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Our vision is to be a vital and vibrant celebration of art, culture and community creativity where everyone is welcome to enjoy, learn and participate.

An award-winning multi-disciplinary Arts Centre situated at the heart of Limavady town, we provide a dynamic cultural programme of activities throughout the year, including the very best of national and international theatre, music, visual arts and heritage exhibitions, film, creative learning and community arts activities for all ages. We are also home to Limavady Museum collection, Limavady Visitor Information Centre and our retail tenants are Cafe Steinbeck and Row by Roe craft shop.

Relax in our galleries or outdoors Drumceatt Square and enjoy our free Wi-Fi,

Kids Zone, gift shop and refreshments. We want you to feel at home at Roe Valley Arts and we look forward to welcoming you.

WE ARE OPEN

Monday to Friday, 9:30am-5pm
Wednesday & Thursday evenings, 7-9pm
Saturday, 10am-1pm

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EXHIBITIONS

BRUMOUS

Aidan Crotty

12 January – 16 February

A selection of new work by the award-winning Sligo-based artist, Aidan's painting practice focuses primarily on observed accounts of overlooked spaces and the broader environment around him where he lives. He consistently encircles the subject of decomposition within the landscape. In his attempts to depict the impermanent, he often references dormant or inanimate objects encountered in the landscape.

Primarily a painter, Aidan has been continually developing his practice since 2005. Recent work involves conveying the physical presence of the everyday through painting. Aidan is currently living and working Sligo where he has recently completed a 6-month residency at The Model Studios, funded by Sligo Arts Service. He was recipient of the ESB Keating Award and Silver Medal at the RHA, 2022 and the Zurich Portrait Prize 2020 at the National Gallery of Ireland.

ARTIST WORKSHOP

Aidan is hosting a workshop in **Painting from Life** on **Thursday 18 January from 1-4pm**. Please see page 17 for more information.



"I was really inspired!"

THE STEINBECK CONNECTION PRIMARY SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION

10 February-30 March

EXHIBITION LAUNCH:

Saturday 10 February, 11am.

All welcome.

As part of the annual Steinbeck Festival, local primary schools are invited to design a book cover of a choice of three of John Steinbeck's books. This year, pupils designed covers for either 'Cannery Row', 'Of Mice and Men' or 'Sweet Thursday'. Hugely popular, this competition familiarises local children with the Pulitzer prize-winning author's unique connection to the area, his internationally acclaimed works of literature and challenges their creative skills in producing their own visual artwork to encapsulate the book's content. This resulting exhibition is full of imagination and colour, guaranteed to make you smile!

STEINBECK DUSTBOWL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION: PEOPLE

24 February-30 March

EXHIBITION LAUNCH:

Saturday 24 February, 12noon.

All welcome.

We are delighted to present this year's Steinbeck Festival, Dust Bowl Photography Competition. The competition was launched in 2023 and a fine range of submissions were received. All entries showed levels of imagination and artistic inspiration that impressed the judges. The twenty entries selected for exhibition all successfully capture something of the essence of this year's theme - People.

The
John Steinbeck 2024
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"...a gorgeously creative space."

MAPPING MONUMENTS

7 March – 1 June

A new travelling exhibition exploring local Ordnance Survey heritage looks at traces, sites and stories along the Lough Foyle Baseline.

The exhibition was produced by the Binevenagh Coastal Lowlands Landscape Partnership Scheme, Queens University Belfast and volunteers from the Mapping Monuments heritage project and funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.



Live Music Now

LIGHT MUSIC AND LUNCH CONCERT SERIES:**AMANDA ST. JOHN**

Tuesday 9 January | 1-3pm

Free admission but advance booking essential*This event is cabaret style seating and a light lunch is provided.*

MUSIC

We are delighted to welcome back Live Music Now with their 'Light Music and Lunch' series this season - a great opportunity for older people to come together and share an enjoyable afternoon in the company of Live Music Now musicians.

Amanda's main influences are soul, folk and blues songwriters. Renowned for her powerful vocal performances and her ability to connect to audiences, Amanda's infectious energy and storytelling style is guaranteed to entertain. She has released two albums, had worldwide airplay, press and reviews as well as having toured UK, Ireland and USA (which included a performance for the Irish Taoiseach and US President in Washington DC).



Live
Music
Now

"...highly recommend."

DreamWorld Promotions present

ADVENTURES ON OLD MACDONALD'S FARM

Saturday 20 January | 1pm

Tickets: £10 + Booking Fee

Show time approx. 1 hour with interval. Suitable for ages 1-9 years

Join us down on Old MacDonald's Farm for fun, songs and excitement. Friendly Sammy Scarecrow is enjoying his first day on Old MacDonald's Farm and loves meeting all of the colourful characters that live there. When a mystery unfolds on the farm, can you help Scarecrow find out what's going on?

With an original script and brand new songs written for this production, along with many singalong favourites, this professionally produced show brought to you by DreamWorld Promotions is a thrill for younger children.

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"Everything was fabulous, the staff, the event."

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STEINBECK'S 'EAST OF EDEN'

by Dr. Linda Mc Keown

Thursday 1 February | 7.30pm

Free admission but places must be booked in advance

A live link up with the National Steinbeck Center, Salinas, California, will provide an opportunity to view some of the Steinbeck Center's 'East of Eden' related artefacts. This will be followed by a talk by Dr Linda McKeown (Open Learning Lecturer, Queen's University Belfast) who will place the novel, 'East of Eden', in its social context, and consider Steinbeck's thinking behind writing the novel.



"Excellent evening spent with this very talented group."

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JOHN HUME: THE PERSUADER - MARK CARRUTHERS IN CONVERSATION WITH STEPHEN WALKER

TALK

Friday 2 February | 8pm

Tickets: £10

Come and discover the inside story into the new book about Nobel Laureate John Hume. 'John Hume: The Persuader', written by award-winning journalist Stephen Walker, has been described by The Irish Times as 'the definitive biography' of John Hume. A fascinating and engaging evening lies ahead with renowned journalist and broadcaster Mark Carruthers in conversation with former BBC political journalist and author Stephen Walker.

Signed copies of the book will be available to purchase - book stall provided by Little Acorns Bookstore.



"Lovely welcoming atmosphere from start to finish."

The John Steinbeck Festival 2024

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LIVE MUSIC NOW'S STEINBECK FESTIVAL LIGHT MUSIC & LUNCH

VICTORIA GEELAN & NEIL BURNS

Tuesday 6 February | 1-3pm

Free admission but advance booking essential.

This event is cabaret style seated & a light lunch is provided.

A wonderful, relaxing afternoon of well-loved jazz, swing & folk songs from Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong with Victoria Geelan (vocals) and Neil Burns (piano).



AN EVENING WITH LOCAL STORYTELLERS AND POETS



Thursday 8 February | 7.30pm

Free admission but advance booking essential.

Local poets and storytellers come together to present an entertaining evening of spoken word and tales, many presenting for the first time. Some more experienced performers will also take to the stage. Everyone welcome.

OF MICE AND MEN – SECONDARY SCHOOLS G.C.S.E. PROGRAMME

Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22

February | 10am-1pm

Free admission but advance booking essential.

Pupils will be provided with a talk on Pulitzer prize-winning John Steinbeck's local connection, guidance on the novel followed by a screening of 'Of Mice and Men' (1992/Directed by Gary Sinise/PG 13/Duration 155 mins) and an introduction to live music from the era by Allan Nicholl.

"There is always a great variety of activities on offer."

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AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY GREER ELLISON

TALK

Thursday 22 February | 8pm
**Free admission but advance
booking essential.**

An illustrated talk by Greer Ellison, award-winning Northern Ireland film producer and screenwriter, featuring clips from his latest film and insights into his film and media career. Greer co-founded London based production company Paradox House which has produced 10+ features and had films playing at Cannes, Berlin, Toronto and Sundance Film Festivals.

His writing credits include the film 'Butterfly Kisses', winner of the Crystal Bear at the 2017 Berlinale. Most recently he co-wrote the horror film, 'What Remains of Us' for Universal Studios, and 'How to Date Billy Walsh' for Amazon Studios. He is also a series regular writer for the Northern Irish daytime crime drama 'Hope Street' and has written two audio dramas for Radio 4 and BBC Sounds. He currently has original television series in development with Big Light (Man in the High Castle), Hartwood Films (Sherlock) and Urban Myth Films (War of the Worlds).



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THE SWINGTIME STARLETS

Saturday 24 February | 8pm

Tickets: £16

This is a cabaret style and BYO event

Swing or rock to your heart's content as the incredible Swingtime Starlets perform the best of classic Swing and Big Band era hits from the 40s, 50s as well as Retro Pop from the 40s and 50s. They are hugely inspired by The Andrew Sisters and transport their audiences through the eras with their beguiling voices, intricate harmonies and vintage style complete with 'kitsch' choreography of the time!

MUSIC



BOOK CLUB IN CAFÉ STEINBECK

Tuesday 27 February | 7.30pm

Admission Free - just come
along!

On the anniversary of Steinbeck's birthday, Kay Miller will treat us to another insightful analysis, this time of Steinbeck's 'Cannery Row'. Everyone welcome.

"...this is a great venue and resources for the community."

CINEMAGIC PRESENTS:

THE GOOD DINOSAUR

Saturday 17 February | 11am

FILM

FREE entry with food bank donation items, booking essential.

Dir: Peter Sohn - USA - 2015 - 93 mins - Cert: PG

Join Cinemagic for its Spring Young Audiences Supporting Foodbanks initiative with a screening of Disney's *The Good Dinosaur*. Entry is free with a donation of food/grocery items to support LCDI local Foodbank. The event is supported by Film Hub NI and the BFI FAN Film Exhibition Fund, awarding funds from National Lottery.

Luckily for young Arlo, his parents and his two siblings, the mighty dinosaurs were not wiped out 65 million years ago. When a rainstorm washes poor Arlo downriver, he ends up bruised, battered and miles away from home. Good fortune shines on the frightened dino when he meets Spot, a Neanderthal boy who offers his help and friendship.

Together, the unlikely duo embark on an epic adventure to reunite Arlo with his beloved family.



CINEMAGIC
cinemagic.org.uk



CUIMHNÍ RÚNDA | HIDDEN MEMORIES

Nodlaig Ní Bhrollaigh and guest musicians

Saturday 23 March | 8pm

Tickets: £15 full, £12 concession

MUSIC

"It's as life-affirming as it is a lament for what's lost and what's hidden beyond our imagination.." - Robert McMillen, Irish News

Cuimhní rúnda celebrates the launch of new music and songs composed by local singer and musician, Nodlaig Ní Bhrollaigh.

It is a journey through the times and places that have inspired her music and reflects her classical and traditional training and influences. From the memories hidden in the depths of Lough Swilly to the strains of the ancient harp in the Roe Valley that echo in Gaelic Scotland, to the emigrants leaving their mark at the top of the Carn, to the artistic reimagining of Narnia at CS Lewis Square.

This compilation of original works hopes to enhance our understanding of place and heritage and entice the listener to visit and experience for themselves these places of scenic beauty, mystery and lore.

Nodlaig is joined by talented musicians from across the North West - **Martin O'Kane** (fiddle), **Paul Gillespie** (Cello/ Uileann pipes) **Lasairfhiona Nic Ruairí** (Fiddle/ whistles) & **Carra Nic an Bhaird** (Harp).



COMING UP...

NEIL DELAMERE: NEIL BY MOUTH

Thursday 11 April | 8pm

Tickets: £25 plus booking fee

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*No TV camera could accurately measure
the lightning speed of Delamere's wit
- The Irish Times*

Neil Delamere is back with a brand-new show, Neil by Mouth. Catch the usual hilarious tall tales, razor sharp observations and quick-witted improvisation for which this awfully funny Offaly funnyman has become notorious.

As seen on Live at the Apollo, Countdown, Celebrity Mastermind, The Celebrity Chase, Beat the Chasers, The Blame Game and The Panel.



MAKE + DO FOR KIDS & YOUNG PEOPLE

Book via our website, call our Box Office team on **028 7776 0650** or pop in to pay.

We want to make sure that all children and young people participate in an enjoyable and safe environment. Therefore, please complete and return **consent forms for each under-18 no later than 24 hours before the activity begins**. Completed consent forms are a condition of participation.

The best creativity is messy! Please make sure your child wears suitable clothing.

GUARDIAN & TODDLER MUSIC MAKING FOR 1-2 YEARS

Tuesday 6 February to 5 March
11am-12noon.

Cost: £20 (includes adult & toddler)

Join Claudia for five weeks of musical fun with your little one. You'll be tapping drums, playing your tambourines, and shaking your rattles and teaching your toddler to love music making and express themselves. *A parent/guardian must accompany their child for the duration of the sessions.*

ST PATRICK'S DAY CRAFTS FOR 5-7 YEARS

Saturday 16 March | 10-11.30am
Cost: £9

Just in time for St Patrick's Day festivities, kids will create lots of fun themed St. Patrick's Day artwork and decorations.



EASTER ART CLUB FOR 5-7 YEARS & 8-12 YEARS

Saturday 30 March | 10-11.30am
Cost: £9

Sign your kids up for these two fantastic fun and creative classes where they'll make lots of Easter-themed artwork and accessories – from painted eggs to bunny ears! Both sessions run at the same time so you can enjoy a coffee whilst your little ones create!



MAKE + DO FOR ADULTS

Book via our website, call our Box Office team on **028 7083 1400** or pop in to pay.

PAINTING MASTERCLASS WITH AIDAN CROTTY

Thursday 18 January | 1-4pm

Cost: £30 full, £27 concession

A unique opportunity to learn from an experienced and highly acclaimed artist - exhibiting artist Aidan Crotty leads this session with a walk through his exhibition, sharing insights into his subject matter and painting process before teaching a practical painting workshop. He will focus on the fundamentals of painting directly from life using tools and techniques that he has developed over the course of his award-winning creative practice.

ST. BRIGID'S HERITAGE CRAFT SESSION

Wednesday 31 January | 7-9pm

Cost: £10

Mark St Brigid's Day by honouring the traditional custom and folklore of crafting your own Brigid's cross. Woven from straw or rushes, the tradition of making and displaying the cross is associated with the oncoming of Spring and offering blessings and protection. This session is facilitated by acclaimed willow artist and basket weaver Louise McLean of Atlantic Craft NI.



GONE TO POT! POTTERY FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesday 7 – 28 February
7-9pm.

Cost: £70 full, £63 concession

*Please wear clothes you won't mind getting messy!
All materials provided.*

Local ceramicist Jane McCluskey leads this four-week course in ceramics for absolute beginners. This workshop is designed for beginners to produce a range of hand-built ceramics using stoneware clay. You will learn how to pinch, roll and slab build and decorate items such as fish, food and boxes. This class will be fun, creative and encourage self expression, confidence and dexterity. Created pieces will be taken for kiln firing to be collected at a later date.

FUN WITH DRUMS

Tuesday 6 February to 5 March
3-4pm.

Cost: £20 full, £18 concession

Join professional drummer Claudia Keller in this five-week course to learn techniques of djembe and African bass drumming, exploring rhythm and music and connecting with others.



CAFFEINE & CREATIVITY: MUG PAINTING WITH FIONA SHANNON

Friday 8 March | 9.30-11am
Cost: £8

As part of our International Women's Day programme, we are delighted to be running this workshop for new mums. During this workshop with ceramicist Fiona Shannon, you will create a mug masterpiece perfect for those much-needed teas and coffees! After the workshop we invite you to stay for refreshments.

This workshop is suitable for those with children under 1 who are not yet mobile or who will sit in a pram and car seat throughout. Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre is proudly breastfeeding-friendly and baby-changing is available.



UNLEASH YOUR INNER GODDESS: NEEDLE-FELTING WORKSHOP

Saturday 9 March | 10am-1pm
Cost: £25 full, £22 concession

Take some time to connect with your inner goddess in the mindful craft of needle-felting. Led by Carolyn Faith, you'll form your figurine from carded wool, then choose from a wide array of colourful merino wool fibres, threads and ribbons to adorn your goddess in colours which are meaningful to you. *All materials and accessories provided.*

YOUR VISIT & ACCESS



HIRE US

Looking for a unique venue on the Causeway Coast? Look no further than Flowerfield Arts Centre in Portstewart and Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre in Limavady. Both venues offer versatile spaces for a wide range of events, from small meetings to performances and conferences. Both venues cater for community, voluntary and statutory organizations, as well as private hire events throughout the year. Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre is also licensed for weddings (local catering recommendations available). Enjoy tea/coffee options & free Wi-Fi at both venues.

**To find out more
call Flowerfield 028 7083 1400
or Roe Valley 028 7776 0650.**

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Flowerfield Arts Centre and Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre have been designed with accessibility in mind. We are keen to continue to improve our services, so that we can make your visit as seamless as possible, please do make us aware of your needs at the time of booking or so that we can plan ahead for our next event. Hearing-Impaired infra-red system in the auditorium and induction loop at Box Office. Guide Dogs, Hearing Dogs & registered Assistance Dogs are welcome into the venue including the auditorium. Wheelchair access is available throughout both arts centres and our auditoriums for wheelchair seats/ transfers. Our auditorium balcony areas are also accessible to wheelchairs. We have low-level box office counters and adapted toilets can be accessed from the ground floor or via the lift to the first floor in both venues. Our front of house teams will be available to help you in any way they can, should you require any assistance during your visit.

PARKING

Roe Valley Arts Centre: Parking is available on the main street directly outside the arts centre, normal on-street parking restrictions apply. Blue-badge holders can access parking to the rear of the venue or on-street parking free of charge.

Other car parking is available within walking distance of the venue; please enquire at our box office.

Flowerfield Arts Centre: Parking is available in our customer car park directly in front of the building, including reserved spaces for blue-badge holders.

General terms and conditions of booking:

TICKETS

Patrons are advised that ticket prices cannot be refunded, transferred or exchanged unless in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the venue manager. You can make a booking either in person or by telephone through cash, cheque or debit/ credit card or online for selected main events via Eventbrite. Tickets will be held, pending payment, for 48 hours after your initial booking. Tickets can also be posted to you directly but may incur additional postage costs. We reserve the right to offer special discounted ticket prices for events at any time and prior bookings may be excluded from promotion.

EVENTS

Please note: Latecomers to music events may not be admitted unless there is a suitable break or interval. We reserve the right to alter or cancel any event without advance notice. Outdoor events are weather dependent and subject to change. Official photographers will at times take photos of events for Council purposes and may be used for future promotional purposes. At outdoor events, all children must be accompanied by an adult. All details of events are correct at time of going to press.

DATA PROTECTION

We assure you that any personal information submitted to us through a box office booking or our mailing list will only be used for our own monitoring/ marketing purposes and will not be passed on to any third parties. Flowerfield Arts Centre and Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre are a non-smoking venues. Flowerfield Arts Centre and Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre are fully accessible. **For full terms and conditions and to plan your visit go to flowerfield.org or roevalleyarts.com for more information.**