



CALLAN OPEN DOORS

Celebrating Art and Creativity in Callan
23-26 May 2024

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From Thursday, May 23rd to Sunday, May 26th, the town of Callan will celebrate art and creativity, opening its doors to invite participation, sharing and enjoyment of a diverse range of exhibitions, performances, workshops and talks. Over the four days, you are invited to visit artists' studios, participate in a community painting, and try your hand at printmaking. There will be dancing, music, willow weaving, exhibitions and a chance to practice hurling. Everyone is welcome at Callan Open Doors, when the town's art and community organisations throw open their doors to showcase local creativity.

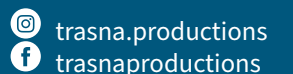
THANK YOU

Callan Open Doors would like to thank the local creative community for wholeheartedly embracing the Open Door concept and committing their time and resources to creating and delivering this wonderful programme of events. We would also like to thank the organisations around town that responded so enthusiastically to our invitation to host an event and open their doors.



Callan Open Doors is devised and delivered by Trasna Productions in collaboration with the local creative community as part of an Arts Council Capacity Building Support Scheme initiative.

Enquiries to callanopendoors@gmail.com



Thursday 23 May

Youth Drama with Asylum Productions | The Powerhouse | 9:00–15:00
scheduled in collaboration with the local schools

Asylum Productions is a Callan based award-winning theatre company that creates unusual theatre in unusual spaces with unusual people. Best known locally for their productions of *Bridge Street* (2015), *The Big Chapel* (2019), and *The Local* (2023), the company will be running workshops for groups of students from the Callan schools. Asylum's Em O'Cheallaigh and Sarah Joan Kelly will lead a fun, interactive series of games and exercises to explore performance and storytelling.

Everyday Dance Sharing | Mount Carmel Supported Care Home | 11:00
admission free

Based in Co Kilkenny, Cindy Cummings is a freelance, contemporary dance artist who creates original works for live performance, installation and film. Cindy, who was invited to facilitate movement workshops with residents in Mount Carmel Supported Care Home, will, as part of Callan Open Doors, lead a sharing of Everyday Dance with participation and refreshments kindly provided by the Mount Carmel team.

CALLAN OPEN DOORS AND PAUL BOKSLAG EXHIBITION LAUNCH
THE POWERHOUSE | 19:00 | ADMISSION FREE

Work in Progress, an Exhibition by Paul Bokslag | The Powerhouse | 19:00-20:30
Callan-based Dutch artist Paul Bokslag is working on a series of paintings for an exhibition in the Netherlands later this year. During Callan Open Doors he will share this work in progress in The Powerhouse, alongside examples of papercuts, murals, installations, graphic design work and engagement projects that he has worked on over the last couple of years.

Uafasúch | Hourigan's Bar | 21:00 | admission free
Join local troubadour Peter Brabazon and friends for a selection of folk, trad and popular tunes.

Artworks by Nicola and Brigid Teehan | The Green House Window Gallery
Free to all passers-by
See Sunday for details

Friday 24 May

Youth Drama with Asylum Productions | The Powerhouse | 9:00–15:00
scheduled in collaboration with the local schools See Thursday for details

Digital Arts Workshop with Zoe Wong | Callan Library | 11:00 | admission free
Artist Zöe Wong will introduce AI art and how it can be explored alongside paper collage and embroidery to create unique pieces. Booking is essential as places are limited. To book a place, phone 056 7794183.

KCAT Studio | 13:00-15:00

Since its establishment in 1999, KCAT Arts Centre has led the way in empowering artists with disabilities as they pioneer new avenues of artistic expression. The artist studios offer a truly unique space, providing dedicated support for 13 artists year-round. Over the past 25 years, KCAT Studio artists have been actively showcasing their work nationally and internationally, leaving their mark on galleries worldwide. As part of Callan Open Doors, the KCAT Studio artists invite you to experience the creativity and innovation of their studio first-hand.

Drumming Workshop with Fergal O'Connor | Droichead Family Resource Centre | 14.30-17:00 | in collaboration with DFRC After School Club

Droichead Family Resource Centre provides a variety of family supports services and activities for the people of Callan town and surrounding hinterland. Fergal O'Connor composes music for radio and TV and is a drum circle facilitator with over 25 years experience. As part of Callan Open Doors, Droichead Family Resource Centre have invited Fergal to run drumming workshops for their after school club.

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Open Mic | L'Arche Café | 19:30 | admission free
Poet Sandrine Dunlop invites you to join her for an open mic session. Come with a poem, a short prose piece, a song or anything else you would like to share, or come and listen to local writers share their work. Please note that the L'Arche Café is upstairs.

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Saturday 25 May

A Luibh Letter | PrintBlock Callan, Workhouse Union, R95 KC95
10:00-12:00 | participation free
Discover native plants and herbs (luibheanna) using the Irish language with Siobhán de Paor and through printmaking with Michelle Mc Mahon. Limited numbers. Booking essential: printblock@workhouseunion.com

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11:00-17:00 | admission free
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Westcourt Living & Growing Plant Sale | 11:00–16:00 | admission free
Visit the beautiful grounds of the Westcourt Walled Garden for the annual plant sale, where you are invited to participate with master willow weaver Renate Wildenhof on the creation of a willow sculpture play tunnel and enjoy coffee, cakes and conviviality on the lawn. Musical accompaniment by local musicians.

O’Malley Residency Open Studio | Upper Bridge Street
11:00–13:00 & 14:00 - 16.30
Open studio visit, at the Tony and Jane O’Malley Studio, with artist Marcel Vidal. The Tony and Jane O’Malley Residency, administered by the RHA School, is awarded on an annual basis to an artist who wishes to work primarily in the medium of paint. Ella Bertilsson, who also lives and works in the building, will also be present. Marcel and Ella are both multi-award-winning visual artists. Marcel is represented by the Kerlin Gallery Dublin, and Ella has recently been awarded a project studio at Temple Bar Gallery & Studios 2024-2025.

Callan Doors Collaborative Painting | Green Street (at the benches beside the bus stop) | 14:00-16:00
Artists Fintan Kelly, Brianna Hurley and Maurice Caplice invite you to join them on Green Street to add your mark to the Callan Doors collaborative painting. An artist work where anyone can leave a mark.

Workhouse Union Open Studio | Callan Workhouse, R95 KC95 | 14:00-16.30
drop-in, participation free
Drop in for a cup of tea and learn more about the work of Workhouse Union. Are you curious about community-led approaches to rural development? Do you want to hear more about community co-design and creative placemaking? Meet our team and visit our studio and research library to learn more about our work.

Wild Hurling with Diarmuid Lyng | Abbey Meadow | 16.00 | participation free
Wexford inter-county hurler Diarmuid Lyng invites you to participate with him in a game of Wild Hurling, a fun, energetic game for beginners and masters alike. Taken out of the confines of the GAA field and back to its origins on open plains, Wild Hurling, with community building at its core, is a natural antidote to the win at all costs nature of the modern game. Bígí linn!

Ultan Conlon - The Unlikely Likeable Tour | Fennelly’s of Callan – courtyard gig 17:00 | admission €15 from Fennelly’s or ultanconlon.com
Ultan Conlon, a Galway based singer songwriter, has released four acclaimed albums in a span of ten years. Hot Press Magazine have praised Ultan as a creator of “songs of substance told with intelligence and wry observation”, while Americana UK observed that his “clear, melodic vocal brings Roy Orbison to mind” (Americana UK). Come early for food and wine!

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Sunday 26 May

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Callan resident Nicola Teehan established The Green House Window Gallery in her Lower Bridge Street home as a way to share her art works with the local community. The Gallery has been a regular part of AKA Fringe Festival during Kilkenny Arts Festival. Nicola will create a special Callan Open Door exhibit in The Green House Window Gallery that includes her work and work by her sister Brigid Teehan.

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Callan Street Feast | Fennelly’s of Callan Courtyard | 12.30–16:00 | admission free
Bring your own food to enjoy and share, Fennelly’s will be serving wine, minerals and coffees. Street Feast is Ireland’s national day of community celebrations and neighbourhood lunches, a wonderful excuse to eat great food, celebrate local communities and connect with people in our neighbourhood. As part of Callan Open Doors, Fennelly’s of Callan courtyard will be transformed for a communal Sunday lunch, to which everyone is welcome. Bring your friends, a picnic lunch, a dish to share, and if you have an instrument or a song, bring that too!

NoMike Sessions | Coolagh Hall, R95 VW28 | 16:00-18:00 | admission free, donations welcome
Traditional music locally sourced. Join John Clarke and friends for an acoustic traditional music concert in the intimate surroundings of Coolagh Hall.

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