

Mayo Dark Sky festival

PRICES

Two Day Ticket €40

One Day Ticket €25

(Saturday or Sunday - covers all talks + finale concert)

Individual Talks €10

Solar System talk family friendly €5

(pay at the venue on arrival for individual talks)

Friday Opening Ballycroy €5 ▲

Seashore Safari €2 ▲

Lego Workshop €5 ▲

Gala Dinner €40 ▲

Finale Concert is FREE for festival ticket holders and children under 16. Tickets are **€20 for others** wishing to attend.

Free Events are marked with ★

Events NOT covered by the 1-day or 2-day ticket are marked with ▲

Children under 16 years go FREE to all daytime events, excluding the Lego Workshop



For full programme details and to buy tickets, visit

www.mayodarkskyfestival.ie

NOTES / TIPS

- Please note that talk times in different venues can overlap and that it is **not** possible to get to EVERY event in the festival
- Take the time to read the programme both here and online, and choose events that you will most enjoy. A 2-Day ticket offers best value and flexibility
- Make sure to give yourself enough time to travel between venues

*Newport to Mulranny 20 mins
Mulranny to Ballycroy 20 mins*

**Free
Shuttle Bus
Timetable**



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newport | mulranny | ballycroy

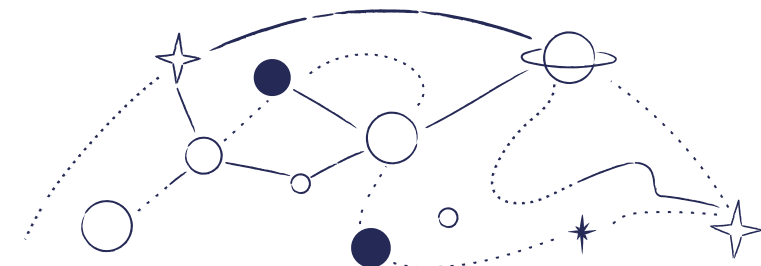
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31 Oct - 2 Nov 2025

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FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Newport | Mulranny | Ballycroy
County Mayo



BALLYCROY

FRIDAY 31 Oct

19:00 FESTIVAL OPENING ▲

- Official Opening Reception with Music 19:00
- Soundscape installation preview from 20:00
- Food/Refreshments from 20:00
- Guided Dark Sky Walk & Stargazing (weather permitting) 20:30

▲ NB
Tickets €5
MUST be
pre-booked

📍 Visitor Centre [F28 RX77]

SATURDAY 1 Nov

TALKS | WALKS | EXHIBITIONS (all FREE) ★

10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:00 SOUNDSCAPE

with Anne Marie Deacy

11:00 GUIDED WALK with Michael Chambers

14:00 TALK with Gretta Byrne of Céide Fields

Plus...

Loop walk, Kids Treasure Hunt, Art Exhibition...

📍 Visitor Centre for all events above
[F28 RX77]

★ **16:00 THE RAMBLING HOUSE**
with music, dance and craic

📍 **at Ballycroy Community Centre**
[F28 H6C9]

SUNDAY 2 Nov

TALKS | WALKS | EXHIBITIONS (all FREE) ★

10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:00 SOUNDSCAPE

with Anne Marie Deacy

11:00 GUIDED WALK with Michael Chambers

14:00 READING with Seán Lysaght

16:00 NATIVE TREES Workshop w Martin Connor

Plus... **Loop walk, Treasure Hunt, Art Exhibition...**

📍 Visitor Centre for all Sunday events
[F28 RX77]

MULRANNY

SATURDAY 1 NOV

TALKS

11:00 CLODAGH DOYLE

"Language and Folklore of the Night Sky"

14:00 DAVID SMITH

"Don't Neglect the Night: Why darkness matters for everything that buzzes, flutters, and chirps"

15:30 SEÁN RONAYNE

"Sounds of the Night Sky"

ACTIVITIES

12:00 LEGO WORKSHOP

with Mixies Brixies
(must be pre-booked) ▲

all Mulranny Saturday
daytime events all at:

📍 **Mulranny Arts Centre**
[F28 F8N8]

20:00 GALA DINNER ▲

with entertainment by Ain't Misbehavin'
Drinks Reception at 19:30

📍 **Mulranny Park Hotel** [F28 N2H9]

SUNDAY 2 Nov

TALKS

11:00 COLIN GUILFOYLE

"Restoration in Mayo Dark Sky Park/Wild Nephin"

12:30 KLAUS

LAITENBERGER

"Grow Your Own Healthy Food"

14:00 DECLAN HOLMES

"Solar System interactive talk" (family friendly)

📍 **Mulranny Arts Centre**
[F28 F8N8]

ACTIVITIES

10:00 SEASHORE SAFARI

w Conor Ryan
€2 Registration Fee
(must be pre-booked) ▲

📍 **Mulranny Beach**
[main beach]

NEWPORT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY (weather permitting!) ★

8-9pm FREE stargazing sessions 📍 Burrishoole Abbey

SATURDAY 1 Nov

TALKS

10:00 STEPHEN KERSHAW

"A Practical Guide to Astrophotography"

11:30 JOHN BARENTINE

"How commercial space is changing the night sky"

14:30 Patrick Kavanagh

"James Webb Space Telescope"

16:00 SERA MARKOFF

"Black hole movies with the Event Horizon Telescope"

📍 **Hotel Newport** [F28 YX89]

ACTIVITIES

PLANETARIUM SHOWS ★

11:00 | 11:30 | 12:00

12:30 | 15:00 | 15:30

(no need to book)

📍 **Newport Nat School**
[F28 ED89]

SUNDAY 2 Nov

TALKS

10:00 FREE FILM: ★

"Pluto and Beyond"

11:30 CHRISTIAN GINSKI

"Wispit 2b planet discovery"

14:30 MICHAEL BURTON

"UNESCO World Heritage & the historic Astronomical Observatories of Ireland"

16:00 BRENDAN OWENS

"Planet Hopping-Where Next?"

📍 **Hotel Newport**
[F28 YX89]

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📍 **Newport Nat School**
[F28 ED89]

18:30 CLOSING EVENT

LANTERN WALK from Newport Viaduct to St Patrick's Church for **7pm CONCERT** by KILA

📍 Assemble from 18:00 at Newport Playground