

Laois Tourism -What's on this September

Date	Location	Event	Where	In a nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More
30th - 1st	Stradbally	Electric Picnic	Stradbally Hall	Music & Arts Festival.	Sold Out		https://www.electricepicnic.ie/
1st	Ridge of Capard	Slieve Bloom Walk - Harry Potter Wood Walk	Ridge of Capard Car Park	Grade B. 10k. 4 hours. Led by Gerry Hanlon.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 www.slievebloom.ie
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th	Portlaoise	Life Drawing	Dunamais Arts Centre	Artists are encouraged to bring their own paper, materials and easels. Charcoal and cartridge paper will be provided. These are untutored sessions geared towards practicing artists, but are facilitated by an artist who can offer advice and assistance if needed. Suitable for all levels.	€15 per session. €65 for all 5 sessions.	7pm-9pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
5th-7th	Mountmellick	Free Market	O'Connell Square	'Free Market' is an architecture exhibition and ongoing research project that explores the importance and possible future of small market towns in Ireland. This weekend it's a visit to Mountmellick. People are invited to take part in walking tours, a scavenger hunt, vox pop recordings, discussions and public lectures and take home a copy of the newspaper, 'Free Market News'.	Free	Public launch 6pm on the 5th. See website for full 3 day schedule	http://www.freemarket.ie/00_mountmellick.php
6th	Portlaoise	Hubert Murray	Dunamais Arts Centre	Hubert's performances embody all that is best in modern roots music, combining energy, soul and storytelling. Joining him on this musical journey are two members of Irish Persian fusion band, Navá.	€ 15	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355
7th	Mountrath	The Cottage Market	Macra Hall, Main Street	Monthly market in Mountrath. Everything is homegrown, handcrafted or homemade goods.		10am-1pm	https://www.facebook.com/TheCottageMarketMountrath
7th	Portlaoise	SUPERSONIC-The Ultimate 90s Brit-Rock Experience.	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	SUPERSONIC bring their show - a blistering two hours of classic 90s tunes from the likes of Oasis, Blur, Primal Scream, Radiohead, Manic Street Preachers, Supergrass, The Verve	€ 10	10pm	http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com or Ph: 057 86 21744
7th	Durrow	Intensive Horticultural Course	Dunmore Country School	Covers planning and design of your garden and polytunnel, soil, composting, vegetables, weeds & much more.	€ 100	9.30am-4.30pm	dunmorecountryschool.ie or Ph: 057 87 36578

8th	Clonaslee	Slieve Bloom Walk - Baunreagh	Clonaslee Community Centre	Grade A. 10k. 4 hours. Led by Joe Deering.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloo m.ie
8th	Emo	Children's Creative Writing Workshop	Emo Court	An International Literacy Day presentation with Debbie Thomas. You'll invent characters, investigate a crime scene and weave some knotty plots.	Per child: €10 Family: €30	3pm-5pm	https://www.ev entbrite.com/
8th	Clonaslee	Clonaslee Livestock & Produce Show	Beside Clonaslee Community Centre	Celebrating agriculture, livestock, produce and a little bit of culture and tradition. Combining competitions with entertainment, exhibitions and excitement, there is something for all the family on this great day out.	€10 per person. School children go free.	12pm	For enquiries, contact Garrett Culliton on 086 837 2039 or email clonasleeshow@gmail.com .
8th	Portarlinton	5k Run to Remember	Portarlinton Community Centre	Proceeds in aid of Laois/Offaly Specialist Palliative Care & Portarlinton Community Centre. When you return to the centre, we invite you all back in for refreshments where we will have a "Remembrance Tree" and a "Remembrance Slideshow".	Adults: €10 Juniors: €5 Family: €20	Registration: 9am Race time: 10:30am	https://www.facebook.com/Portarlinton-Community-Centre-126931253986661/
8th	Ballintubbert	Classic Car Picnic	Ballintubbert Gardens	Fun for all the family here at Ballintubbert Gardens and House. Bring your own picnic and enjoy the fantastic display of classic cars.	€5 per adult, children fee	1pm-4pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/858404174542942/
8th	Shanahoe	A Taste of Shanahoe	Shanahoe Community Hall	A family day out to see what your community has to offer, with some fundraising for the hall thrown in. A big raffle with lots of prizes to be won and a cuppa and entertainment.	Free.	2pm-4pm	https://www.facebook.com/shanahoe-parish-hall/
8th	Stradbally	Foraging Workshop	Ballykilcavan Farm & Brewery	Join Julie of Wild Food Kildare for a foraging workshop in the amazing walled garden at Ballykilcavan Brewery.	€ 35	12pm-3pm	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/foraging-workshop-with-wild-food-kildare-tickets-68320946791
9th	Durrow	1 Day Mindfulness and Positive Psychology Course	Castlewood Organic Farm	Learn how to manage your thoughts which in turn affects how you feel, how to reduce negativity and improve mood and peace of mind, how to reduce worrying and enjoy life more.	€ 79	10am-4:30pm	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1-day-mindfulness-and-positive-psychology-course-tickets-68532383203
10th	Portlaoise	Ger Carey	Dunamais Arts Centre	Ger Carey is back with his hilarious stand-up comedy show for transition year students.	€10. Teachers free.	11am-1pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355

10th	Portlaoise	Margaret Atwood: Live in Cinemas	Dunamais Arts Centre	The Testaments, Margaret Atwood's highly anticipated sequel to The Handmaid's Tale, is revealed. The momentous literary event will be celebrated with an exclusive live cinema broadcast.	€15/€12	7.30pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355
11th	Portlaoise	Rocketman	Dunamais Arts Centre	An inspirational, universally relatable and hugely enjoyable epic musical fantasy about Elton John's breakthrough years. In this special Singalong version you can join in the journey, singing along with your favourite Elton John numbers.	€7/€5	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355
12th	Portlaoise	NT Live: Fleabag	Dunamais Arts Centre	Written and performed by Phoebe Waller-Bridge. See the hilarious, award-winning, one-woman stage show that inspired the BBC's hit TV series Fleabag; a rip-roaring look at some sort of woman living her sort of life	€15/€12	7.30pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355
13th	Portlaoise	John Colleary, Michael Downey & Edwin Sammon	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Kavanagh's Comedy Club in association with Laois Macra brings you three great comedians	€ 10	9pm	http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com or Ph: 057 86 21744
13th	Portlaoise	Smash Hits	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	The Ultimate 90s Tribute Act. Amazing night guaranteed.	€ 19	9.30pm	http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com or Ph: 057 86 21744
13th	Mountmellick	Book launch: The Reluctant Immigrant	MDA, Mountmellick	Special guest formally launching the book is the Minister for Justice and Equality, Charles Flanagan TD. This is the seventh book by local historian & writer Bridie Dunne. We look forward to seeing you at this event.		7:30pm	https://www.facebook.com/mountmellickdevelopment
13th	Portlaoise	If The Walls Had Ears	The Pantry	If The Walls Had Ears is a spoken word event curated by award winning broadcaster, Ann Marie Kelly and will take place in the walled garden of The Pantry in Portlaoise. An evening of spoken word. Storytelling, open mic and music. Featuring Eddie Brennan and Ultán Conlon.	€ 10	7:30pm	www.eventbrite.ie
13th	Durrow	Laois Back to School Ball	Castle Arms Hotel	Kick off the new school year in style with this year's back to school Disco on Friday the 13th Sept. Jason Nolan will be playing all the top tunes which promises to be a great night. Strictly alcohol free disco	€ 15	8.30-11.30	https://www.facebook.com/events/350292932544397/
14th	Portlaoise	Mr & Miss Diversity	Dunamais Arts Centre	Voice of Migrants Ireland invites you all to a FREE event on 14 September as we celebrate our similarities and embrace our uniqueness and crown our very first Mr. & Miss Diversity Laois.	Free. All are welcome.	7-9pm	https://www.facebook.com/Voice-Of-Migrants or https://www.facebook.com/events/346861232927946/

14th	Camross	Trad Concert	Camross Community Hall	Two of the finest musicians from Laois over the years are brothers Robert and James Harvey - both All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil champions on multiple occasions. You can get to listen to them and other fine musicians as part of a fundraising concert for Lacca Church.	€ 10	8:30pm	https://www.facebook.com/SpinkComhaltas/
15th	Portlaoise	Wedding Showcase	Midlands Park Hotel	Come and join us at the Midlands Park Hotel, for our Autumn Wedding Showcase. View our Newly renovated Ballroom, with Up lighting, Mood Lit Ceiling, and Fairy Lit Backdrop.	Free	2-5pm	https://www.midlandsparkhotel.com or Ph: 057 86 78588
15th	Kinnitty	Slieve Bloom Walk - Cumber Hill	Kinnitty Community Centre	Grade A. 10k. 4 hours. Led by John Scully.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
15th	Portlaoise	Music Network Event	St. Peter's Church of Ireland	Music Network presents: Tara Breen, Laoise Kelly, and Josephine March & Nell Ní Chróinín. Hosted by the Arts Office Laois County Council and Music Generation Laois	€15/€12	7pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355
15th	Portlaoise	Challenge 21 2019	Down Syndrome Centre Midlands	Walk, jog or run around Togher Woods in aid of Down Syndrome Centre Midlands. Walk or run 1-5k or challenge yourself to 21k. There will also be a kids' race on the day.	Walker/Runner: €21 Child: €10 Family (2 adults & 2 children): €55	Runners: 9am Walkers (21k): 11am Walkers (1-5k): 1:30pm Kids' Race: 3pm	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/challenge-21-2019-midlands-event-tickets-64721221917
15th	Emo	Anime Violin Trio	Emo Court	The Anime Violin Trio was established in 2018 with the support of SOKOJ, the Organization of Music Authors of Serbia. The project includes the promotion of Serbian and Irish art music for solo violin and the unusual chamber grouping of violin trio.	Adult: €15 Family (4): €50	7:30pm-9:30pm	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/anime-violin-trio-featuring-duscica-mladenovic-mina-dekic-marina-popovic-tickets-65025625396
15th	Castletown	Giving Light & Hope walk -	Castletown Village	The 6K walk will take place on Sunday 15th September at 12pm in the beautiful scenic village of Castletown, Co Laois. This is a great opportunity to get together with family and friends to 'walk and talk'	€ 10	12pm	Martina 087-9426102

15th	Abbeyleix	Fruitlawn Gardens Open Day & Rare Plant Sale	Fruitlawn Gardens	Fruitlawn Garden is situated about 2 miles outside the heritage town of Abbeyleix. It is a private garden, designed by Arthur Shackleton. It has evolved over the past 20 years into a very special place to visit. There is also a wonderful selection of plants for sale. Refreshments available	€5, children free	10am - 5pm	arthurshackleton.com/ 057 8730146/ 0872318287
18th	Portlaoise	Arthouse Cinema - Woman at War (Kona fer í stríd)	Dunamais Arts Centre	Cinema - Behind the guise of a quiet routine, Halla leads a double life as a passionate environmental activist. Should she abandon her role as saboteur and saviour of the Highlands on the unexpected arrival of a small orphan in her life?	€7/€5	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355
18th	Stradbally	Lousing Ground - An Exhibition by Ceramic Artist & Educator Cathy Whelan	Laois Arthouse	Official opening by Ricky Whelan - Wildlife Conservationist. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibition runs until October 25th.		7:30pm	https://www.facebook.com/theearthhouseandlibrary/
20th	Portlaoise	Stamping with Altenew - Colouring With Inks & Soft Pencils	Make & Create Laois, Pepper's Lane	This workshop uses the beautiful Altenew range of stamps and a variety of inks and pencils to create beautiful floral designs that can be used to create beautiful cards and keepsakes.	€25. Limited spaces.	10:30am-2pm	https://www.facebook.com/makeandcreateinlaois/
20th	Portlaoise	Flash Harry	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Amazing Queen Tribute Act.	€ 21.00	9.30pm	http://kavanaghsportlaoise.com or Ph: 057 86 21744
20th	Abbeyleix	Showcase Abbeyleix by McCormick Puppets - Culture Night	Abbeyleix Heritage House	Heritage House will present McCormick Puppets showcasing their newest production specific to Abbeyleix, the locality, current social issues and historical events within the museum.	Free. No booking required.	6pm-7:30pm	www.culturenight.ie
20th	Ballyfin	Pop-up Gaeltacht - Culture Night	An Sean Chistin, Ireby, Ballyfin	Míle fáilte do gach duine to come and use cúpla focal in a relaxed and inclusive environment. An informal evening of music and chat as Gaeilge with cupán tae nó caifé.	Free. No booking required.	8pm-9pm	www.culturenight.ie
20th	Ballyfin	Art Studio Open Night - Culture Night	Glory Glory Art Studio, Old Deerpark, Ballyfin	Artist Kevin McCann will host an open studio event. Refreshments and good music will also be provided. A free bus will be available for visitors to travel to and from the studio - departing from Laois County Council at 7pm and returning at 9pm. www.culturenight.ie	Free. Booking required.	7pm-9pm	Ph: 057 8664013/33 to book.
20th	Donaghmore	Tours and talks at Donaghmore Famine Workhouse - Culture Night	Donaghmore Workhouse	Trevor Stanley will explore the history of the famine in Laois, and also introduce visitors to the great agricultural and country life collection at the museum, reflecting its importance as a farmers' co-operative in the early years of the State.	Free. No booking required.	6pm-8pm	www.culturenight.ie

20th	Durrow	Durrow After Dark - Culture Night	Durrow Library	Laois Libraries proudly present a musical salon night in Durrow Library. A night of light classical and popular music performed by violinist/violist Ali Comerford and pianist Anna Callanan.	Free. Booking required.	8pm-9pm	Ph: 057 8736090 to book. www.culturenigh ht.ie
20th	Emo	Exhibitions and Free Guided Tour of Emo Court - Culture Night	Emo Court	Emo Court is one of the finest stately homes in Ireland. Designed by James Gandon in 1790 for the Earls of Portarlington, it is a magnificent example of neo-classical architecture.	Free. No booking required.	6pm & 7pm	www.culturenigh ht.ie
20th	Mountmellick	Life Stories - Culture Night	The MDA, Mountmellick	The Slieve Bloom Association presents 'Life Stories', a recording of life stories at the foot of the Slieve Bloom Mountains. Refreshments will be served.	Free. No booking required.	7pm-10:30pm	www.culturenigh ht.ie
20th	Mountmellick	Music at St. Vincent's Hospital - Culture Night	St. Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick	Music with the residents and friends of St. Vincent's community nursing unit in Mountmellick. Mountmellick Comhaltas will perform in the nursing unit to entertain and join with the residents to celebrate Culture Night.	Free. No booking required.	5pm-7pm	www.culturenigh ht.ie
20th	Mountrath	History & Music at Roundwood House - Culture Night	Roundwood House	Owners Paddy and Hannah Flynn would be delighted to welcome you for a tour of Roundwood House, as well as the grounds and outbuildings. Complete the tour in the beautiful library with tea/coffee, homemade biscuits and music by Paddy and Ted ("Roundwood Kitchen Staff") performing songs from their new album. A free bus will be available for visitors to travel to Roundwood - departing from Laois County Council at 4:30pm and returning at approx. 6:30pm.	Free. Booking required.	5pm-7pm	Ph: 057 8732120 to book.
20th	Portarlington	Screening of Into the West - Culture Night	Church of Ireland Hall	A special screening in celebration of the new Into the West mural created by Street artists ADW, as part of the Creative Ireland Cruinniú na nÓg programme.	Free. No booking required.	5pm-6pm	www.culturenigh ht.ie
20th	Portarlington	Open Studio and Workshops - Culture Night	Mount Henry Art Studio, Killenard	Tap into your colours, textures and shapes and let your creativity flow. Artist Mary Slevin will welcome all ages to drop in and create some artwork during the day. In addition, two structured art workshops will be provided, from 5pm-6pm for children and 7pm-8pm for adults.	Free. Booking required for workshops.	2pm-8pm	Ph: Mary Slevin on 087 906 3363. www.culturenigh ht.ie
20th	Portlaoise	The Henry Girls in Concert - Culture Night	Dunamais Arts Centre	The Henry Girls have a sensational talent and their harmony singing and musicality goes beyond mere technique. The concert will feature a very special collaboration with singers from Music Generation Laois.	Free. Booking required.	7pm-8:30pm	Ph: 057 8663355 to book or visit www.dunamais e.ie.

20th	Portlaoise	The Equinox - Culture Night	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue (Upstairs)	A night of performance-based art in celebration of the Autumnal Equinox. Beautiful, mystical, and magical performances from artists of Laois and across Ireland - visual art, magic, performance art, poetry, dance, music, burlesque.	Free. No booking required. Over 18s.	9pm-12am	www.culturenigh.t.ie
20th	Portlaoise	Dance performance by LYDE - Culture Night	Laois Shopping Centre	Laois Youth Dance Ensemble will perform at Laois Shopping Centre. Expect flow, originality and artistry!	Free. No booking required.	5:30pm-6pm	www.culturenigh.t.ie
20th	Portlaoise	Showcase of Mountmellick Embroidery - Culture Night	Laois Shopping Centre	Mountmellick Embroidery Portlaoise Group will exhibit their exquisite work. The public can see how this age-old craft is created or join in making work in an effort to encourage new members to join the group and keep this craft alive.	Free. No booking required.	7pm-8:30pm	www.culturenigh.t.ie
20th	Portlaoise	The Language of Love - Culture Night	Portlaoise Library	Laois Writers' Group presents "The Language of Love", sharing the best of classical writing on the theme of love in all its forms.	Free. Booking recommended.	8:30pm-10pm	Ph: 057 86622333 to book. www.culturenigh.t.ie
20th	Portlaoise	When All Is Said: Anne Griffin in conversation with Claire O'Brien - Culture Night	Portlaoise Library	Anne Griffin is author of When All Is Said - a number 1 Irish best seller. Set in the bar of a grand hotel in a small Irish town, 'When All Is Said' sees 84-year-old Maurice Hannigan finally tell his story to different people who sit at the bar beside him.	Free. Booking recommended.	7pm-8:30pm	Ph: 057 86622333 to book. www.culturenigh.t.ie
20th	Rathdowney	These Wailing Walls - Culture Night	Rathdowney Library	A famine re-enactment pageant looking back at the children of famine times, including famine supper (awaiting a little more info on this)	Free.	8pm-9pm	www.culturenigh.t.ie
20th	Spink	Traditional Evening with Spink Comhaltas - Culture Night	Knock Community Hall	Enjoy an evening of traditional Irish music, singing, storytelling, and dancing in the beautiful community hall in Spink, with some of the best musicians in the country performing as part of the evening.	Free. No booking required.	7:30pm-9pm	www.culturenigh.t.ie
20th	Stradbally	Ceadere Ceramic art Exhibition - Culture Night	Laois Arthouse	The Laois Arthouse Gallery will open for a specially commissioned ceramic art exhibition 'Ceadere' by arthouse resident artist Cathy Whelan for Culture Night.	Free. Booking required.	5pm-8pm	Ph: 057 8664033 to book. www.culturenigh.t.ie
21st	Mountrath	Mountrath Xmas Lights Does Calendar Girls	Eddie Kirwan's Bar	Fundraiser in aid of Mountrath Xmas Lights.	TBC	9pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/509127589829462
21st	Durrow	Polytunnel Course	Dunmore Country School	Covers plant production, herb drying, inter-cropping, winter storage and much more.	€ 50	2pm-5pm	dunmorecountryschool.ie or Ph: 057 87 36578

21st	Durrow	Autumn Course	Dunmore Country School	Covers starting your garden from scratch, planning, rotation, compost & much more.	€ 50	10am-1pm	dunmorecountryschool.ie or Ph: 057 87 36578
21st	Portlaoise	Nomad Players present Invisible Women	Dunamais Arts Centre	Two Hilarious Monologues by Alan Bennett	€16/€14	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 057 86 63355
21st	Abbeyleix	The Kilkennys	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel	A traditional Irish folk and ballad band, The Kilkennys are noted for their dynamic arrangements, energetic performances and charismatic rapport with audiences across the globe.	Pre-order: €12 On the door: €15	Doors open: 8:30pm	Tickets available from the reception desk. Ph: 057 8730311.
22nd	Emo	Flamenco with John Walsh & Gines Pozas	Emo Court	The brilliant guitarist John Walsh will present a performance of classic Flamenco palos (song forms), as well as some of his own instrumental compositions for guitar.	Adult: €15 Family (4): €50	7:30pm-9:30pm	https://www.entbrite.com/e/john-walsh-flamenco-guitar-guests-tickets-62394219791?
22nd	Stradbally	Giving Light & Hope Walk	Oughaval Wood	Come along with your family and friends to the annual Giving Light & Hope walk. So many of us have lost loved ones to suicide, so its nice to come together and support each other while remembering our loved one		1pm	contact Caroline: 086-0610098
22nd	Cadamstown	Slieve Bloom Walks Spink Mountain/Silver River	Cadamstown Car Park	Grade B. 10k. 4 hours. Led by Martin Broughan.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
22nd	Emo	Emo 100km Cycle	Start/finish point: Emo Community Centre	100km & 50km cycling event. In aid of Emo/Rath Senior Citizens. Refreshments served on return to Emo Community Centre.	€ 20	Registration: 9:30am 100km: 10:30am 50km: 11:30am	Ph: 087 265 4001 for further info. https://www.facebook.com/Laois-Cycling-and-Touring-Club-1648283442127885/
25th	Portlaoise	Wolves in Ireland	Midlands Park Hotel	Wolves in Ireland, a Natural and Cultural History by Dr. Kieran Hickey UCC. Come explore the world of the Wolf in Ireland where this natural predator once roamed this Island up until the 18th Century.	Free	8pm	https://www.midlandsparkhotel.com or Ph: 057 86 78588
26th	Portlaoise	National Theatre Live: One Man Two Guvnors	Dunamais Arts Centre	Featuring a Tony Award-winning performance from host of The Late Late Show, James Corden, the hilarious West End and Broadway hit One Man, Two Guvnors returns to cinemas to mark National Theatre Live's 10th birthday.	€15/€12	7pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355
27th	Portlaoise	Stockton's Wing	Dunamais Arts Centre	Retrospective' tells their story through music songs and stories. An engaging and insightful night of entertainment bringing you into the heart of the wing	€ 25	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355

27th-29th	Abbeyleix	Autumn Soul Food Weekend	Blackhill Woods	It is our intention to nourish your body, mind and soul through yoga, meditation, time in nature, open fires and the best of homegrown seasonal vegan cooking.	€ 330	7pm-2pm (Fri-Sun)	https://www.facebook.com/events/911354649201937/
27th	Durrow	Davie Furey & The Cool Cats	Bob's Bar	Davie Furey & The Cool Cats kick off their Irish Tour 2019 in Bob's Bar, Durrow, Co. Laois with a very special evening of music, with all proceeds going to The Ella Dempsey Fund. Booking essential, limited availability.	€ 10	8pm	https://www.bobsbardurrow.com
28th	Durrow	Slieve Bloom Walk -Leafy Loop Durrow	Castle Arms Hotel	Grade B. 12k. 4 hours.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	3pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
28th	Portlaoise	Culchie Warriors	Dunamais Arts Centre	Culchie Warriors brings two of the most memorable characters from Father Ted together for a night of hilarious stand up, sketches and musical comedy plus a chance to compete in a "Lovely Girls" competition!	€18/€16	8pm	dunamais.ie or Ph: 058 86 63355
28th	Durrow	Warré Natural Bee-Keeping Course	Dunmore Country School	Basics of a bee nest, construction, preservation, management, honey harvest and much more is covered in this course.	€ 90	10am-3pm	dunmorecountryschool.ie or Ph: 057 87 36578
28th	Errill	Bogathon Open Day	Lisduff Adventure Farm	We invite everyone to come to our open day. We hope to see you all there!	€ 20	12pm-3pm	https://www.facebook.com/events/391207241511040/
28th-29th	Mountmellick	Thread Softly Festival of Stitch	Mountmellick Embroidery Museum	Enjoy 2 packed days of all things lace wrapped up in tours and trips to experience the best Laois has to offer. Masterclasses and demonstrations with local lace makers. A celebration of traditional and contemporary stitch in the home of Ireland's only true authentic embroidery lace.	€250 plus booking fee	9am-6:30pm	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/thread-softly-festival-of-stitch-tickets-65647424213
29th	Mountrath	Slieve Bloom Walks - Glendine East/ Clear Lake	Mountrath Cattle Mart	Grade A. 14k. 4-5 hours.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
29th	Portlaoise	Anthony McGorian (Tenor) & Piano Man Tom	Dunamais Arts Centre	Irish tenor Anthony McGorian performs a selection of classical, operetta, musical theatre and easy-listening hits made famous by Mario Lanza, Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams, Perry Como, Pavarotti and John McCormack in his debut concert/album launch.	€ 15	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie

Every Mon	Emo	Monday Night Dancing	Gandon Inn	Social dancing every Monday night in aid of Portarlinton St. Vincent De Paul	€ 8	9:30pm-12am	
Every 2nd Tues	Portlaoise	Ukulele Tuesday	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	9:30pm	www.facebook.com/kavanaghs/
3rd Wed of month	Portlaoise	Genealogy Club	Portlaoise Library	Connecting people, past and present. New members are welcome. Monthly meetings will offer the opportunity to chat with like-minded family history enthusiasts, learning from their experiences and sharing your unique family history stories.	Free	7:30pm	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/portlaoise/
Every Wednes	Portlaoise	Ciorcal Comhrá	Portlaoise Library	Join in Irish conversations in a relaxed atmosphere.	Free	5:15pm	www.laois.ie/departments/libraries/branch-libraries/portlaoise/
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: 7pm Movie: 8:30pm	https://www.facebook.com/balconycinema/
Every Thurs	Abbeyleix	Social Dancing	Abbeyleix Golf Club	"Social dancing with supper served. All are welcome to come and join in. Lessons	10pm	from 8:30pm	
Every Fri	Portlaoise	Portlaoise Market	Pepper's Lane	Weekly artisan crafts and produce market.		8:30am-3pm	
Every Sat	Vicarstown	Vicarstown Park Run	Grand Canal Bank	It is a 5k run - it's you against the clock.	Free	9:30am	www.parkrun.ie/vicarstown
Every Sun	Vicarstown	Vicarstown Junior Park Run	Grand Canal Bank	It is a 2k event for juniors only (4-14 year olds). Please register before your first visit.	Free	11am	www.parkrun.ie/vicarstown-juniors
Every Sat	Stradbally	Stradbally Country Market	St. Patrick's Hall, Stradbally	Artisan and organic foods, along with handmade crafts.		10:30am-1pm	https://www.facebook.com/StradballyCountryMarkets/
Every Sat	Abbeyleix	Abbeyleix Country Market	The Square	A range of food, veg and artisan stalls.	Free	10am	

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