

# A national day of Free Creative Activity for Young People

12<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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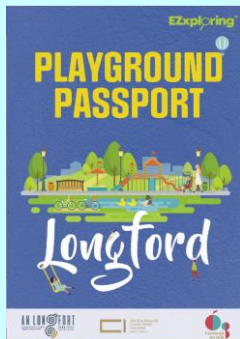
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## 10.30am Ballymahon Community Playground



### A family guide to the playgrounds and creative spaces of County Longford

A family passport to the 24 playgrounds in the County along with helpful hints on at least three creative things to do in the vicinity. This guide will be launched by the Cathaoirleach Cllr Paul Ross at Ballymahon Community playground at 10.30am on Cruinniú day. In addition to the guide an App is being developed by the GIS Department of Longford County Council. The aim is to encourage families to explore the many free creative things to do and see in every part of our County. The guide will also be distributed to all the schools and childcare facilities in the County and will be available to download from [www.longfordcoco.ie](http://www.longfordcoco.ie)

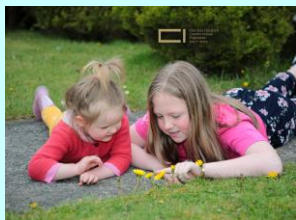
## 11am-12 Ballymahon Community Playground



### Go Fly your Kite

Kite making workshops at Ballymahon Playground. Children will learn how to design and make their own kite. All materials will be supplied by the facilitator and children will learn how to fly their own creation. To book contact Ballymahon Library on 09064 32546 or [ballymahonlibrary@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:ballymahonlibrary@longfordcoco.ie) or contact your local library.

## 2pm The Mall Longford



### The Sunflower and the Dandelion

A children's picture book written and illustrated by two Longford artists, Shelley Corcoran and Angel Graphics, encourages children to appreciate and protect the humble dandelion from early Spring mowing in order to provide good food for our bees. An art competition will run in schools in the week leading up to Cruinniú and the book will be launched with an outdoor reading in Longford's largest public park, the Mall, at 2pm by the Cathaoirleach of Longford Municipal District Cllr Peggy Nolan.

## 2pm Granard Community Library Art Workshop

A one-hour workshop facilitated by an artist, materials will be provided.

To Book Contact [rgaynor@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:rgaynor@longfordcoco.ie) 043 6686164

## 3pm The Green Edgeworthstown



### Damhsa ar an Sean-Nós - Let's all dance together

Encouraging families and all ages to put a spring in their step and leave the darker days behind. Three of Longford's most talented dance teachers have been running Sean Nós dancing classes on Saturday mornings for four weeks leading up to Cruinniú. There will be a live performance on the Green in Edgeworthstown at 3pm on Cruinniú Day and a video of the event will also be available for viewing later on

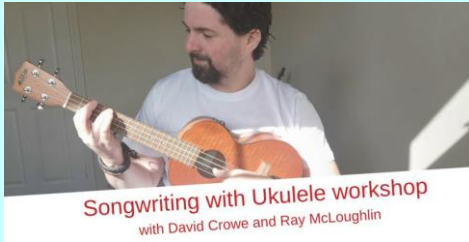
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**Online Event: Online Launch of Cruinniú na nÓg by Strad**

**Saturday 12th June 10am** Local trad group, Strad, consisting of 6 young musicians will launch this years Cruinniú with their online performance of trad music and some Sean-Nós dancing.

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**Online Event: Songwriting and Ukulele summer camp for teenagers with Music Generation Longford**



Songwriting with Ukulele workshop  
with David Crowe and Ray McLoughlin

**Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th June, with the junior group (first, second and third year) from 10am – 12pm and the senior group (transition year, fourth and fifth year) from 1pm – 3pm.** Secondary school students across the County will have the opportunity to collaborate with a lot of imagination and inspiration all to the backdrop of ukuleles in a four-day ukulele and song writing workshop. The workshops will cover the basics of song writing and production using a ukulele. Run by experienced Music Educators, David Crowe and Ray

McLoughlin, the students will gain a wealth of knowledge that they can put to practice and will write and produce their own song. These free classes will take place on Zoom, and ukuleles are also available free of charge for participants. To register please email [musicgenerationlongford@lwebt.ie](mailto:musicgenerationlongford@lwebt.ie)

**Online Event: Early Years Music class with Music Generation Longford**



Early Years live social media workshop with Gary Baker

**Saturday 12th June 11am for ages 0 – 3 and 12pm for ages 4 – 6.** A celebration of Longford's youngest music-makers with live workshops on Music Generation Longford's social media channels. Gary Baker will deliver these hour-long workshops using his specialist early years music training by exploring music through movement, rhythm and dynamics, all in a fun, vibrant environment. Our celebrated early years music workshops will explore and create their favourite sounds. All you must do to join is follow 'Music Generation Longford'

on Facebook and Instagram as these will go out on their social media pages.

**Online Event: Bodhrán workshop for everyone with Music Generation Longford**



Bodhrán workshop with Noel Carberry

**Saturday 12th June 12 noon.** Music Generation Longford is running a Bodhrán workshop for all ages on Zoom. One of Longford's best loved trad musicians Noel Carberry will teach the basics of the Bodhrán. This is a fun way for people of all ages to join in to learn about this traditional music instrument in a physically distanced but socially engaged environment. Make friends while making music. Bodhráns are available on loan from Music Generation free of charge. For information and to register please email [musicgenerationlongford@lwebt.ie](mailto:musicgenerationlongford@lwebt.ie)

**Online Event: Observational Storytime at Backstage Theatre**



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 12 noon**

Presented by Backstage Theatre in association with the LIVE Network, in this online tutorial with cartoonist, writer, and co-founder of [The Comics Lab](http://TheComicsLab.com) Sarah Bowie, Sarah will show how to take ordinary, everyday life and turn it into material for compelling storytelling! Use this as an opportunity to look beyond the surface of our seemingly mundane lives and find the potential stories within. Sarah will explore different ways of observing - observing ourselves (our moods, thoughts, activities and conversations);

observing others (family members, neighbours, strangers, wildlife and pets), and observing our environment (our homes, our local park, the supermarket, the weather); looking at how to edit these observations and mold them into shape, as complete short stories in themselves, or springboards for longer fiction pieces. More information on

<https://backstage.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173611763>

### Online Event: Matilda Workshop at Backstage Theatre



**Saturday 12th June 3pm.** As part of Lasta 2021, Backstage Theatre are delighted to have West End performer Christopher Tendai join them with a dance workshop that will blow your musical minds! As a cast member of Matilda on the West End, he'll be showing you a dance directly from the show.

Booking on <https://backstage.ticketsolve.com/shows>

### Online Event: Willow Lantern Workshop at Backstage Theatre



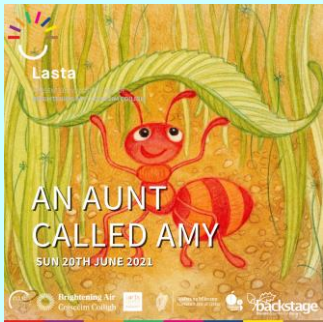
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2pm -4pm**

Take part in a live online willow lantern making workshop with artist Caoimhe Dunn and learn techniques she also uses to create large scale lanterns, puppets and props for outdoor spectacles! In this workshop participants will create a willow structure, learn how willow bends and changes with manipulation and soaking. After creating their own unique design bending and shaping the willow – participants will cover the lantern in wet strength tissue and add lights to complete their lantern. Once you book a workshop, you can collect a pack with all the materials required to create one lantern as well as instructions on how to prepare for the workshop. Packs will be available at Siamsa Tire from the 3rd of June. For

this workshop all you need is access to Zoom, a space to work in and somewhere to soak your willow before the workshop and maybe a cup of tea! This workshop is ideal for a family group to create together.

Booking on <https://backstage.ticketsolve.com/shows>

### Online Event: An Aunt called Amy at Backstage Theatre



**Sunday 20th June - 11am**

This is a story about an ant called Amy, her brother Andy and a brown spider. Amy the ant works very hard. When she wins the Employee of the Month Award Amy feels a happiness that drives her to work even harder. But with the help of the Brown Spider Amy finds true happiness by embracing her brother's memory in the everyday. A story about a busy little ant who learns to slow down, for 5-8 year olds.

Booking on <https://backstage.ticketsolve.com/shows>

### Lasta - An exciting arts programme curated by young people at Backstage Theatre



In a new innovative approach to programming, twenty-one young curators have been engaged by the Nasc venues to programme a festival of work for children and young people in June 2021, delivering for the first time, a national arts programme curated entirely by young people. As part of this project, the young curators at Backstage will deliver a number of events for children during Cruinniú na nÓg. More information on

<https://backstage.ticketsolve.com/shows>

## Grow Remote Film project with Transition Year students



Grow Remote is a not for profit organization on a mission to enable communities to work, live and participate locally. They do this by making remote work via employment both visible and accessible. They recognise that when groups come together, they can create change at local level by harnessing the skills, resources and creativity of the local community. Grow Remote Longford in partnership with Creative Ireland and Harp Media developed a film project with Transition Year students in 5 secondary schools across the County to capture the story of the County through the eyes of young people. The students' films will be premiered on Cruinniú Day at 2pm on <https://www.facebook.com/creativeirelandlongford/>

## If our Trees could Talk



A series of 16 art and creative writing zoom workshops with introductory videos introducing the children to Darragh a very noble oak tree and to Chubbi the friendly dragon. The children will learn lots of information about the lives of trees and will create their own imaginative stories about the trees they see around them. These workshops will take place in 4 primary schools over 4 weeks leading up to Cruinniú and the children's work will be uploaded onto a Cluster app. Each school will add their stories, videos and art onto the app. and the children's work will be compiled into a video by the two artists who are facilitating the project. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/creativeirelandlongford/>

## Celebrating local heroes



Every community has its own local heroes and never has this been more evident than over the past year during Covid. They may be people who have been shaped by their own landscape and surroundings and used this as inspiration for their life's work. They may have brought recognition to their home place and community as a result. Others still may be unsung heroes in their own community who have gone beyond the call of duty whether it be fundraising, tidy towns or charity work. Our primary school children will identify their local hero and explore their lives and use their energy and spirit to inspire creativity in poetry, film, music, literature, dance and drama. The children will interview their local hero on Community TV and a series of short videos on the lives of three local heroes can be viewed on <https://www.facebook.com/creativeirelandlongford/>

## Creative profiles of young Longford creatives



We are profiling 4 teenage creatives who explore their own creativity through wrap, rock, trad, poetry, dance. These are young people who come from a diverse range of backgrounds and interests. They pursue creativity in an unconscious way or with like-minded peers and are passionate about what they do. We will interview them and explore the transformational power of creativity to nurture confidence and togetherness and support resilience. A series of vignettes of the young people will be created in the week leading up to Cruinniú and will be unveiled at 4pm on Cruinniú Day on <https://www.facebook.com/creativeirelandlongford/>

