 6th June 2026  
**Times:** 11am Performance followed by workshop  
12pm Performance followed by workshop  
2pm Performance followed by workshop





# Garageland Galaxyz

Garageland Galaxyz is an electrifying celebration of youth creativity involving a nationwide series of festival-style events. Artists aged 12–19 take centre stage in live performances, workshops, and creative collaborations. From solo acts to school ensembles and emerging young bands, every show bursts with energy, imagination, and connection — all linked through a countrywide live online broadcast uniting young performers from every corner of Ireland.

Venue:	Swift Cultural Centre, Trim
Date:	6th June 2026
Time:	12pm – 5:30pm

Workshops will also take place on May 9th in the same venue to allow for more engagement and bonding time with the young performers ahead of the 'big day'.





## Cruinniú at Mosney

As part of this year's Cruinniú na nÓg celebrations, Meath County Council will deliver a special programme of activity for children living at the Mosney Accommodation Centre in East Meath.

The morning of events will include:

**Lego with The Brickx Club – Bring your own flying machine to life! Learn how to design it, build it and then test and improve your creation on our zipline!**

**AfroDance – Move, Express, and Celebrate Culture! Join Go Dance For Change for an energetic and uplifting AfroDance. Come ready to move, connect, and enjoy the power of dance together!**

**Percussion Workshop – join musicians from the National Concert Hall for rhythm activities and group drumming. Explore pulse, rhythm and sound together!**

**This is a closed event for children living at Mosney Accommodation Centre.**

**Venue:** Mosney  
**Date:** 6th June 2026  
**Times:** 10am – 2:15pm



# Act out Youth Theatre

Proudly present Theatre Movement Workshop

As part of Meath's Cruinniú na nÓg 2026 Programme, Act Out Youth Theatre are running a special one-off workshop at the Solstice Arts Centre, exploring movement for theatre.

In this workshop, the participants will be introduced to physical characterisation techniques; storytelling through movement and abstract physical theatre exercises to help them maximise their physical performance skills.

The workshop will be run by Act Out Youth Theatre Artistic Director Anthony Kinahan (physical theatre performer with Quintessence Theatre) and is FREE for Act Out Youth Theatre existing members.

Open to Existing Members Only.

**Venue:** Solstice Arts Centre  
**Date:** 4th June 2026  
**Time:** 6pm – 8pm



# Cruinniú for Schools Programme Greetings, Heroes!

Author Graham Tugwell will engage the imaginations of young students in National Schools in County Meath throughout the month of May with this unique interactive adventure experience.

Teams of young people play the role of adventurers undertaking a perilous mission. Similar to a choose-your-own-adventure-book, or Dungeons & Dragons, Greetings Heroes! is improvised in real time. Graham guides the adventurers through a series of challenges.

As each obstacle or puzzle is encountered, the players must work together and decide on a course of action. Their choices – and the dice – will decide.

**Closed event for schools 1st, 7th, 13th and 20th May.**

**This experience will also take place in Ashbourne Library on June 6th and is open to the public. Advance booking required.**



Designated sensory rooms will be available in Bettystown Library, Ashbourne Library and Navan Library for children/young people attending Cruinniú na nÓg events who may need a quiet moment during activities. These calm, welcoming spaces are designed to support children who may feel overwhelmed, offering a place to relax, reset, and return to the event when they're ready.

Ashbourne Library: 01 8358185  
Kells Courthouse Tourism  
and Cultural Hub: 046 9247508  
Leabharlann Ráth Chairn: 046 943 0929

Bettystown Library: 041 2132080  
Navan Library: 046 9021134  
Swift Cultural Centre: 046 9087000  
Oldcastle Library: 049 8542084