



Culture Night Guidelines 2025

Louth County Council Arts Service now invites proposals from those eligible to avail of funding from the Culture Night Event Fund for 2025.

Culture Night is particularly suited to venues seeking to encourage new audiences and organisations such as choirs, theatre companies or book clubs who could host an evening of novel or exciting activities designed to engage new members.

Events should respond to the national theme for Culture Night which is 'One Night For All'. See <https://culturenight.ie/> for full details.

We are particularly interested in projects that reflect the cultural richness of Louth and the diversity within local communities. Initiatives that specifically target the 18-35 age demographic and target the night time economy will also be looked on favourably.

Eligible Costs covered by the grant include:

- Guest speaker fees
- Guest artist fees
- Arts materials
- Event photographer
- Tech support hire.

Ineligible costs include:

- Staffing costs on the night of the event
- Ongoing revenue costs
- Any capital costs
- Equipment purchase costs
- Charity fund raising events
- Cost of repaying existing debts
- Refreshments
- Publicity costs
- Travel or accommodation expenses.

Conditions of Funding:

- The event must take place after 4p.m
- The event must take place on Friday 19th September 2025
- The event must be free of charge to the public
- Maximum funding offered for each event by LCC will be up to €1,200*

** The value of the grants provided will depend on the number and quality of applications received. It may not be possible to fund all applicants, and available funding will be allocated to those applications which best meet the objectives of the programme. Payment of the grant will be for the specific activities outlined in the application/proposal and a budget breakdown of costs must be submitted with the application.*

Successful applicants will be required to:

1. Ensure they have appropriate insurance cover for the event.
2. Ensure that, where appropriate, child protection policies are in place.
3. Ensure that all events comply with Health and Safety and legislative requirements.
4. Ensure that Louth County Council and the Arts Council of Ireland are acknowledged in any and all publicity relating to the event. Relevant logos will be supplied to the successful grant awardees.
5. The grant will only be paid **AFTER** the event, and all expenditure has been processed. Vouched expenses and a short report on the event including audience numbers etc should be submitted by October 3rd, 2025, at the latest to ensure payment.
6. Anyone granted funding who is not already set up on the council's payment system must provide the relevant documentation including bank statement header and Tax reference numbers.

Applications should be in the form of a short two-page proposal outlining event details and target audience

Applications should be submitted to arts@louthcoco.ie by **4p.m on Wednesday 7th May 2025**.

Successful applicants will be notified by the end of May.

Enquiries can also be sent to arts@louthcoco.ie

Culture Night is brought to you by The Arts Council in partnership with Louth County Council and cultural organisations throughout the county.