

SUMMER 2023 MEATH ARTS OFFICE NEWSLETTER



Culture Night 2023 Event Grant



Taking place on September 22nd 2023, Culture Night is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts. This award supports artists, venues and local arts/cultural organisations who wish to host a Culture Night event.

Assistance shall be given only in respect of Culture Night events held in County Meath. The event must take place between 4pm and 11pm on Friday 22nd September **and be free of charge to the public.**

Maximum amount available up to €1,000

To request an application form, please email artsfunding@meathcoco.ie stating 'Culture Night 2023 App' form request' in the subject line.

Closing date: Friday June 16th 2023, 1pm

Cruinniú na nÓg

A day of free creativity for children and young people
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.

Full details on all events available at

[Cruinniú na nÓg 2023 | Meath.ie](https://www.meath.ie/cruinniuna-nog-2023)



Kieran Slyne Exhibition - Toradh Gallery 2

Kieran Slyne is an award-winning documentary cameraman and photographer who now lives in Kells. He has been fortunate to travel the high roads and bye roads of this country, as well as the world. He got his first camera at the age of 13 and since then has found inspiration wherever he is. His photographic work has been reproduced in many publications.

This collection looks at how we impose on nature both consciously and unconsciously. Presented in partnership with Hinterland Festival, *Angles* will be available for viewing in the Toradh Gallery 2, Kells Courthouse, Tourism & Cultural Hub from June 21st 2023.



An exhibition of work
by Kieran Slyne

Toradh Gallery 2
Kells Courthouse
Tourism and
Cultural Hub

June 21st - July 21st

Angles

Iceland (2017)

toradh gallery



Kells Courthouse,
Tourism and Cultural Hub,
Headfort Road, Kells,
Co Meath



Hinterland
FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE AND ARTS - KELLS



Type Trail 2023



We are delighted to congratulate Kells Type Trail, as it once again turns the streets of Kells into a canvas of Type.

Kells Type Trail brings together a wide range of artforms highlighting the unique heritage of lettering as a form of communication. Each year one word is translated into a variety of languages reflecting the diversity of the community in Kells with the aim of providing a means to bring individuals and groups together.

As this is what Arts, Culture and Heritage do, this year's word is '**Connect**'.

Further information available at <http://www.kellstypetrail.com/>

Kells Type Trail is supported by Meath County Council Arts Office with assistance from the Arts Council and Creative Ireland.

Hinterland 2023



Hinterland are delighted to announce their programme for the 11th Hinterland Festival of Literature and Arts. Join them in Kells, Co. Meath for over 50 different events running from 22 - 25 June.

This year's festival promises an illuminating journey of words & ideas through debate, discussion & the arts.

Full details available at [Hinterland Festival Kells 22 - 25 June 2023](#)

Local Writer selected for the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Program



After a national call out, 37 writers have been selected from nearly three hundred applicants.

Congratulations to Local writer, John Davies, who has been selected by the Irish Writers Centre to receive professional literary mentoring over the next eight months from an acclaimed Irish writers of their choice.

Born in Birkenhead, UK, John has lived in Navan since 2013. A former winner of the RTÉ Guide/Penguin Ireland Short Story Award, and the Letheon Poetry Prize, he has been shortlisted for the RTÉ Francis MacManus Story Competition, with his entry broadcast on RTÉ Radio One. He has been placed in competitions including the Waterford Poetry Prize, and the TU Dublin Short Story Prize.

John's poems and stories appear in journals including Banshee, Channel, Sonder, Southword, Crannóg, Manchester Review, Maine Review, Apex and Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine. He co-runs The Bull's Arse Creative Writing Group based in Navan (Twitter @Bulls_Arse).

Meath County Council Arts Office funds the literary mentorships along with the Arts Council of Ireland to guarantee that the best applicant from the county would be selected. Their support will ensure that the chosen mentees receives this potentially life-changing support free of charge. It is also an investment in the long-term literary reputation of the region.

The mentoring process involves four 90 minute meetings between the selected mentee and their chosen professional writer. Each mentor reads up to 10,000 words / 180 lines of poetry of the awarded mentee's writing in advance of all four meetings, sharing their kind and critical feedback with the mentee, face-to-face at each meeting. Mentors also provide broad professional advice, sharing the benefit of their years of experience.

The hope for the National Mentoring Programme is that the chosen mentees will go on to write the next great works of literature with the support and sustenance of their chosen mentor.



John Davies, Co. Meath Irish Writers Centre Awardee