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**Volunteers needed for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2024**

*The countdown begins as Wexford eagerly prepares to host the much-anticipated festival*

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann is scheduled to take place from 4th to 11th August 2024 in Wexford Town, featuring its world-acclaimed programme of traditional Irish language and music events. Before the official launch of the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, the Wexford Fleadh Executive Committee is calling on the people of Wexford to volunteer.

As the Fleadh heads to the sunny southeast, over half a million visitors are expected to visit Wexford this August to celebrate Irish culture. With such an unprecedented number of attendees visiting the county, there is a real need for volunteers who can help during the Fleadh week, with many opportunities to lend a hand.

Volunteers will be asked to fill several roles, including:

* Street stewards
* Assisting at competitions
* Members of the environmental/sustainability committee
* Fleadh Ambassadors
* Volunteering at concerts
* Social media support
* Photography support
* And other support roles for the Wexford Fleadh Executive Committee

**Cathaoirleach of the Wexford Fleadh Executive Committee and Interim Chief Executive of Wexford County Council,** **Eddie Taaffe, said:**

*“We are thrilled to welcome Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann to Wexford this summer.  It was clear from the start that Comhaltas Ceóltoirí Éireann and Wexford County Council share a mutual vision for the joy that is traditional Irish music and culture.  The Fleadh will bring life and music to our streets in a very inclusive way that all can enjoy.   We are working together towards a truly memorable Fleadh Cheoil in August. In addition to the visible, structural supports being put in place, the people are a key part of the process.  Volunteers are the heart of the Fleadh and will be instrumental in welcoming the world to Wexford.  We are recruiting volunteers from all over our great county to lend a hand.   By volunteering, people can make lasting connections with fellow volunteers, performers, and traditional Irish music lovers from across the globe while being a key part of this landmark event for County Wexford.”*

The Wexford Fleadh Executive Committee welcomes everyone to sign up as volunteers for the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2024! Get in on the action, and join the team! For more information and to sign up as a volunteer for the Wexford Fleadh Cheoil 2024, visit **www.fleadhcheoil.ie**

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