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Cruinniu na nÓg 2026 Open Call Guidelines

Galway County will celebrate Cruinniu na nÓg, a National Day of Creativity for children and young people, with a host of FREE events and workshops on **Saturday 6th June**. The day is all about giving children and young people the opportunity to express themselves through cultural and creative activities while having fun! Events will take place throughout the county from Ballinasloe to Connemara and everywhere in between.

Cruinniu na nÓg 2026 is a collaboration between the Department of Culture, Communications & Sport, the Creative Ireland Programme, RTÉ, and local authorities. Galway County Council is delighted to once again partner with Creative Ireland for Cruinniu na nÓg in presenting in-person diverse activities throughout the county for a wide range of ages.

We welcome applications for a variety of creative events across Galway County. Small amounts of funding will be available to support events for children and young people in any art form you can imagine, from theatre and circus to painting, baking, coding, and everything in between.

We welcome events that:

- Focus on children and young people, taking their voices and ideas into account when planning your event(s)
- Give access to children and young people who may have had fewer opportunities to engage in creativity.
- Include and engage with newer members of our communities.
- Incorporate the Irish Language.

Funding Your Project

Galway County Council will give small grants to help fund your 2026 Cruinniú na nÓg project. The maximum amount available is **€750**. If you have an idea for a larger scale project then please contact creativeireland@galwaycoco.ie to discuss.

Application Guidelines

- Events must take place on Saturday June 6th
- Proposals for a longer-term project leading to the 6th must be made in advance of applying for funding. Contact creativeireland@galwaycoco.ie to discuss
- Applicants must have insurance to cover their event. Insurance must indemnify Galway County Council
- Reporting and Drawdown must be completed by Wednesday the 24th of June
- Applications must be submitted via email to creativeireland@galwaycoco.ie by **Wednesday 25th February**