



**CULTURE
NIGHT**



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Culture Night 2026 – Friday 18th September, 4pm – late

What is Culture Night?

Culture Night is an annual all-island public event and national moment celebrating culture, creativity and the arts, and seeks to actively promote the belief that this rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives today and every day. This year, it will take place on Friday 18th September between 4pm till late. On Culture Night, arts and cultural organisations and venues of all shapes and sizes extend their opening hours to allow for increased access to the public. Events and workshops are specifically programmed at participating locations, and everything is available free of charge.

The Ethos of Culture Night

- Encourages more people to visit cultural venues and experience culture in their locality
- Reminds us about the fantastic cultural facilities and resources that are available locally and nationally
- Raises the profile of cultural organisations, activities and facilities
- Encourages people to try new things and to get into the habit of going more often to cultural venues and activities in their locality
- Helps create a sense of community and belonging

Culture Night 2026

Wicklow County Arts Office invites Wicklow based artists, creative practitioners, community groups, event organisers and venues operating in any artform to submit proposals for Culture Night 2026.

The value of funding available per proposal is **up to €1,500**. Geographical spread, mix of artforms, and audience / participant demographic across Co. Wicklow will be considered when proposals are assessed. Given the budget available, Wicklow County Arts Office anticipates up to 20 proposals will be awarded funding.

*Funding is **limited** and it may not be possible to offer funding to all applicants. If your proposal is in excess of the funding available from Wicklow County Arts Office, proof of other sources of income must be submitted with the application.

Inclusion in the Culture Night Wicklow 2026 programme is open to applicants regardless of funding offered from Wicklow County Arts Office.

Funding will only be allocated to cultural events and activities programmed from 4pm till late on Friday 18th September 2026.



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Guidelines for applicants

All applications for participation in Culture Night 2026 must be submitted online through Submittable [here](#).

Deadline for proposals is 4pm, Monday 18th May 2026.

Application Information

Please ensure all relevant information is included in your application, including the proposed budget for the event / activity. Below is a list of the type of areas we fund:

- **Artist Fees** (fees paid for performances, commissions, exhibition, etc.)
- **Programming Costs** (this includes hiring performance groups / acts / entertainment, etc.)
- **Production Costs** (this includes set-up requirements, professionals involved in producing events)
- **Venue Hire**
- **Equipment Hire** (this includes sound & lighting equipment and other essential production equipment)

Wicklow County Arts Office may contact you directly to clarify or seek further information in relation to your application for participation in Culture Night 2026.

Branding

Wicklow County Arts Office are responsible for uploading event information onto the official Culture Night website, creation of a printed brochure and posters for distribution around Co. Wicklow, in addition to social media promotion.

Please note that all Culture Night activity must acknowledge the support of all funding bodies with relevant logos, which will be provided to organisers.

Insurance

Where a grant is allocated for a specific event / project, Wicklow County Council will not be responsible for the insurance of that event / project. Wicklow County Council recommends that the organisers ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of any event / project.

Report

If your application is successful, you will be required to submit a brief post event report outlining your achievements on Culture Night to Wicklow County Arts Office no later than Tuesday 29th September 2026. A template report will be provided.

For questions relating to Culture Night 2026, please contact wao@wicklowcoco.ie