



Meath County Council's 2022 Cruinniú na nÓg

# Events Programme

*A day of free creativity for children and young people*

**Saturday June 11th - Ashbourne & Rathcairn**



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A national day of creativity for children and young people, Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on Saturday 11th June 2022. 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!

Children and young people are invited to take part in a range of events and workshops delivered by Meath's Culture Team.

Meath's programme of events will centre around Ashbourne Library and Cultural Centre with outreach events at Féile na Gealaí in Leabharlann Ráth Chairn, a strong schools programme and a selection of online events.

## Bookings open on Friday May 27th

Contact details:

Ashbourne Library and Cultural Centre  
1 -2 Killelland Square Upper,  
Killelland Street,  
Ashbourne  
A84 NY73  
01 8358185  
[ashbournelib@meathcoco.ie](mailto:ashbournelib@meathcoco.ie)

Leabharlann Ráth Chairn  
Ráth Cairn  
Baile Átha Buí  
Co. Na Mí  
C15 A9X3  
046 9430929

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ages 4+

# STRONGWOMEN SCIENCE

Ever wanted to know how you balance a chair on your chin, if you can juggle liquid, or how circus performers eat fire?

StrongWomen Aoife and Maria reveal the scientific secrets behind their astounding tricks. In a fun, lively and fast-paced family circus performance, find out how jugglers, acrobats and hula hoop artists use science to create their amazing acts.

Suitable for children aged 4+

\*Parental supervision is required

StrongWomen Science is a circus science show for children and families starring two women scientists turned circus performers. Aoife Raleigh is an engineer, Maria Corcoran an environmental scientist.

Location: Ashbourne Library  
& Cultural Centre

Date: 11th June 2022

Times: 10.30 - 11.10 (*performance*)  
11.20 - 11.45 (*workshop*)  
13.15 - 13.55 (*performance*)  
14.05 - 14.30 (*workshop*)

## BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

Phone Ashbourne Library at 01 8358185



STRONGWOMEN  
\*SCIENCE\*  
#EDSCIFEST





# CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND BOOK DOCTORS

**G**  
all ages



Are you a young reader? Looking for a new series to delve into? Feeling uninspired by your bookshelves at home? Then pop along to Children's Books Ireland Book Clinic! Chat to the Book Doctor, consult on your favourite reads and leave with a prescription for your next book which you can take to your local library or bookshop!

Based on an informal chat, the white coat-clad Children's Books Ireland Book Doctors recommend excellent books for any age of young reader. All families are welcome to the Book Clinic, regardless of ability, need or barriers to reading. Every child leaves the Book Clinic with their own individual Book Prescription and a copy of Children's Books Ireland's Reading Guide

Each Book Doctor consultation will be 10 minutes in duration. If you have more than one young reader who would like to meet the Book Doctor please book one 10-minute consultation per child.

Suitable for all children

\*Parental supervision is required

Location: Ashbourne Library  
& Cultural Centre

Date: 11th June 2022

Times: 11.00-15.00 (10-minute slots)

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

Phone Ashbourne Library at 01 8358185

# A FUN MUSIC CLASS FOR 0-4s

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under 4s

Music Generation Meath are back for Cruinniú 2022 with two Early Years live events led by Music Generation Meath Musician, Mary Quinn.

Mary has a wealth of experience working in Early Years programmes. These programmes are very popular and very enjoyable with babies, toddlers and younger children and are also great fun.

Join in for singing, musical games and stories.

Suitable for children aged 0-4  
\*Parental supervision is required

Location: Ashbourne Library  
& Cultural Centre

Date: 11th June 2022

Times: 09.30 to 10.00  
10.15 to 10.45

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**  
Phone Ashbourne Library  
at 01 8358185



**Music Generation  
Meath/na Mi**



# MUSIC GENERATION MEATH YOUTH CHOIR

## Youth Choir Performance

Music Generation's choir for young people began online during the Covid-19 pandemic. Since then, it has grown to comprise 44 young people who meet weekly to rehearse in two venues in Navan and Ashbourne as Meath Children's Choir and Meath Youth Choir.

Their repertoire is a mix of contemporary songs, music from around the world, choral classics and Irish songs. They receive a musical training, develop confidence and social skills, and love their choir games, actions, and workshops!

Their first performance was a video recording of *Bóinn, The River Goddess*, for *Cruinniú na nÓg 2021*, as part of the national *Songs for Our Children* Project.

For more information, please contact [musicgenerationmeath@lmetb.ie](mailto:musicgenerationmeath@lmetb.ie).

Suitable for all ages

\*Parental supervision is required

Location: **Ashbourne Library & Cultural Centre**

Date: 11th June 2022

Time: 18.00-18.30



**Music Generation**  
**Meath/na Mí**

*This is a drop-in event. Pre-registration is not required.*





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ages 8-12

# A DENIM JEAN UPCYCLING WORKSHOP WITH SARADEN DESIGNS

Bored of your current jeans or denim jackets? Let your creativity out and learn how to transform your clothes using fabric paint to create unique statement pieces. No experience with art is needed, Sarah will provide lots of inspiration and help!

The event is free to attend, all supplies provided, just bring some denim!

Saraden Designs, Millinery Atelier is a multi-award-winning Slow Fashion Brand founded by Ashbourne Milliner Sarah O' Rourke. Sarah supports the idea of creating, designing and buying pieces for quality & longevity.

Suitable for children aged 8-12

\*Children should bring a pair of jeans, denim skirt or shorts with them to the workshop. All other materials supplied. Please bring a light snack.

Location: Ashbourne Library  
& Cultural Centre

Date: 11th June 2022

Times: 11.00 to 13.15

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

Phone Ashbourne Library at 01 8358185



# Poetry & Art Treasure Hunt WITH JULIETTE SAUMANDE AND TARSILA KRÜSE

A poetry treasure hunt for families will guide you through the 'My little album of Ashbourne' exhibition. Children and families will create a collective piece of art combining drawing and poetry on a giant roll of paper.

Juliette Saumande is officially obsessed with children's books: she reads them, writes them, translates them, reviews them, recommends them and has been known to talk about them in her sleep. She is a French writer and translator of children's books living in Dublin.

Tarsila Krüse is a Brazilian-born children's book illustrator. Her debut picture book *Ná Gabh ar Scoil! (Futa Fata)* was shortlisted for The CBI Book of The Year Awards 2016 and her second book, *Bliain na nAmhrán (Futa Fata)* is the winner of the CBI Judges' Special Merit Award 2017.

Suitable for all the family.

Location: Ashbourne Library  
& Cultural Centre

Date: 11th June 2022

Times: 15.00-17.00

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

Phone Ashbourne Library at 01 8358185





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ages 4-7

AUTISM  
FRIENDLY  
EVENT

# Sensory Storytime

## with Valerie Sheehan and Tony the Turtle

Valerie Sheehan is the author of the Tony the Turtle book series. The main character is a little turtle named Tony who sees and feels the world a little differently. Each of the nine books in the series offers helpful tips and strategies to manage everyday activities that many children may find challenging or overwhelming. Tony gives children a character to identify with, while also showing that it is ok to go into your shell when things get a little difficult. The books also give parents helpful tips and hints they need to support their child overcome these challenges.

Join Valerie and Tony at their story time session, where you will hear all about Tony's adventures and how he finds lots of different ways to ensure he enjoys all his daily activities with minimum stress.

Learn more about Tony at  
[www.tonytheturtle.com](http://www.tonytheturtle.com)

Suitable for children aged 4-7 years

Location: Ashbourne Library  
& Cultural Centre

Date: 11th June 2022

Times: 11.15 to 11.45

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

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all ages

# Garageland Galaxyz Music Festival

Garageland, one of Ireland's leading supporters of emerging musicians of all ages, is coming to Ashbourne Library and Cultural Centre for Cruinniú na nÓg. With live performances from young musicians aged 12-18 from all across Ireland broadcast across multiple platforms, plus a live busking stage, this is set to be a great day of musical talent and fun.

We'll be joined throughout the day by some very special guests, and we'll also have song writing workshops and helpful hints from top music industry insiders. Slots for the busking stage are on a 'first come, first served' basis-sign up on the day. The acts and time slots will be posted here: <https://www.meath.ie/council/events/cruinniu-na-nog-garageland-galaxyz>

Watch the whole day of live music and performance here:  
<https://www.meath.ie/council/events/cruinniu-na-nog-garageland-galaxyz>

\*Please note the closing date for applications for the live stage is now closed.

Family & friends are welcome to come along and support the young performers.

Location: Ashbourne Library & Cultural Centre	Date: 11th June 2022	Times: 11.30 to 18.30
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ages 4-10

# STE(A)M

Come and build with us

Open ended play session with Magformers, Lego, Arts, Crafts, Giant Chess and more! Indoor and outdoor games and activities focussing on science, technology, engineering and mathematical thinking!

Suitable for children aged 4 – 10 years  
Wooden blocks/Duplo available for younger children

Location: Ashbourne Library  
& Cultural Centre

Dates: 11th June 2022

Time: 15.00-17.00

This is a drop-in event.  
Pre-registration is not required.



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ages 3-10

# Polcaphonc

Cruinniú @ Féile na Gealaí, Ráth Chairn

## Preab sa Cheol!

Seó úr do pháistí atá bunaithe ar phreab-leabhar úr atá ag teacht amach sa tSamhradh. Beidh 'Cabóg an Phortaigh' ag ceol agus ag cur an seó i láthair. Beidh 'An Síog dána' ag seinm an méarchláir agus ag ceol. Beidh ár gcara 'Polcaphonc' ag seinm giotar agus fideal agus beidh 'An Caiftín Mór Liath' ag seinm ar na píobáí, bocsa ceoil agus trumpa fosta. Gníomh-amhráin is mó a bheas sa seó agus thig le na páistí páirt a ghlacadh sa cheol agus sa damhsa. Beidh scoith an chraic agus scoith an cheoil ann agus beidh sé rud beag oideachasúil chomh maith.

Oiriúnach do pháistí atá 3-10 bliana d'aois

Áit: Leabharlann Ráth Chairn

Dátaí: 11 Meitheamh 2022

Am: 12:30 - 13:10  
14.00 - 14.40

Tá áiteanna teoranta. Le haghaidh ainm do pháiste a chlarú cuir glaoch ar leabharlann Ráth Chairn

CRUINNIÚ  
@ FÉILE NA  
GEALÁÍ

Gemma Breathnach

Tara

C  
ages 3-6

# Percy Péacóg

## AM SCÉALAÍOCHTA AGUS CEARDAÍOCHT LE HANNAH

Glac páirt le Hannah le haghaidh seisiúin spraoiúil agus cruthaitheach do pháistí faoi bhun 6 bliana d'aois le téama scéalaíochta agus ceardaíocht.

Bain sult as Percy Péacóg, scríofa ag Gemma Breathnach, agus déan péacóg adhmaid de do chuid féin Oiriúnach do pháistí atá 3-6 bliana d'aois

Áit: Leabharlann Ráth Chairn

Dátaí: 11 Meitheamh 2022

Am: 10:30 - 11:30

Tá áiteanna teoranta. Le haghaidh ainm do pháiste a chlarú cuir glaoch ar leabharlann Ráth Chairn

CRUINIÚ  
@ FÉILE NA  
GEALÁÍ



# STE(A)M-Tar agus tóg linn

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ages 4-10

CRUINIÚ  
@ FÉILE NA  
GEALAÍ

Seisiún spraoiúil oscailte le Magformers, Lego, Ealaín, ficheall ollmhór agus níos mó! Cluichí taobh istigh agus taobh amuigh agus imeachtaí dírithe ar eolaíocht, teicneolaíocht, innealtóireacht agus smaointeoireacht mhatamaiticiúil!

Oiriúnach do pháistí atá 4-10 mbliana d'aois. Bloc adhmaid/Duplo ar fáil do pháistí oga

Áit: Leabharlann Ráth Chairn

Dátaí: 11 Meitheamh 2022

Am: 14:30 – 15:30

Is imeacht buail isteach é seo. Ní gá le réamhchláraithe.



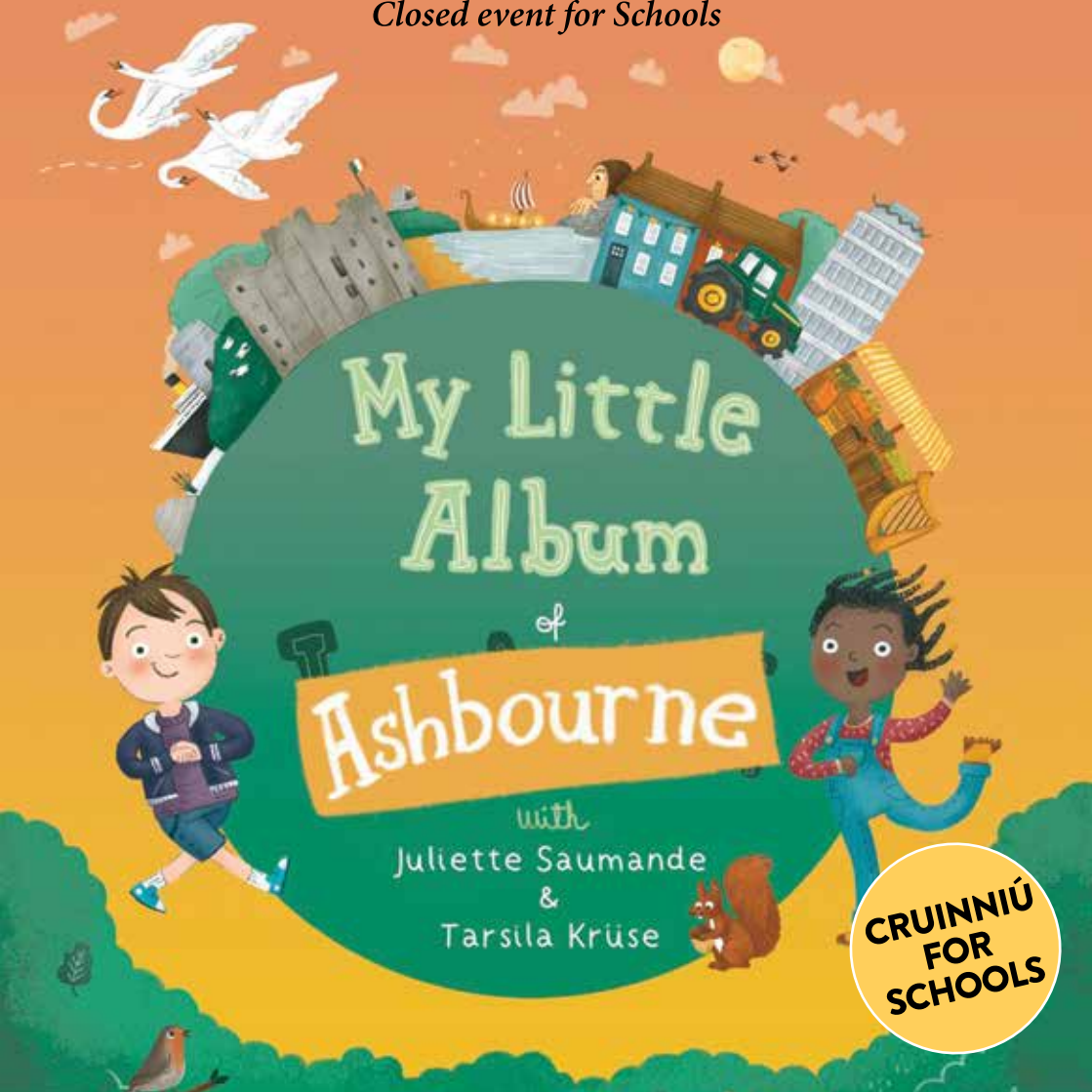
CRUINNÍÚ FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

# My Little Album of Ashbourne

WITH JULIETTE SAUMANDE AND TARSILA KRÜSE

Through art and writing activities children will explore various aspects of what makes life in Ashbourne special. This might include sports, food, nature, monuments, legends and magic... Over the sessions, the children will build a body of work including self-portraits, map-making, observational drawings, sensory poetry, stories and more. The project will culminate in an exhibition in Ashbourne Library- 'My little album of Ashbourne'. On the day of Cruinniú, a poetry treasure hunt will also take place in Ashbourne Library, guiding families through the exhibition and leading them to take part in a collective piece of art combining drawing and poetry.

*Closed event for Schools*



CRUINNIÚ FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME  
**Creativity Crash Course**  
WITH JULIETTE SAUMANDE

**CRUINNIÚ  
FOR  
SCHOOLS**



What is creativity?  
Why do some people seem to have loads  
and others very little?  
Can you learn to be more creative?

This Cruinniú residency sets out to explore the five creative habits of mind (also called habits of learning) through writing and story-making. Those habits (imagination, inquisitiveness, collaboration, persistence and discipline) are the building blocks needed for well-rounded creative thinking. They are also a great help in changing the way we talk about art in particular. The more you see creativity as a set of skills, the more you realise they can be learned and also, the more you realise you already have strengths!

Over five sessions, we will combine individual and collective work, focusing on a habit per session. The project will leave children feeling more aware of their strengths and more confident in their progress. It will also equip the teacher(s) involved with useful tools to continue this important conversation.

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*Closed event for Schools*

CRUINNÍÚ @ HOME-TAKEAWAY CRAFTS

## Choose from a Sloth Sewing Kit or a Cat Pom Pom Kit

This tactile project is the cat's whiskers! Create pom-poms using the templates and yarn included and turn them into cute feline friends with all the accessories in the pack. Just don't let a real puss get hold of your creation; imagine all the fun they'd have unravelling your hard work! Pom-pom, paws, whiskers, purrrfict!

Kids will be sew pleased when they see these super sloths! These are a great introduction to sewing for budding stitchers. Each one is constructed from pre-cut felt pieces, and children will stitch them together, fill them up with stuffing, and then add a ribbon to hang them up. Stitch, make, design and display!



**CRUINNÍÚ  
AT HOME**

All materials (except glue) provided.

*Suitable for 6 years +, adult assistance recommended*

Kits are limited and will be delivered to your local Meath library for collection.

Bookings open from May 27th:

<https://www.meath.ie/council/events/cruinniu-home-takeaway-crafts>



**CRUINIÚ  
AT HOME**



# Lullaby Leaf

Renowned award-winning artistic company Ceol Connected have been working with very young children with down syndrome to create 'Lullaby Leaf'.

This will be a multidisciplinary, immersive, inclusive and sensory theatre experience which will tour later in the year. Children from Meath and Louth took part in developmental research workshops in May and this video captures the voice and experience of these children and families.

In the Autumn, Ceol Connected will tour Meath, Louth, Cavan and Monaghan with their 'Lullaby Leaf' show. In each performance a wonderful group of artists will bring a soothing, sensory world to life through music, song, light, smell, movement and touch.

*Suitable for the whole family*

**Location: Meath's Cruinniú na nÓg YouTube channel**

**Dates: 6th – 11th June 2022**

# THIS IS ART!



RTÉ and Creative Ireland have teamed up again to create a celebration of visual art by children. The theme was 'This is Extraordinary' and they invited young artists to create a piece of visual art. The artwork by the young people from Meath can be viewed at our online gallery here:

<https://www.meath.ie/council/events/cruinniú-na-nóg-this-is-art>

*Suitable for the whole family*

**Location:** Meath's Cruinniú na nÓg YouTube channel

**Dates:** 6th – 11th June 2022

# BÓINN-THE RIVER GODDESS

AN ANIMATED VIDEO



'Bóinn -The River Goddess' is a short animated video. The song was composed in 2020 as part of the Songs for Our Children Project which aimed to create a body of songs which are child-friendly, and which pass on the unaccompanied and ornamented singing styles of the Irish song tradition. This song, composed by Meath singer Róisín Ní Ghallóglagh is about the Boyne River and tells of its history, mythology and geography.

The animated video combines the visual aspects of the song with natural soundscapes and follows the Goddess as she makes her way across the county from her source in Kildare to where she reaches the sea.

Dates: 6th – 11th June 2022

*Suitable for all ages*

Location: Meath's Cruinniú na nÓg  
YouTube channel



Artists and Collaborators: Róisín Ní Ghallóglagh – Singer, composer, project co-ordinator, creative director and administrator. Manuela Corbari – Video editor, production and creative input. Sarah Fuller – Animation and creative input. Daniel Bride – Recording and sound production.





CRUINIÚ  
AT HOME



# Meath Musical Mystery Tour with Kids' Classics

Dates: 6th – 11th June 2022

Join Gráinne Hope and the Kids Classics team on a Meath Musical Mystery Tour. Sing along, Play along even Dance along to the songs and enjoy the magic!! Especially for early years but all the family can join in along the way. Founded by Meath professional cellist Gráinne Hope, Kids Classics is an organisation that brings professional musicians into the heart of the community- schools, libraries, arts centres, hospitals and nursing homes.

With some of the songs signed and captioned Grainne is joined here by fellow Kids Classics musicians David Hope and Eoin O Meachair in these lovely pieces specifically for our younger audiences.

*Suitable for younger children*

Location: Meath's Cruinniú na nÓg  
YouTube channel



**CLOSED EVENT  
FOR MEMBERS  
OF ACT OUT  
THEATRE ONLY**



# Stage Combat Workshops with Jay Cosgrave

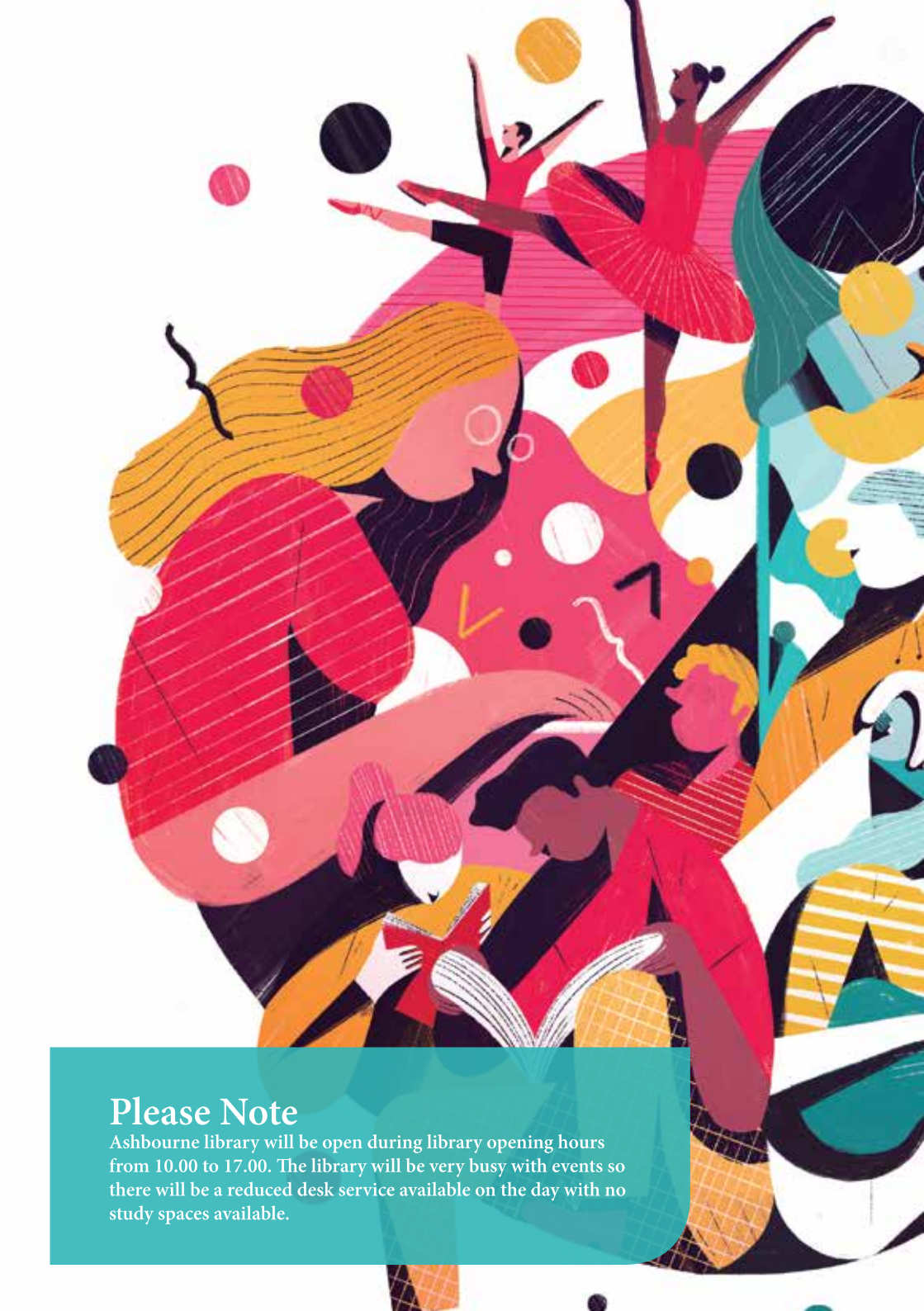
These special workshops are sure to pack a punch for the Cruinniú na nÓg Festival this year. Act Out Youth Theatre members are being treated to exclusive Stage Combat Workshops with the renowned Irish Actor, Stunt Performer & Stage Combat Instructor, Jay Cosgrave.

Throughout the course of the workshop, participants will be introduced to the skills required to perform a convincing fight scene for stage and screen. The combat techniques will be taught by professional stunt man Jay Cosgrave in a safe and controlled manner creating a challenging and fun experience.

**Closed event for members of Act Out Youth Theatre only.**

Jay Cosgrave is currently teaching stage combat at the Lir Academy of Dramatic Arts and Technological University Dublin.

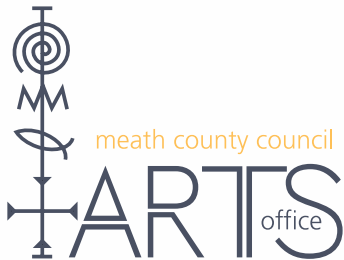
Act Out Youth Theatre was established in October 2017 with a remit to create quality theatre experiences with young people (13+) in the Meath area. They provide an annual programme of activities, responding to the needs and interests of the young people, and pride themselves on their ethos of accessibility, diversity and inclusion.



## Please Note

Ashbourne library will be open during library opening hours from 10.00 to 17.00. The library will be very busy with events so there will be a reduced desk service available on the day with no study spaces available.





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