

Laois Tourism -What's on this October

Date	Location	Event	Where	In a Nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More
2nd	Portlaoise	Cracks	Dunamais Arts Centre	Darkly comic and deeply moving play	€16/€14	8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8663355
5th	Portlaoise	Fitz & the 1st East-to-West Atlantic Flight	Dunamais Arts Centre	Reception and Celebration: an evening of archive film screenings, live music and discussion.	Free but booking essential	7pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8663355
5th	Coolrain	Slieve Bloom Rambling Night.	Sheeran's Pub	Great Songs, Music and Story Telling.	Free	From 10pm	(057) 860 6826
6th	Portlaoise	Historic Aircraft Fly-Past	County Hall	Commemoration of historic first East West transatlantic flight, with flypast and wreath laying, in memory of Col James Fitzmaurice.	Free	11am	Catherine Casey - Heritage officer (057) 866 4129
6th	Portlaoise	Tommy Tiernan	Midlands Park Hotel	Funny man Tommy Tiernan returns to Portlaoise with his sell out comedy show	€ 30	8.30pm	www.tommedia.com or www.midlands parkhotel.com
6th	Ballyroan	Old Skool Disco	Skies O'er Bar, Ballyroan.	Ballyroan Ladies Football Club Disco featuring '80s/'90s music. Includes welcome drink & door prize raffle.	€15 -	9pm until late.	See facebook/b-
6th	Coolrain	The Contenders	Sheeran's Pub	Live Music	Free	10pm	(057) 860 6826
6th	Portarlinton	The Fanzines play Portarlinton	The Anvil	Live Music	Free	10pm	anvilinportarlinton@gmail.com
6th	Stradbally	Slieve Bloom Walking Club Guided Walk	Ballykilcavan Farm Stradbally	Grade B walk 7Km, 2-3 hrs. Meet at the farm entrance	€5 per walk	2pm	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210059
7th	Portlaoise	The Dubliners Tribute	Dunamais Arts Centre	Dubliners tribute	€ 20	8pm	boxoffice@dunamais.ie
7th	Raheen	Annual John Mulhall Memorial Ploughing	Coolnacart	Proceeds from the day will be donated to local cancer charities	Adults €20/ Kids €10	10am	facebook.com/raheenvintageclub
7th	Coolrain	Rosie Flanagan	Sheeran's Pub	Live Music	Free	10pm	(057) 860 6826
7th	Killennard	Fundraiser for Laois Hospice	The Heritage Killennard	Run or walk 5k around the track in the Heritage	Donations requested	11am	Herirage Killennard
7th	Glenbarrow	Slieve Bloom Walking Club Guided Walk	Buailnacaora Loop	Grade B walk 9km, 3 hrs. Meet Glenbarrow Car Park	€5 per walk	11am	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210059

9th/10th	Portlaoise	A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man	Dunamais Arts Centre	Rough Magic presents a vibrant stage adaption of James Joyce's novel	€18/€16	8pm	057 8663355
11th	Coolrain	Bernie Harvey	Sheeran's Pub	Live Music -a new very exciting country & western singer.	Free	10pm	(057) 860 6826
12th	Stradbally	"Reconnect" Pottery Workshop-	The Laois Arthouse	Free workshop with ceramic artist Cathy Whelan. Suitable for beginners	Free/Booking essential	4pm-6pm	T: 057 8664013/33 or E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
12th	Portlaoise	Jerry Fish-Piano Tour	Dunamais Arts Centre	Unique live theatrical experience. Performing his favourite songs in this intimate piano show	€ 20	8pm	057 8663355
12th	Portlaoise	Transmitter	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Park Ratheniska Ladies GAA fundraiser	€ 10	9.30pm	kavanaghspportlaoise.com
12th	Coolrain	The Trade	Sheeran's Pub	Live Music -Father & daughter duo who are at the top of their game.	Free	10pm	(057) 860 6826
13th	Portlaoise	Delorentos	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Live music by Dublin based Alternative rock band	€ 18	9.30pm	kavanaghspportlaoise.com
13th	Portlaoise	An evening with Red Hurley	Dunamais Arts Centre	Red returns to the Dunamais stage celebrating 40 years in show business	€25/€27.50	8pm	057 8663355
13th	Durrow	Us & Them. Diamond Dogs	Lennons Bar & Venue	Pink Floyd & David Bowie tribute acts in aid of CRY charity	€10	9pm	facebook.com/lennonsvenue
13th	Errill	Castle Fleming Community Alert Cabaret	Fitzpatrick's Lounge, Clonmore	Fundraiser held by Castle Fleming Community Alert. Music by Blueprint.	€8	8pm	Tickets available on the door & from committee members.
13th	Camross	Charity Truck & Tractor run	Bergins Camross Inn	BBQ & music, in aid of Laois Down Syndrome Ireland	Trucks €30/Tractors €20	7pm	David 087 2750479 Barry 087 7595836
13th	Portlaoise	Party at the Back	Manhattan Mixer	80s night til late	Free	12am	manhattan.mixer@gmail.com
13th/14th	Ballyfin	Steam Trashing Festival	Deadmans Inn	Display of vintage machinery, tractors and cars. Music, refreshments, bouncy castles		Saturday 5pm/Sunday 12 noon	facebook.com/ballyfinvintageandveteranclub
14th	Glenbarrow	Slieve Bloom Walking Club Guided Walk	Fungi Walk	Grade B walk 10Km, 4 hrs. Meet Glenbarrow Car Park	€5 per walk	11am	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210059
14th	Mountmellick	Coffee-n-Cake morning in aid of "Friends of St. Luke's"	Cocoa Couture	Coffee N Cake fundraise with all donations going to St Luke's Cancer Care, Dublin	Donations requested	11am - 1pm	Call Catherine 089 706 2437
14th	Emo	Memorial Run/Walk	Emo Court	In memory of Alan Mulhall. A fundraiser for Rainbows Ireland.	Donations requested	12pm	Meet at the car park.
18th	Rathdowney	"Where Old Ghosts Meet"	Rathdowney Library	A tribute to the poet Patrick Kavanagh. Also, music & songs with Billy Dollard, Eddie Larkin & various other local artists	€5 includes raffle, sausages & colcannon	8pm-10.30pm	No pre-booking, just turn up.

12th	Coolrain	Derek Ryan	Sheeran's Pub	A night not to be missed, part of only 17 gigs he is doing around Ireland	Tickets €25	10pm	(057) 860 6826 /086 8078842
19th	Portlaoise	These Charming Men	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Play the music of Morrissey and the Smiths	€ 14	9.30pm	kavanaghsportlaoise.com
19th	Portlaoise	Frankies Guys	Dunamais Arts Centre	A celebration of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons	€ 25	8pm	057 8663355
20th	Durrow	Intensive Horticultural Course	Dunmore Country School	Intensive traditional gardening course	€ 100	9.30am-4.30pm	tanguy@dunmorecountryschool.ie /0871258002
20th	Mountrath	Slieve Bloom Walking Club Guided Walk	Clear Lake Walk	Grade B walk 8Km, 3hrs. Meet Mountrath Cattle Mart	€5 per walk	1pm	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210059
20th/21st	Portlaoise	Pippas Fashion Factory	Midlands Park Hotel	Exhibitions on makeup, skincare, a fashion show and includes a spectacular goodie bag	€ 100	11am	pippa.ie
20th/21st	Portlaoise	Emer Dunne Saluting the Brave	Dunamais Arts Centre	Captivating music tribute to the millions who lost their lives in WW1	€ 15	8pm	057 8663355
20th/21st	Portlaoise	The Valves	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Live music	Free		kavanaghsportlaoise.com
20th	Mountmellick	The Legend of Luke Kelly Performed by Chris Kavanagh	Mountmellick Arts Centre	Chris and his amazing band will perform amazing renditions of the songs of Luke Kelly and The Dubliners,	€15	7.30pm	Tickets from The Arts Centre and O'Horain's Shop
20th	Coolrain	Double Up.	Sheeran's Pub	Live Music -Mother & Son duo with an exceptional mix of dance music.	Free	10pm	(057) 860 6826
20th	Rathdowney	ISPF 11th Young Bird Show	Ossory Showgrounds	The 11th Young Bird Show will take place in the showgrounds, prizes to be won and sales also on the day	€10 (inc years membership)	8am-4pm	http://irishpoultrysociety.ie/shows/
21st	Coolrain	Mr Shane Dooley	Sheeran's Pub	Live Music -a new and exciting talented local young man	Free	10pm	(057) 860 6826
21st	Spink	Slieve Bloom Walking Club Guided Walk	Paul's Lane/Spink Mountain/Silver River Walk	Grade B walk 10Km, 4hrs. Meet Cadamstown Car Park	Members (Annual Fee €20) or non-members (€5 per walk)	1pm	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210059
25th	Abbeyleix	Catherine Fulvio	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel	Catherine Fulvio & an exclusive artisan food & craft market incl. cooking demos	€ 20	6.30pm	Johanna 086 6012153/ Breda 087 6485034
25th	Portlaoise	Mick Flannery	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Come and see one of the finest singer-songwriters to come out of Ireland in recent years.	€ 25	9.30pm	kavanaghsportlaoise.com

26th	Portlaoise	CUA	Dunamais Arts Centre	Folk group	€15/€12.50	8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8663355
26th	Mountmellick	Halloween Home-Ed Hootenanny - Scare Free Halloween Party	Earth School Laois	Non scary dress up for sensitive kids, treats, pumpkin carving and games.	€5 plus bring treats for sharing	11am - 2pm	See facebook @earthschoollaais
27th	Portlaoise	Flash Harry	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Queen tribute	€ 21	9.30pm	kavanaghspartlaoise.com
27th	Portlaoise	Stand up for Kids	Dunamais Arts Centre	Hilarious family comedy club. Suitable for kids 6+	€10 (€35 for family of 4)	2pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8663355
27th	Coolrain	Shane Moore	Sheeran's Pub	Live Music -the man from across the Shannon who always puts everyone through their paces	Free	10pm	(057) 860 6826
28th	Portlaoise	Live Forever	Manhattan Mixer	Halloween festival. Oasis Tribute.	€ 11	10pm	manhattan.mixer@gmail.com
28th	Mountmellick	Halloween Fancy Dress Charity Party	Turley's Pub	The Rock GAA charity fancy dress party, lots of great prizes and craic. In aid of Irish Lung Fibrosis Association and the Cuisle Cancer Support Centre.	€5	from 8pm	The Rock GAA
28th	Ballylinan	Ballylinan Halloween Craft Fair	Ballylinan Old School, Main St.	Baked goods, soaps & candles, personalised gifts, candy stand & much more.	Free entry	12pm-2pm	https://www.facebook.com/ballylinanfc, Rosaleen on 086 344 8966
28th	Portlaoise	The Complete Stone Roses	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Stone Roses Tribute	€ 18.50	9.30pm	kavanaghspartlaoise.com
28th	Clonaslee	Slieve Bloom Walking Club Guided Walk	Clonaslee Woods/Brittis Lakes	Grade B walk 12Km, 3-4hrs. Meet Clonaslee Community Centre	Members (Annual Fee €20) or non-members (€5 per walk)	11am	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210059
28 th	Portlaoise	Ballinakill Classic Indoor Car Show	Laois Shopping Centre Car Park	Ireland's largest and best Indoor Classic Car show and season ending event. All proceeds to Laois Down Syndrome	Free to view cars. Exhibitors €5 per car/	From 10.30	086 2625999 or email ballinakillvcoc@gmail.com
28th	Stradbally	The Spooky Express	Stradbally Woodland Railway	Terrifying train ride, creepy crafts, scary face painting, exhibitions, educational games, food & lots of spooky Halloween entertainment.	€10.14 children, €18.25 adults	Trains running every 20 mins from 10.30am to 7pm	https://www.universe.com/events/the-spooky-express-sunday-october-28th-
29th	Durrow	Costumes & Pumpkins & Candy OH MY!	Dunmore Woods	Dress up, pumpkin hunt. Hot chocolate, Halloween candy, bean boozled challenge, slime making, face painting, and scary stories.	€10 per child. Adults free	3pm-5.30pm	Contact Trudy 087 792 3367
29th	Vicarstown	Beat The Barge	Vicarstown	Beat the Barge 4km family fun run	Free		

29th	Dysart	Slieve Bloom Walking Club Guided Walk	Dysart Woodland Walk	Grade B walk 9Km, 3hrs. Meet at Dysart Woodland Car Park (GR: S532976)	€5 per walk	11am	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210059
29th	Portlaoise	Transmitter	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Adm: €10	Free	7pm	kavanaghsporthlaoise.com
30th/1st	Abbeyleix	Heritage House School of Wizardry and Magic Halloween Event	Heritage House	Harry Potter inspired event Wand making, slime and potions making. Every Flavour Jellybeans Challenge. 2 dates with a morning and evening session	€15 per child -Age 8+	30th - 10am - 12pm & 2pm-4pm 1st 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm	Booking essential 057 873 1653
30th	Portlaoise	Frank Pig Says Hello	Dunamais Arts Centre	Based on McCabe's booker winning novel The Butcher Boy	€18/€16	8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8663355
31st	Portlaoise	Harry Potter Halloween Workshop	Dunamais Arts Centre	Speak Out Drama Lessons presents A Harry Potter themed fun filled day such as Wand making, Quidditch and the Horcrux Hunt for ages 6-17!	€25	10am-3pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 8663355
Every 2nd Tues	Portlaoise	Ukulele Tuesday	Kavanagh's Portlaoise - Bar	Bring your Ukulele	Free	9pm	www.kavanaghsporthlaoise.com
Every Tues	Vicarstown	Bicycle Ride	Creans Inn	Casual Cycle	Free	6:40pm	www.laoissports.ie
Every Wednes	Mountmellick	Balcony Cinema, Bus, Cinema and Tea	Balcony Cinema	Wonderful initiative running a bus locally to the cinema, movie and a cuppa with a lift home for €5	5	Bus from 7. Movie starts 8.30	See Facebook @balconycinema
Every Thurs	Killenard	Trad Session Heritage Hotel	Slieve Bloom Bar Heritage Hotel	Live traditional music session every week	Free	9.30-11.30	www.theheritage.com/
Every Sat	Stradbally	Stradbally Country Market	St Patricks Hall	Great selection of local foods, plants and vegetables. Tea & Coffee served	Free	from 10am	See Facebook - @stradballycountrymarkets
Every Sat	Abbeyleix	Abbeyleix Country Market	The Square	Range of food, veg and artisan stalls	Free	from 10am	
Every Sun	Portlaoise	Sunday Sessions	Kavanagh's Portlaoise Courtyard	Live music every Sunday	Free	7pm	www.kavanaghsporthlaoise.com

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