



THE STONE SESSIONS

AUTUMN / WINTER PROGRAMME OF
HERITAGE CRAFTS, MUSIC AND STORIES

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The Stone Sessions presents an Autumn/Winter programme of heritage crafts, music and stories. Creator Laura Larkin invites us to connect to our roots, bringing us out of our screens into our bodies, using our hands, hearts and voices to express ourselves, in some of our most treasured heritage sites around Wexford.

This programme is funded and supported by Wexford County Council in partnership with Creative Ireland.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE
SOME REQUIRE BOOKING**

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Make!

**Saturday
12 September**

The Makers House Wexford Quay

HERITAGE SKILLS & WORKSHOPS

Bookings for workshops email:
events.stonesessions@gmail.com



11.00 - 15.30 / Heritage Skills Families / All ages / Drop-in

Drop by the boardwalk to see what heritage skills you could try out.. Little ones are invited to paint two rocks, one for their garden/home and one with a positive message to gift to a place they choose in Wexford. All ages are invited to try out the harp guided by Alannah Thornburgh and also take a look at some ancient instruments from around the world with Hamayoon Shirzad. Children of all ages are also offered an introduction to the basics of knitting and some beautiful examples by Access 2000 and crocheting teddies by Wooly Magic, to start them on a lifelong journey of mindfulness craft.

11.00 and 14.00 / Coastal Heritage Maker Workshops Age: 5 - 10 years / Bookings

Mary Wallace and Mairead Stafford of The Makers House will host workshops celebrating Wexford's coastal heritage designed to bring guardians and children together to explore authentic craft disciplines. Using sustainable materials in combination with wax and paint, a variety of techniques will be explored including collage and wax rubbings on surface textures to create memorable pieces inspired by the locality and marine life like seals, puffins, and whales. Taking inspiration from Helen Mclean's local community mosaic.

Thatch!

**Saturday
10 October**

Hook Head

THATCHING WORKSHOP & DISPLAY

Drop-in



**11.00 - 15.00 / Thatching workshop with Sara Leach
Families / All ages / Drop-in**

Join Sara Leach, one of two female Thatchers in Ireland at Hook Lighthouse to see a thatching display and participate in her drop-in workshop and find out more about this beautiful ancient heritage craft. Sara offers reed based thatching services throughout Ireland. At this event she will be sharing her vast knowledge and skill with all ages.

After the workshop why not take the opportunity to walk the grounds and take in the beautiful scenic heritage of Hook Head.

Play!

**Sunday
25 October**

Johnstown Castle

MUSIC MAKING
MASK MAKING

Bookings:
www.johnstowncastle.ie



**Castle Ballroom / 14.00 - 15.00 / Music making with Sally Ríonach Hartman
Families / all ages**

During Scéalta Samhna festival, Sally's Ciorcal Ceoil workshop will focus on Halloween, autumnal songs and stories - come and try some interactive simple, original children's songs. Play clapping games, call and response games, have a little dance and maybe even come away with a cúpla focal!

**Castle Library / 15.30 - 16.30 / Mask making with Michael Fortune
Families / 7+yrs**

Join Michael during Scéalta Samhna festival for some traditional Wexford mask 'vizard' making and listen to his wisdom describing the traditions of Samhain while you create. Invite your grandparents or older neighbours who might be able to add even more to these fascinating, historical stories along the way!

Dream!

**Saturday
7 November**

Wexford Lavender Farm Heritage Café

MEDITATIVE MUSIC
FILM / TALK
SOUNDS & MANTRAS

Bookings:
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19.00 - 21.00

Berba's Reverie with Deirdre Southey

Witness a beautiful film of a luminous meditation dedicated to Berba, goddess of the River Barrow. This work emerges from Deirdre's eco-spiritual practice, where sound recordings gathered along the river in the height of summer are transformed through water, local honey, and gold into light-infused movement.

Talk by Wood Turner Colm Kiely of Dancing Moons

Colm will share his knowledge on the night about wood turning and how it has been such a rewarding craft for him over the years. Working just beside Wexford Lavendar Farm, Colm will bring along some of his pieces for everyone to see, come and chat to him about them and his drum making workshops afterwards.

Roisin El Cherif

Come and listen to Róisín's dreamy sounds, during the evening create mantras and wishes. Róisín is an Irish Palestinian singer, writer and music film director. Roisin's ethereal sound draws on other realms, legend and magic. Rewritten as mixture of Irish, English and Arabic, Roisin honours the connection between her dual cultures. Roisin has toured Ireland extensively reclaiming her multigenerational heritage, and intrigue in mysticism and magic. Roisin speaks on Nialler9's podcast embracing her Arabic roots, connecting it to Irish trad music; drawing parallels with Irish mythology and folklore.

Explore!

**Saturday
14 November**

Enniscorthy Castle

SUSTAINABLE CRAFT
HERITAGE TALK
MUSIC MAKING

Bookings:

www.enniscorthycastle.ie



14.00 - 16.00 / Sustainable Alpaca Wool Art Workshop with Lynn Haughton
Age: 15+

Lynn Haughton will guide beginners to create beautiful things by reusing left over wool from the local Alpacas of Wexford Alpaca Farm. Using a blend of soft alpaca wool, felting techniques, and reclaimed fabric offcuts, participants will create their own unique textile artwork inspired by nature, colour, and texture. This relaxed, beginner-friendly workshop offers an opportunity to explore sustainability creatively while learning simple fibre art techniques.

19.00 - 20.30

All about Wexford Alpacas Farmstead with Carmel Mahony

Carmel shares with the audience stories of their idyllic heritage site farmhouse and its history, about their farm of beautiful alpacas and rescue ponies and how alpacas are such a therapeutic animal for all. She will discuss sustainability within farming and explain how alpacas are being integrated into Irish culture. Just one example of the positivity of interculturalism in society.

Corner Boy

Listen to a once off special, stunning performance by Wexford based band Corner Boy and learn about what inspired them to create their beautiful music, don't be shy as they encourage some group music making along the way! Corner Boy explores in varying degrees combinations of folk, rock, traditional, bluegrass and alternative.

Weave!

**Sundays
1,8,15 November**

Enniscorthy Castle

WEAVING WORKSHOPS

Bookings:
www.enniscorthycastle.ie



14.00-15.30 / Weaving Workshops with Sindy Offer All ages

Willow weaver Sindy Offer introduces a family intergenerational workshop on how to weave objects from willow that she has grown herself. Book in for a Sunday afternoon and learn the basics of this heritage craft and come away with a beautiful handmade gift for your family home or friends.

Dont miss this opportunity to create with your loved ones in the beautiful surrounds of Enniscorthy Castle, a local heritage gem.

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