

Festival Programme at a Glance

OUR TOP TIPS!



Day	Time	NEWPORT
FRI 1 NOV	19:00	19:00 Festival Opening with performance by Anúna : Systir St. Patrick's Church
	20:30	20:30 Drinks reception Hotel Newport
	21:00	21:00 Walk to Burrishoole Abbey <i>(weather permitting)</i> from Hotel Newport
	21:30	21:30 Stargazing <i>(weather permitting)</i> Burrishoole Abbey

- Please note that talk times in different venues often overlap and that it is not possible to get to EVERY event over the festival weekend
- Take the time to read the programme (both here and online) and choose events that you will most enjoy – a Two Day Ticket offers best value & flexibility
- Make sure to give yourself enough time to travel between venues:
 - ★ Newport → Mulranny 20 mins
 - ★ Mulranny → Bellacragher Boat Club 15 mins
 - ★ Mulranny → Ballycroy 20 mins
- For *Bellacragher Boat Club: take the L5441 left turn (signposted 'Dromgollagh') on the N59 after the Claggan Boardwalk between Mulranny & Ballycroy & follow signs
- Don't hesitate to ask for advice – and ENJOY YOURSELF!

Day	Time	NEWPORT
SAT 2 NOV	09:00	09:00 Registration/Ticket Sales Hotel Newport
	09:30	Hotel Newport
	10:00	10:00 TALK: Derek Dempsey Hotel Newport
	11:00	11:00 Teas/ Coffees VR Experience: Black Holes Hotel Newport
	11:30	11:30 TALK: Niels Warburton Hotel Newport
	12:00	
	12:30	12:30 LUNCH VR Experience: Black Holes Hotel Newport
	14:00	14:00 TALK: Niamh Shaw Hotel Newport
	15:00	15:00 Teas / Coffees
	15:30	15:30 TALK: Mark McCaughrean Hotel Newport
	17:00	17:00 Teepee an Seanchaí: story-telling by torchlight Princess Grace Park
	20:00	

MULRANNY	
09:00	09:00 Registration/Ticket Sales Mulranny National School
10:00	10:00 TALK: Elizabeth Tray Mulranny National School
11:00	11:00 Teas / Coffees
11:30	11:30 TALK: Melanie King Mulranny NS
11:30	11:30 KIDS' ROBOTICS WORKSHOP Mulranny NS
12:30	12:30 LUNCH
14:00	14:00 TALK: Éanna ní Lamhna Mulranny National School
20:00	20:00 GALA DINNER GN Mulranny Park Hotel

BALLYCROY/CLAGGAN	
EXHIBITIONS including: ★ Chasseurs de Nuits ★ Daniel Brown ★ Joseph Johnston Ballycroy National Park Visitor Centre ALL DAY	
11:00 PLANETARIUM SHOW Ballycroy Community Centre	
11:30 PLANETARIUM SHOW Ballycroy Community Centre	
12:00 PLANETARIUM SHOW Ballycroy Community Centre	
14:00 TALK: Terra Nova National Park & Dark Sky Preserve Canada Ballycroy National Park Visitor Centre	
15:30 WALK: Solar Walk Bellacragher Boat Club * (see Top Tips)	
17:00 WORKSHOP: Astrophotography w Brian Wilson Bellacragher Boat Club * (see Top Tips)	

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SUN 3 NOV	09:00	09:00 Registration/Ticket Sales Hotel Newport
	10:00	10:00 TALK: Niall O'Connor Hotel Newport
	11:00	11:00 Teas / Coffees
	11:30	11:30 TALK: Niall Smith Hotel Newport
	12:00	
	12:30	12:30 LUNCH
	14:00	14:00 TALK: Gary Fildes Hotel Newport
	15:00	15:00 Teas / Coffees
	15:30	15:30 TALK/PANEL: Bob Thirsk/ Norah Patten/Niall Smith Hotel Newport
17:00		

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09:00	09:00 Registration/Ticket Sales Mulranny National School
10:00	10:00 TALK: Josh Mouland Mulranny National School
11:00	11:00 Teas / Coffees
11:30	11:30 TALK: Emma Stone Mulranny NS
12:00	12:00 Planet Champion WORKSHOP Mulranny NS
12:30	12:30 LUNCH
14:00	14:00 TALK: Roberto Corradini Mulranny National School

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 ★ for ticket prices and talk titles, see overleaf
 ★ for ticket sales, speaker bios etc., visit:
www.mayodarkskyfestival.ie

Festival Events in Detail...



FESTIVAL OPENING

Performance/Reception €10

Join us in **St. Patrick's Church Newport** for a special performance by internationally renowned vocal ensemble **ANÚNA : SYSTIR** as we formally open the 2019 festival (followed by refreshments in Hotel Newport).

Fri 1 Nov 7pm

(Buy your tickets online or pay at the door)

WALKS/STARGAZING...

Walks & Stargazing events: FREE

Torchlit walk to Burrishoole Abbey along the Great Western Greenway
Fri 1 Nov 9pm

Stargazing at Burrishoole Abbey (weather permitting!)
Fri 1 Nov 9:30pm

Solar Walk (2km walk) at Bellacragher Boat Club nr Ballycroy
Sat 2 Nov 3:30pm
Sun 3 Nov 3:30pm

Story-telling and magic by torchlight in Princess Grace Park Newport at 'Teepee an Seanchai'
Sat 2 Nov 5pm

GALA DINNER

GN Mulranny Park Hotel €35 (excludes wine)

The magnificent GN Mulranny Park Hotel will host a celebratory 3 course dinner, with great food, good company and some special entertainment!

Sat 2 Nov 8pm



Free Shuttle!

TALKS

NEWPORT price per talk: €7.50* (*or buy a ONE DAY or TWO DAY pass)

Derek Dempsey:
'From an earth- to a sun-centred universe'
Sat 2 Nov 10am

Niels Warburton:
'Black Hole Astronomy'
Sat 2 Nov 11:30am

Niamh Shaw:
'Return to the Moon'
Sat 2 Nov 2pm

Mark McCaughrean:
'Once Explorers, Always Explorers'
Sat 2 Nov 3:30pm

Niall O'Connor:
'Plasma - No Solids, Liquids or Gases'
Sun 3 Nov 10am

Niall Smith:
'Talk Title TBA'
Sun 3 Nov 11:30am

Gary Fildes:
'Why Astronomy Matters'
Sun 3 Nov 2pm

Robert Thirsk astronaut:
'3000 Orbits - Life Aboard the I.S.S.'
Sun 3 Nov 3:30pm

MULRANNY price per talk: €7.50* (*or buy a ONE DAY or TWO DAY pass)

Elizabeth Tray, Marine Institute:
'Fish Scale and Otolith Archives'
Sat 2 Nov 10am

Melanie King:
'Ancient Light'
Sat 2 Nov 11:30am

Éanna ní Lamhna:
'Wildlife at Night'
Sat 2 Nov 2pm

Josh Moulard:
'Light and our internal body clocks'
Sun 3 Nov 10am

Emma Stone:
'Lighting and Bats'
Sun 3 Nov 11:30am

Roberto Corradini:
'Designing with light- the genius of place'
Sun 3 Nov 2pm

BALLYCROY price per talk: FREE

Terra Nova National Park Canada
Sat 2 Nov 2pm

WORKSHOPS

NEWPORT

Black Hole Virtual Reality **FREE**
Sat 2 Nov 11am
Sat 2 Nov 12:30pm

MULRANNY

Robotics Workshop for kids **FREE**
Sat 2 Nov 11:30am

Save the Planet Workshop for kids & parents **FREE**
Sun 3 Nov 12 noon

BALLYCROY/CLAGGAN

Planetarium Shows: **FREE**
Sat 2 Nov 11am
Sat 2 Nov 11:30am
Sat 2 Nov 12 noon
Sun 3 Nov 11am
Sun 3 Nov 11:30am
Sun 3 Nov 12 noon

Astrophotography for Beginners with Brian Wilson (Claggan) **€10**
Sat 2 Nov 5pm
Sun 3 Nov 5pm

EXHIBITIONS/STANDS

Exhibitions/Trade stands: **FREE**

NEWPORT:

KTEC Telescopes | Childrens art...

BALLYCROY NATIONAL PARK:

Exhibitions and Interactive Displays throughout the weekend

PRICES etc.

TWO DAY PASS €30
SATURDAY/SUNDAY PASS €20
CHILDREN (under 16) FREE

(please note Festival Opening, Gala Dinner & Astrophotography workshops are NOT covered by One Day or Two Day pass)

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