



Meath County Council's 2023 Cruinniú na nÓg

Events Programme

A day of free creativity for children and young people

Saturday June 10th

East Meath, Drogheda, Navan & Ráth Chairn



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Cruinniú na nÓg



A National Day of Creativity for children and young people, Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on Saturday 10th June 2023. 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 centre around East Meath, Drogheda, and Navan, 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 26th

Contact details:

Navan Library: 046 9021134

Solstice Arts Centre Navan: 046 9092300

Leabharlann Ráth Chairn: 046 9430929

Droichead Arts Centre: 041 9833946

Cruinniú in East Meath

Meath/Louth County Councils are delighted to collaborate on this year's Cruinniú na nÓg and deliver a range of projects and events for the East Meath and Drogheda borough area. This collaborative initiative is funded by Creative Ireland in response to the Drogheda Report and Implementation Plan.



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The Big Dig with the School of Irish Archaeology

Experience what it's like to be an archaeologist and join the School of Irish Archaeology and Solstice Arts Centre for the Big Dig workshop!

Learn how to excavate the remains of a Viking house. As you dig through the site, you might unearth Viking treasures and artefacts dating back 1,000 years. Discover the lives of our Viking ancestors as history is brought to life.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the workshop.

The workshops are free, but places are limited, booking required. A maximum of 12 children can partake in any one session.

Suitable for children aged 5-12 years.

**Parental supervision is required*

**Outdoors event-come prepared for the weather*

Location: Solstice Arts Centre

Date: 10th June 2023

Times: 11.00-15.30pm (Six x 40-minute digs)

<https://solsticeartscentre.ie/event/cruinniu-na-nog-the-big-dig-viking-house-excavation>



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The Big Dig workshops with The School of Irish Archaeology

These workshops complement 'The Big Dig'
and can be done in any order.

Viking Dagger & Design Making Workshop

Children will learn about the ancient craft of Blade smithing and the art of sword design including the role a blacksmith played in society. They will also learn about the ancient technology of leatherwork and make a leather scabbard for their Viking Seax. They will add their own personal touch by inscribing their name on the blade using the Runic alphabet.

Suitable for children aged 7-12 years.
**Parental supervision is required*

Location: Solstice Arts Centre

Date: 10th June 2023

Times: 11.00-15.30pm

(Each workshop lasts 40 minutes)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Viking Bead Making Workshop

Children will learn about the ancient craft of glass bead making and will create and design their own necklaces or bracelets to take home using an easy-to-use polymer clay.

www.solsticeartscentre.ie/event/cruinni-na-nog-dagger-making-workshop

www.solsticeartscentre.ie/event/cruinni-na-nog-bead-making-workshop





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Children's Books Ireland Book Doctors

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.

Children's Books Ireland

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Suitable for all children

**Parental supervision is required for younger children*

Location: Navan Library

Date: 10th June 2023

Times: 11.00-15.00 (10-minute slots)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL Phone 046 9021134





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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: Navan Library
Dates: 10th June 2023
Time: 10.00-16.00





Introduction to Clowning Workshop with Ruth Lehane for Act Out Youth Theatre

Act Out Youth Theatre, in association with Meath County Council Arts Office, are delighted to celebrate Crúinniú na nÓg with a special one-off Introduction to Clowning workshop for its members on 10th June at St Patrick's Hall Dunshaughlin. During this workshop, the young people will learn the basics of the ancient art of clowning from a renowned Irish practitioner in the craft, Ruth Lehane.

Ruth Lehane, founder of Fourth Leaf Theatre Company is an award-winning clown performer, writer and maker of clown theatre.

Location - St Patricks Hall, Dunshaughlin

Date: 10th June 2023

**CLOSED EVENT
FOR ACT OUT YOUTH THEATRE MEMBERS**



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AGES 0-7

Picnic Teidí

Tar linn ar aistear spráúil go tír na samhlaíochta! Léiriú beo d'amhráin nuachumtha ag Sadhbh Rosenstock óna ceirnín Picnic Teidí agus ón dlúthdhiosca agus leabhar nua Teach Teidí.

Tabhair leat an teidí is ansa leat agus beidh spórt is spraoi againn!
Seó do theaghlach, dírithe ar pháistí ó aois 0-7.

**Cruinniú @
Féile na Gealaí,
Ráth Chairn**

Oiriúnach do pháistí atá 0-7 mbliana d'aois

Áit: Leabharlann Ráth Chairn

Dátaí: 10 Meitheamh 2023

Am: 12:30-13:15 AGUS 14.00-14.45

Tá áiteanna teoranta. Le haghaidh ainm do pháiste a chlarú cuir glaoch ar Leabharlann Ráth Chairn 046 9430929.



**Cruinniú @
Féile na Gealaí,
Ráth Chairn**

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Clinic na Leabhar le Leabhair Pháistí Éireann

An léitheoir óg thú? Sa tóir ar shraith nua? Bréan de na leabhair i do leabhrágan féin? Buail isteach chuig Clinic na Leabhar le Leabhair Pháistí Éireann! Beidh dreas cainte agat leis an nDochtúir Leabhair, agus tar éis duit a insint díobh cad iad na leabhair is ansa leat, tabharfaidh siadsan oideas léitheoireachta duit, le líonadh i do shiopa leabhar nó leabharlann áitiúil!

Tugann na Dochtúirí Leabhair ag Leabhair Pháistí Éireann treoir ar leabhair do pháistí agus do theaghligh. Tar éis comhrá bhig sciobtha, bíonn na Dochtúirí in ann a machnamh a dhéanamh ar an bpointe - a bhuí leis na cotaí bána is dócha! – agus amach leo le moltaí den scoth de na leabhair is fearr do léitheoirí óga, is cuma cén aois. Bíonn fáilte roimh gach teaghlach ag Clinic na Leabhar, is cuma faoi chumas nó míchumas, riachtanaí, nó bacainní

léitheoireachta. Fágann gach páiste Clinic na Leabhar lena n-oideas léitheoireachta pearsanta agus le cóip de Threoir Léitheoireachta Leabhair Pháistí Éireann.

Maireann gach coinne leis an nDochtúir Leabhair 10 nóiméad. Má tá níos mó ná léitheoir óg amháin agat ag iarraidh labhairt leis an nDochtúir Leabhair, cuir coinne ar leith in áirithe do gach páiste.

Áit: Leabharlann Ráth Chairn
Dátaí: 10 Meitheamh 2023
Am: 11:30 - 15:30

Tá áiteanna teoranta. Le haghaidh ainm do pháiste a chlarú cuir glaoch ar Leabharlann Ráth Chairn 046 9430929



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STE(A)M – TAR AGUS TÓG LINN

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: 10 Meitheamh 2023
Am: 15:30 – 16:30

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

**Cruinniú @
Féile na Gealaí,
Ráth Chairn**





CRUINNÍÚ FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Anyone 4 Science

Fun, educational, hands-on Science experiences for schools.

Ice Cream/Engineer your own Freezer

Suitable for Junior Infants - 1st class.

Learn some interesting facts about this frozen treat, and most importantly a salty secret, that will show you how people managed to keep their food cool during the summer months centuries before electricity was invented.

Design and Make a Kite

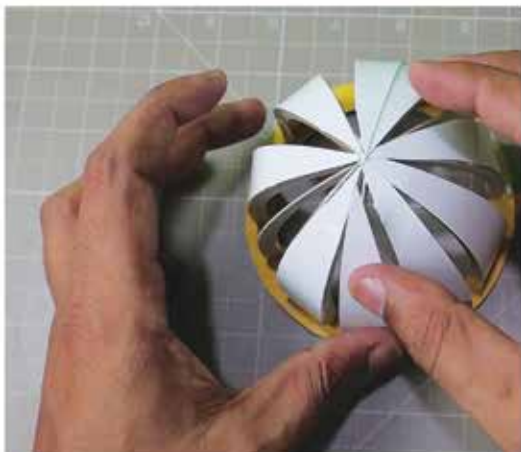
Suitable for 2nd - 4th class.

Learn about flight and how flying machines stay in the air. Use this Knowledge to design and make your own Kite.

Geodesic Dome

Suitable for 5th - 6th class.

In this architectural maths workshop, the students work in teams and using paper build a dome that has a great strength to weight ratio. The students can even get into the dome when it is completed.



Closed event for Schools. June 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th
9.15-10.00 / 10.15-11.00 / 11.30-12.15



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AGES 12-15



Craic & Clatter



Droichead Arts Centre & Boomerang Youth Service presents Craic and Clatter, where you will turn everyday objects into musical instruments! In this junk percussion workshop, you'll learn how to create beats and rhythms using found objects such as buckets, pipes, and even kitchen utensils. You'll also learn how to play as a group and create a unique musical performance. This workshop is perfect for young teens who love music and want to explore new ways to express themselves creatively.

Get ready to make some noise and have fun!

This event is a collaboration between Meath and Louth County Councils for this year's Cruinniú na nÓg, produced by Droichead Arts Centre.

Suitable for children aged 12 - 15 years.

Location: Boomerang Café, Drogheda

Dates: 10th June 2023

Time: 12.00-13.30

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646909



THE FUZZ FACTORY

**DIY WORKSHOP:
BUILD YOUR OWN
GUITAR EFFECTS PEDAL**

**W/ANIMETRIC AUDIO &
BASEMENT SOUNDS**

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Droichead Arts Centre and Boomerang Youth Service present David Bailey aka Animetric Audio, in this workshop which will guide participants through the process of how to make their own. All materials from soldering kits, helping hand kits, PCB board kits for pedal, knobs and enclosures are provided, and participants get to take home their own unique effects pedal. This event is a collaboration between Meath and Louth County Councils for this year's Cruinniú na nÓg, produced by Droichead Arts Centre.

Suitable for children aged 15 - 18 years.

Location: Boomerang Café, Drogheda

Dates: 10th June 2023

Time: 13.00-18.00

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646910





Samba Workshop

Droichead Arts Centre presents this exciting workshop with Kieran Gallagher, a percussion filled session of Samba Drumming. These Cruinniú na Óg workshops have been especially designed with a focus on the younger audience. Encouraging them to meet and share in the musical experience of playing the Rio's carnival drums. These events are a collaboration between Meath and Louth County Councils for this year's Cruinniú na nÓg, produced by Droichead Arts Centre.

Suitable for children aged 6 – 11 years.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Location: Riverside Home and Gifts,
Mornington, Co Meath
Dates: 10th June 2023
Times: 12.30 - 13.10 (6-8 years)
Times: 13.20 - 14.00 (9-11 years)

More Information and booking:
www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646911

Location: Sonairte Ecology Centre,
Laytown, Co Meath
Dates: 10th June 2023
Time: 15.00-15.40 (6-8 years)
Time: 15.50-16.30 (9-11 years)

More Information and booking:
www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646912



Acting to The Camera

with Louise Kiely & Colin Thornton

Droichead Arts Centre presents an introduction to acting to camera with renowned casting director Louise Kiely (*Normal People, Banshees of Inisherin*)



Suitable for children aged 15 - 18 years
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
Location: St. Peter's Church Parish Hall, Drogheda
Dates: 10th June 2023
Time: 12.00-13.00

More Information and booking:
www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646926

Droichead Arts Centre presents an introduction to acting to camera with award winning writer/director Colin Thornton. (*A Date for Mad Mary*)



Suitable for children aged 15 - 18 years
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
Location: St. Peter's Church Parish Hall, Drogheda
Dates: 10th June 2023
Time: 14.30-15.30

More Information and booking:
www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=87364692

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Low Budget Film Making on your Smartphone

Award-winning independent filmmaker Frank W. Kelly, and co-director of the Boyne Valley International Film Festival, invites you to a workshop on how to shoot a low-budget short film on a smartphone.

Based on his book 8 Simple Steps to Making Your Short Film Frank will talk about writing a short screenplay, planning a shoot and how to make the best of your phone. You have a film studio in your pocket, here you'll learn how to use it.

More Information and booking:

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646930

Suitable for children aged 14 - 18 years.

Location: Droichead Arts Centre, Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda

Dates: 10th June 2023

Time: 14.00-15.00 (14-16 years)

Time: 15.15-16.15 (16-18 years)

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THE YOUNG PRODUCERS PROGRAMME PRESENTS THE JUMP CUT FILM FESTIVAL

This new film festival will showcase the work of young film makers from Drogheda and East Meath.

Submissions will be invited for short films of up to five minutes in length, and there will be a prize for best film.

Submissions, rules, and guidelines will be available from Tuesday 16th May.
Deadline 5pm 1st June.

The film festival will take place at Droichead Arts Centre as part of Cruinniú na nÓg on Saturday 10th June at 6pm, and booking is now open to attend this event.

For rules and how to apply:

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646932

Suitable for children aged 15 - 18 years

Location:

Droichead Arts Centre, Stockwell St., Drogheda

Dates: 10th June 2023

Time: 18.00-20.00

This event is a collaboration between Meath and Louth County Councils for this year's Cruinniú na nÓg, produced by Droichead Arts Centre.



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Mornington and its Maidens

Storyteller Grainne Rafferty with tales of Mornington and its maidens. From those that leaped with broken hearts to those that hid to mend their battered minds, come hear about the lives of the maidens at Maiden Tower Mornington.

Suitable for children aged 5+

Location: Riverside Café and Design Yard, Mornington, Co Meath

Dates: 10th June 2023

Times: 10.00, 10.40, 11.20, 12.00, 12.40

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

More Information and booking:

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646954



Youth Theatre Workshop

Droichead Arts Centre presents facilitators Cathal Thornton and Barry Morgan (Taitiu Theatre) who will host a youth drama workshop for young people across three different youth theatres/groups. Taking place on the Droichead Stage, the three groups will have the opportunity to work together and create some drama!

Closed event for 15 young participants from Impact Youth Theatre Mosney, Droichead Youth Theatre and members of the Ukrainian Community

Location: Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda

Dates: 10th June 2023

Time: 14.15-15.30 (14+ years)

More Information:

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646934



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Earth Mandala Workshop

A fun and relaxing workshop designed to help children connect to nature, creativity, and their environment. The process of making a mandala helps to bring a sense of calm and balance. The workshop is process-based. All materials supplied.

Artist Breda Marron will facilitate this workshop where children will work with gathered nature elements at Sonairte creating their own Nature Mandala that they can bring home.

Breda Marron is an award-winning Drogheda based artist, with many public and private commissions.

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Suitable for children aged 5 - 7 years

Location: Sonairte Eco Centre & Gardens, Laytown

Date: 10th June 2023

Time: 12.00-12.40

Time: 13.00-13.40

More Information and booking:
www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646977

BOOKING ESSENTIAL



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AGES 8-11

Create a Dream Catcher

This workshop will give children the opportunity to create a bright and colourful dreamcatcher to capture their creative ideas and positive thoughts. Everyone will have a hands-on experience using fibres, beads. All materials supplied.

Facilitated by Breda Marron, an award-winning Drogheda based artist, with many public and private commissions.

Suitable for children aged 8 - 11 years

Location: Sonairte Eco Centre & Gardens, Laytown

Date: 10th June 2023

Time: 14.00-14.40

Time: 15.00-15.40

Time: 16.00-16.40

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

More Information and booking:

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646978

This event is a collaboration between Meath and Louth County Councils for this year's Cruinniú na nÓg, produced by Droichead Arts Centre.





Myths and Legends Lino Prints

Working with artists Darrin Finnegan and Yvonne Dowd Gardiner, participants will create their own lino print artwork based on mythological characters, inspired by the iconic heritage and mythology of the area.

Suitable for children aged 7 – 8 years

Location: Sonairte Eco Centre & Gardens,
Laytown

Date: 10th June 2023

Time: 12.00-12.40

Time: 13.00-13.40

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

More Information and booking:

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646979

These events are a collaboration between Meath and Louth County Councils for this year's Cruinniú na nÓg, produced by Droichead Arts Centre.



Myths and Legends Spray Art

Working with artists Darrin Finnegan and Yvonne Dowd Gardiner, participants will create their own spray art canvas, based on mythological characters, inspired by the iconic heritage and mythology of the area.

Suitable for children aged 9 – 11 years

Location: Sonairte Eco Centre & Gardens, Laytown

Date: 10th June 2023

Time: 14.00-14.40

Time: 15.00-15.40

Time: 16.00-16.40

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

More Information and booking:

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646980

DRAWDA Outreach Programme and Exhibition

Étaín mural by Nina Valkhoff



Inspired by DRAWDA Mythological Mural Trail, a series of six outdoor murals throughout the town focusing on key figures and moments from Ireland's mythological past produced, students will be introduced to the stories and characters and create their own artwork based on the mythological characters.

Our team of artists will work with 11 classes from schools in the area and facilitate 24 workshops. Participating schools include: Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh Laytown, Réalt na Mara Boys' National School, Gaelscoil an Bhradáin Feasa and Coláiste na hInse.

The art pieces will then be installed in a specially curated exhibition in the Droichead Gallery for the 10th of June. This event is a collaboration between Meath and Louth County Councils for this year's Cruinniú na nÓg, produced by Droichead Arts Centre.

Location: Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda
Dates: 10th June 2023 11:00am – 4:00pm

More Information:

www.droichead.com/show-detail/?id=873646982



BÓINN

THE RIVER GODDESS

AN ANIMATED VIDEO



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'**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 Ghallóglai** 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.

Artists and Collaborators:

Róisín Ní Ghallóglai

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

Suitable for all ages

Location:

Meath's Cruinniú na nÓg YouTube channel

Dates: 6th – 12th June 2023



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Music 
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Meath Musical Mystery Tour with Music & Health Ireland

Join Gráinne Hope and the Music & Health Ireland (formerly Kid's 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, Music & Health Ireland 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 Music & Health Ireland 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
Dates: 6th – 12th June 2023

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THIS IS ART!



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RTÉ and Creative Ireland have teamed up again to create a celebration of visual art by children. The theme was 'This is Inspiration 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:

www.meath.ie/council/council-services/cruinniu-na-nog-2023

SUITABLE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Location: Meath's Cruinniú na nÓg YouTube channel

Dates: 6th – 12th June 2023



Me & Molly & Moo by Deirdre Kinahan

Sedgwick Alexander the Third is the forgotten imaginary friend of a Croatian girl who came to live in Ireland 21 years ago. When he is discovered by her daughter Molly and best friend Moo (of Market Square Navan), a magical adventure ensues. Join award winning playwright Deirdre Kinahan as she reads this newly adapted version of her play especially for Cruinniú na nÓg.

SUITABLE FOR 7+

Location: Meath's Cruinniú na nÓg YouTube channel
Dates: 6th – 12th June 2023

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Spinning Plates with Circus Explored

Learn how to spin a plate with ISACS Ireland. This Circus Explored initiative encourages every child in Ireland to learn how to spin a plate!

Each spinning plate set will also be accompanied by a postcard with a QR code linking to video tutorials for children to learn how to spin a plate virtually.

Collect your spinning plate set from your local Meath Library from Friday May 12th. Sets will be distributed on a 'first come first served' basis and supplies are limited!

Circus Explored is an initiative led by the Irish Street Arts, Circus and Spectacle Network in association with Creative Ireland.

www.circusexplored.ie/cruinni-na-nog/

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Please Note

Navan and Rathcairn Libraries 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.





Cruinniú in East Meath

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