

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Venues

- Ballybane Library - Launch, Friday events and ongoing exhibitions
- SCCUL - Friday afternoon exhibition by Studio C
- Galway Community College - Friday Youth Lates event with Music Generation
- Merlin Park Green with Circus Tent - Saturday main festival site hosting performances & workshops

Accessibility

- Food and/or refreshments will be provided across all events
- All venues are wheelchair accessible
- Family-friendly events

Sustainability

- Please bring your reusable keep cup and use public transport where possible

For more information visit: eastsideartsfestival.ie

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



The Eastside Arts Festival is supported by Creative Ireland, Galway City Council, and local community organisations - Amicitia, An Bruach Thoir, Ard Family Resource Centre, Ballybane Community Centre, Brothers of Charity, Foróige, Galway City Partnership, Galway City & County Libraries, Galway Traveller Movement, SCCUL Enterprises and Údarás na Gaeltachta.

Eastside Arts

A community arts festival
by and for the people of
Eastside Galway City

3rd - 4th October 2025

Festival

EastsideArtsFestival.ie

FRIDAY, 3rd OCTOBER

Daytime Programme (11am - 8:30pm)

Ballybane Library

- 5:00pm - 5:45pm: **Eastside Community Drama Improvisation**, Mid-term Entertainment
- 5:45pm - 7:00pm: **Poetry Open Mic**, hosted by Lisa Martyn including a reading by Helen Flynn
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm: **"Stepping Up" Radio Play**, panel discussion with author Joan Lally and community panellists

SCCUL

- 1:00pm: **Cumas Gallery & Studio C Art Installation**, Group Exhibition: "Welcome to My World"

Evening Programme (6pm - 9pm)

Galway Community College

- **Youth Lates @ Eastside Arts Festival with Music Generation**, Free ticketed event for ages 14-19yrs. Including performances from Pink Fever, The Afterwards, Melanin and more.

SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER

All-Day Exhibitions & Installations

On the Green

- **"If Hazel Could Talk"**: Installation by Galway Traveller Movement

Gazebos 5

- **HOME**: A Photography Exhibition curated by Hugh Murphy

Playground Area

- **Crochet the Park**: Interactive Installation with Rowena Carr and the Merlin Crocheters

SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER

Main Festival Day | Merlin Park Green & Circus Tent

GUIDED EXPERIENCES

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm: **Celebrity Wildlife Tour**, with Friends of Merlin Woods (Meeting point: Outside Circus Tent)

PERFORMANCES - Circus Tent

- 2:00pm: **Galway Gati Laysa** (Indian Dance)
- 2:30pm: **UA Mriya Ukrainian Children's Dance Group**
- 2:45pm: **Ignite Gospel Choir**
- 3:15pm: **Dave Kody**
- 3:45pm: **PJ Mongan**
- 4:15pm: **Ceardlann Damhsa Seit leis an gCumann Rince Seite**
- 4:45pm: **Colm Seoighe agus na hEasógai**

OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES - On the Green

- 11:00am: **Galway Community Circus**
- 1:30pm: **Samba Wave**
- 2:00pm: **Galway Community Circus** (repeat performance)
- 2:00pm: **Flash Box Mobile Caricature Booth**
- 3:00pm: **Omo/Yoruba Cultural Showcase**

WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

Gazebo 1

- 1:30pm: **Nike's Hair Braiding Workshop**
- 3:30pm: **Artivism: Create, Don't Waste**

Gazebo 2

- 1:30pm: **Samhain Facepainting with Rebecca Ruane**

Gazebo 3

- 2:30pm: **Merlin Sun Catchers with Anna Batra**

Gazebo 4

- 2:00pm: **Poetry Workshop with Csilla Toldy**