

**County Wexford Culture Night 2025**

**Expression of Interest to Participate**

**Deadline for application: Tuesday June 3rd, 2025, 5pm**

**Please return completed expression of interest form to**:

[wexfordculturenight@gmail.com](mailto:wexfordculturenight@gmail.com)

[Culture Night](https://culturenight.ie/) is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity, and the arts. On that night venues and events are available to the public free of charge.

**The Ethos of Culture Night**

* Encourages more people to visit cultural venues and experience culture in their locality
* Reminds us all of the fantastic cultural facilities and resources that we have locally and nationally
* Raises the profile of cultural organisations, activities and facilities
* Encourages people to try new things and to get into the habit of going more often to cultural venues and activities in their locality
* Makes it easier for people to play a role in their local cultural scene
* Helps create a sense of community and belonging

Events will be programmed throughout the districts of **Enniscorthy, Gorey/Kilmuckridge, New Ross, Rosslare and Wexford.** Wexford County Council will support events that are seeking financial assistance where they meet the objectives set out below, and where proposals are feasible within our budget.

**Areas of particular interest**:

1. A late-night programme of performance art, dance, literature, music, comedy, theatrical, heritage events and more (9pm till late).
2. Heritage & Irish Language events- we are looking for specific proposals from organisations and creative practitioners operating in any discipline to propose an event that interacts with Co. Wexford's natural, built and/or cultural heritage.
3. Events that celebrate new communities and underrepresented voices. Events should promote and connect artists from marginalised backgrounds and showcase the culturally diverse communities living in the County. We would love to hear from any community, particularly, but not limited to, the following often marginalised groups:

– asylum seekers, refugees and migrants

– D/deaf culture or arts and disability

– Irish Traveller culture

– those promoting gender equality

– under-represented group

1. Events organised by or in collaboration with young people.

All events must embrace the following:

* Be free and accessible to the public.
* Events must take place after 4pm on the 19th of September 2025.
* Events must have a cultural focus.
* Proposals must be feasible from an artistic and event management perspective.
* Embrace the Arts Council’s [Pay the Artist](http://www.artscouncil.ie/about/artists-pay-policy/)  policy and ensure that all engaged artists and practitioners are paid, unless participating in a voluntary capacity or as part of a community group

If you require support with the application, please contact wexfordculturenight@gmail.com who will be happy to provide assistance.

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| **PART A: Group/Organisation/Individual Information** | |
| **Group/ Artist Name** |  |
| **Main Contact** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Social media** |  |

**Please note that in most cases we require those applying for funding to organise venues or work with host organisations for their events. We also encourage individual artists to work with a partner venue or community who can provide support on the night.**

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| **PART B: Event Information** | |
| Event Venue |  |
| Duration of event |  |
| Please give a full description of the proposed Project/Event (additional material can be attached as support material if needed) Please include event management details, target audience, and some information about the artistic/cultural offering and how it fits in with the aims of culture night. | |
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| Does your event address one of the four areas of particular interest listed above? If yes please explain which one and how your event will address it. | |
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| Will your event include accessibility services for audiences with disabilities? If yes, please list any services that you will make available. | |
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| Please describe your event in no more than 100 words (for promotional material- what can audiences expect) | |
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FUNDING IS LIMITED – It may not be possible to offer funding to all applicants and it may also not be possible to offer the full amount requested to any individual applicant.

Proposals will be evaluated on quality, how they align with Culture Night priorities and a cost-efficient budget. It is expected that individuals will be in receipt of amounts €200- €600, and for cultural venues amounts of €800 to €1000.

Some events may not require funding, please indicate this on your application form. Events that do not require/receive funding may still be listed on www.culturenight.ie and included in local promotions.

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| **PART C: Budget** | |
| Please provide a breakdown of costs that apply to your event(s). Please include in kind costs or other sources of funding/sponsorship where appropriate.  **Please remember all culture night events must be free of charge to the public. Costs towards alcohol purchased for events are not eligible.**  **N.B The only method of payment of any grant will be by Electronic Funds Transfer** **and applicants will need to register as suppliers.** | |
| **Artist Fees (Details, e.g. prep time, hours of work, travel)** |  |
| **Direct Activity Costs (Event Insurance, materials, transport, Admin)** |  |
| **Equipment Costs (including hiring of technical expertise and equipment)** |  |
| **Other Costs (Details, please)** |  |
| **In Kind costs** |  |
| **Total Costs** |  |
| **Amount of Funding Sought** |  |

**Please also include:**

* Additional support material that applies directly to your application should be submitted and can include, artists c.v., photos and video links (please do not attach large video files and only include a YouTube/Vimeo link).

The personal data supplied will only be used for the purposes of the Culture Night 2025 application process and your application details will be deleted once the application process is completed. Please contact us if you wish to obtain further information concerning our retention periods and you have the right to withdraw your application details at any time.

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Culture Night is strategically funded by Wexford County Council and the Arts Council and is supported by participating groups & venues in County Wexford.

