

Laois Tourism -What's on this April

Date	Location	Event	Where	In a nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More
2nd	Portlaoise	TechTalks	SoHo Nightclub	The best of DJs from the midlands guarantee an unmissable night.	€ 10	10pm	facebook.com/techtalks
5th & 6th	Portlaoise	Laois Open Door Theatre presents: Perfect Wedding	Dunamais Arts Centre	A perfect wedding day goes disastrously wrong causing chaos for all concerned. An endless series of excuses, games of hide and seek, lies, confusion and false confessions will leave you crying with laughter over the course of this fast-moving, hilarious comedy.	€16/€14	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
6th	Portlaoise	The Jury	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	9.30pm	www.kavanaghspartlaoise.com
7th	Monicknew	Slieve Bloom Guided Walk - Bocadh Lodge Walk	Monicknew Car Park	Grade B. 10k walk. 3-4 hours. Led by Susan Lawlor.	€5 per walk or annual members hip €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
7th	Mountmellick	Rod & Billy	Turleys Pub	Live music.	Free	7pm	Ph: 086 851 3678
7th	Mountmellick	Slieve Bloom Market	Macra Hall	Food and craft market for Artisan producers	Free Entry	11am-3pm	/www.facebook.com/events/241122410124171/
9th	Portlaoise	Ireland, The EU & Brexit	Portlaoise Library	Daniel Keohane, Head of Policy and Advocacy at European Movement Ireland will discuss Brexit.	Free. booking advised.	7.30pm	library@laoiscoco.ie
10th	Portlaoise	Michael Henry Psychic Show	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Michael Henry is the Seventh Son, an amazing Psychic Medium who demonstrates his powers to connect with those who have crossed over	€25 to €30.	8.30pm	facebook.com/kavanaghs/
11th	Portlaoise	Princesses Can Be Pirates	Dunamais Arts Centre	This highly energetic, fun and enjoyable dance show playfully questions and challenges what is considered "typical" or "normal" behaviour for girls and for boys, where play is everything and everywhere. For ages 4+.	€7 (€5 - Schools group rate).	12pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
11th	Portlaoise	Laois Dance Platform	Dunamais Arts Centre	Performances, exhibition and film premiere of Swan Lake.	€10	7pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie

12th	Durrow	Fusion Laois Easter Ball	Castle Arms Hotel	Another exciting night in store for our Laois teenagers with top DJs on the night. Tickets €15 on sale on Tickets.ie and local Supervalu stores	€ 15	8.30pm-11.30pm	facebook.com/fusionb alllaois
12th	Portlaoise	Giz A Laugh's Enya Martin 'Would Ya Be Able'	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Giz a Laughs Enya Martin brings her brand new stand-up comedy show to Portlaoise.	€ 16	9.30pm	facebook.com/kavana ghs or ph: 057 86 21744
12th	Mountmellick	God Has No Country	The Balcony Theatre, Mountmellick	The true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty's war time exploits. Written and performed by Donal Courtney.	€ 10	8pm	Ph: 087-7942994/086-1604363
13th	Portlaoise	Laois Dance Platform	Dunamais Arts Centre	Dunamais Arts Centre and Laois Youth Dance Ensemble proudly present Laois Dance Platform 2019.	€18/€16	7pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.duna maisie.ie
13th	Portlaoise	Dead Rockers Society	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	From Dublin, Ireland, paying homage to the best of the best that are now rocking that great gig in the sky.	€ 9.50	9:30pm	www.ticket web.ie
13th	Durrow	Kev's Models	Castle Arms Hotel	Toys and model auction.	Free	11.30am	facebook.c om/Kevs- Models
13th-14th	Durrow	Easter Hoppenings	Dunmore Woods	Follow the clues to find the bunnies and their eggs. Stories about Easter myths & legends & face painting. Hot chocolate with marshmallows for kids and tea/coffee for parents.	€15 plus booking fee. Parents free	12pm & 3pm each day	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.duna maisie.ie /Facebook: Experiencin g Laois
13th	Durrow	Warre Natural Beekeeping Course	Dunmore Country School	Everything you need to know about natural bee-keeping. Great 1 day workshop	€ 90	10am-5pm	dunmoreco untryschoo l.ie or ph: 087 125 8002
14th	Portlaoise	Laois Dance Platform	Dunamais Arts Centre	A vibrant youth dance Festival by Laois Youth Dance Ensemble, offering the opportunity to engage in and celebrate dance. Free with LDP Festival performance ticket	€10		Ph: 057 8663355 or www.duna maisie.ie
14th	Raheen	Vintage Road Run	Colt GAA Club	Raheen Vintage Club presents a Vintage Road Run with the proceeds going to Laois Alzheimer's Society. All vintage cars/vintage and modern tractors/ Trucks welcome.	€20 Entry Fee	Reg 11am. Depart 12.30pm	Ph Chris: 087 769 1972. Ph Eddie: 085 764 8090
15th - 18th.	Abbeyleix	Think Like An Archaeologist Easter Camp	Abbeyleix Heritage House	Budding archaeologists can step into the shoes of a Potter, a Scribe, a Cave Dweller and a Tool Maker. Great 4 day course	€100, €70 per additional sibling.	10am-1pm	abbeyleixh eritage.co m

15th - 18th	Mountmellick	Multi-activity Easter Camp	Mountmellick Gymnastics Club	Multi-activity 4 day camp. Early drop off and late pick up available.	€60 for non-members. €55 for members.	10am-2pm	facebook.com/Mountmellick-Gymnastics-Club
16th-17th	Portlaoise	MC Dance presents 5, 6, 7, 8 - Come On, Let's Celebrate!	Dunamais Arts Centre	Returning for their second year at Dunamais with a show full of glitz and smiles! From tap dancing to hip hop and much more, there is something for everyone of every age!	€13/€9	7:30pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
19th	Portlaoise	Christy Moore	Midlands Park Hotel	Christy is one of Ireland's most important and influential artists and with a career that spans over 40 amazing years and 30 albums	€ 40	8pm	midlandsparkhotel.com
19th	Portlaoise	Easter Egg Hunt Family Fun Day	Togher Woods	Fun-filled afternoon of Easter Egg hunting, face painting, arts and crafts, games and more!!! Price includes tea and coffee, juice and an Easter egg per child!	€10 per family	12pm-2pm Pre-Booking is Essential	Portlaoise Family Resource Centre on 0578686153 for tickets
20th	Portlaoise	2112 - Performing the music of Rush	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Ireland's premier Rush tribute band, 2112, will bring a spectacular audio-visual rock experience to Kavanagh's Bar & Venue.	€ 19	9:30pm	www.ticketweb.ie
20th	Portlaoise	Cultural Fusion	The Killeshin Hotel	Experience other cultures through this family-friendly event, with singing, and traditional dancing from Lithuania, Zimbabwe, Ireland, and Nigeria, Fashion show, spoken word and poem.	€ 10	7pm-1am	facebook.com/Voice-Of-Migrants
20th	Timahoe	Easter Egg Hunt	Timahoe Heritage Centre	Based Around The Village Green & The Round Tower - Solve The Riddle, Find The Egg! Adults Can Enjoy A Cuppa & There's An Easter Egg For All Participants. Booking Essential	€5 Per Child/ €15 For A Family Of 4	11am	Mary @ 087 234 3616 Or Anne @ 087 947 7362.
21st	Coolrain	The Burner, The Bun & O Hanlon	Sheeran's Pub	Three of Ireland's finest musicians take to the stage to play a mix of Cajun, Country, Tex Mex, Trad & more!	€ 20	7pm	Ph: 086 807 8842
21st	Portlaoise	The Valves	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	9.30pm	www.kavanaghspportlaoise.com
21st	Mountrath	White Horse Falls/ Clear Lake Walk	Meet: Mountrath Cattle Mart	Grade A. 12k. 4-5 hours. Led by Frans Jansen.	€5 per walk or annual membership €20	11am	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
21st	Portarlington	The Electrix live at The Forge	The Anvil Inn	The Electrix are an award winning band with a wealth of experience within the Irish music scene. Born to entertain	No Cover Charge	10pm	

22nd	Portlaoise	Transmitter	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live music.	Free	9.30pm	www.kavanaghsporthlaoise.com
22nd	Stradbally	Ballykilcavan Farm & Brewery - Guided walk	Ballykilcavan Farm & Brewery	A guided walking tour of a working farm & Brewery that's been in the same family for almost 400 years. Listen to the stories from David and Lisa. Stay a bit longer and sample his fabulous craft beers or a hot cup of tea/coffee and a bun.	€10. Free for children. Appropriate farm footwear is essential.	2pm-4pm	Ph: 057 8663355 for tickets (Dunamais Arts Centre).
22nd	Kinnitty	Fearbreague Walk	Kinnitty Community Centre	Grade A. 10k. 4 hours. Led by Gerry Hanlon.	€5 per walk or annual mem/ship €20	1pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
23rd-25th	Portlaoise	Easter Musical Camp	Dunamais Arts Centre	Join Sonya Cuddy from Speak Out to delve into the songs of Queen, as featured in Bohemian Rhapsody! Ages 4-15.	€65 (10% off for siblings). Places are limited.	10am-2pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie/
23rd-25th	Stradbally	Easter Art & Craft Workshop	Laois Arthouse, Stradbally	Children will learn to work with clay using hand building and sculpting technique and also fabric and fibre including felting techniques. For age 7-10 years	€15 per child	11am-1pm	artsoff@laoiscoco.ie or call 057 866 4033/13.
23-26 April	Abbeyleix	Think Like An Archaeologist Easter Camp	Abbeyleix Heritage House	Budding archaeologists can step into the shoes of a Potter, a Scribe, a Cave Dweller and a Tool Maker.	€100 per child, €70 per additional sibling.	10am-1pm	abbeyleixheritage.com
23th - 26th	Mountmellick	Easter Camp	Mountmellick Gymnastics Club	Multi-activity 4 day camp. Early drop off and late pick up available.	€60 for non-members. €55 for members.	10am-2pm	facebook.com/Mountmellick-Gymnastics-Club
25th	Portlaoise	Figures In Stone	Midlands Park Hotel	Christy Cuniffe presents a talk on examples of religious and secular symbolism found in Medieval Churches of the Irish midlands	Members: Free Non-members: €3	8pm	info@abbeyleixheritage.com or ph: 057 87 31653
25th	Portlaoise	National Theatre Live: All About Eve	Dunamais Arts Centre	Gillian Anderson (X-Files, NT Live: A Streetcar Named Desire) and Lily James (Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again) lead in All About Eve, broadcast live to cinemas from the West End in London	€15/€12	7pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie

25th	Abbeyleix	The Wildflowers of Laois	Mueller & O'Connell Bakery (Old AIB Bank), Main Street	Mark McCorry is a botanist and joint Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) vice-recorder for Laois. Mark will talk about some of the interesting wild flowers (and other plants, weeds and grasses etc) found while tramping around the county.	Members: Free Non-members: €3	8pm-9pm	www.facebook.com
26th	Portlaoise	Pat Shortt	Midlands Park Hotel	This famous Irish comedian is fresh from the success of his award-winning show Selfie.	€ 30	8pm	midlandsparkhotel.com
26th	Portlaoise	TechTalks	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	TechTalks is the new brand bringing you the best of techno/house/funk to Portlaoise.	Free	9.30pm	www.kavanaghspportlaoise.com
26th	Portlaoise	The All Ireland Breakfast Preview	The Killeshin Hotel	In Aid of The Harps GAA Club. With special Guests: Eddie Brennan, Micheál Donoghue & John Kiely		7.30-9am	facebook.com/TheKilleshinHotel
27th	Fisherstown	Laois Camino	Fisherman's Inn	Enjoy a 25km walk through the beautiful tranquil Laois countryside on a 4-5.5 hour walk. Refreshment stops along the way, hot meal and entertainment available at the end of the day. Includes a shuttle bus to the starting point.	€20 or €35 depending on package.	Reg from 8am	https://www.facebook.com/events/406862390124184/
27th	Portlaoise	Midland Drama Schools	Dunamais Arts Centre	More exciting performances following last year's success, with upbeat music from a number of hit musicals, packed with comedy and colour. (Check show colour codes prior to booking).	€ 12	11:30am (Yellow), 3pm (Blue), 5:30pm (Green) and 8pm (Red).	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
27th	Durrow	One Day Intensive Horticultural Course	Dunmore Country School	"Innovative gardening techniques that have stood the test of time Our course is all about sustainability and growing quality vegetables for your table. You will also sample delicious food straight from our garden."	€ 100	9.30-4.30pm	dunmorecountryschool.ie or ph: 087 125 8002
28th	Portlaoise	James O'Connor	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue (Bar)	Live music.	Free		www.kavanaghspportlaoise.com
28th	Durrow	Slieve Bloom Guided Walk - Bluebell Walk	Meet: Castle Arms Hotel	Guided Walk Grade B. 12K. 3-4 hours. Led by Susan Lawlor.	€5 per walk or annual members hip €20	2pm	Ph: Gerry Hanlon on 086 821 0056 or www.slievebloom.ie
28th	Mountrath	Bawnreagh - Ardara Hillwalking Club	Meeting point: Monicknew car park.	Guided walk. 4 hours.	€5 per walk or annual members hip €20	11am	Ph: Joe Deering on 086 816 2466.

28th	Portlaoise	Portlaoise Psychic & Holistic Fair	Midlands Park Hotel	Phychic & Holistic Fair with over 35 exhibitions. Meet some of Ireland's top Mediums, Psychics, Tarot and Angel card readers giving One-to-One private & personal readings on the day.	Free Entry	11am-7pm	www.facebook.com/events/380771375840782/
30th	Portlaoise	Haughey Gregory - Presented by Fishamble: The New Play Company.	Dunamais Arts Centre	This funny and fascinating slice of recent political history follows the deal made between Tony Gregory and Charles Haughey in 1982, when Gregory took a surprise Dáil seat - and suddenly found himself holding the balance of power.	€18/€16	8pm	Ph: 057 8663355 or www.dunamais.ie
Every Sunday	Vicarstown	Vicarstown Junior Park Run	Grand Canal Bank	It is a 2k event for juniors only (4-14 year olds). Please register before your first visit.	Free	11am	www.parkrun.ie/vicars-town-juniors
Every Saturday	Vicarstown	Vicarstown Park Run	Grand Canal Bank	It is a 5k run - it's you against the clock.	Free	9:30am	www.parkrun.ie/vicars-town
Every Monday	Emo	Monday Night Dancing	Gandon Inn	Social dancing every Monday night in aid of Portarlinton St Vincent De Paul	8	9.30pm - 12am	
Every 2nd Tuesday	Portlaoise	Ukulele Tuesday	Kavanagh's Portlaoise - Bar	Bring your Ukulele	Free	9pm	www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com
Every Tuesday	Durrow	Craft Group	Durrow Library	All forms of crafting are welcome; knitting, crochet, paper crafts, jewellery etc. Come, work and have a chat and a cuppa!		2-4pm	Ph: 057 8736090
Every Wednesday	Mountmellick	Balcony Cinema, Bus, Cinema and Tea	Balcony Cinema	Wonderful initiative running a bus locally to the cinema, movie and a cuppa with a lift home for €5. Movie starts 8.30	€5	Bus from 7.	See Facebook @balcony cinema
Every Thursday	Abbeyleix	Social Dancing	Abbeyleix Golf Club	Social dancing with supper served. All welcome to come and join in. Lessons from 8.30pm		10pm	
Every Saturday	Abbeyleix	Abbeyleix Country Market	The Square	Range of food, veg and artisan stalls	Free	from 10am	
Every Saturday	Stradbally	Stradbally Country Market	St Patricks Hall	Great selection of local foods, plants and vegetables. Tea & Coffee served	Free	from 10am	See Facebook - @stradballycountrymarkets
Every Sunday	Portlaoise	Sunday Sessions	Kavanagh's Portlaoise Courtyard	Live music every Sunday	Free	7pm	www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com

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Every Tuesday & Thursday	Portlaoise	Portlaoise Stepping Out Walking Group	Meeting point: Portlaoise Leisure Centre	All walking sessions are 45/60 minutes duration with refreshments afterwards (only if you wish).	Free	7:45pm	For further details: Contact Maureen on 087 939 5670, Liz on 085 788 7419 or Noel on 087 274 9536.
Every Tuesday	Ballyroan	Ballyroan Walkers Strolling Group	Meeting point: Ballyroan Community Hall	Suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. Route is optional.	Free	9:45am-10.45am	Contact Mary Dunne on 085 158 5421 or Carmel Moran on 087 614 4280.
Every Tuesday	Portarlington	Port Trails Walking Group	Meeting point: Park Lane car park	Come along and join us on our weekly walks on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Enjoy the lovely walks and meeting new people.	Free	7pm - 9pm	www.facebook.com
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Every Tuesday	Emo	Mountmellick Walking Group	Meeting point: Emo Court car park	Walk around the lake and more. 3km approx to start with. New group encouraging beginners to join the weekly walks. All are welcome.	Free	10am	Ph: Tina Murray on 086 102 0431 or email info@laoissports.ie
Every Wednesday	Mountmellick	Mountmellick Walking Group	Meeting point: MDA car park	Local walk. 1.8km-5km approx. New walk specifically for beginners.	Free	10am	Ph: Tina Murray on 086 102 0431 or email info@laoissports.ie
Every Monday & Friday	Cullohill	Cullohill Walking Group	Meeting point: Cullohill Community Hall	Open group. All are welcome.	Free	7:30pm	Ph: Ciara McEvoy on 086 171 7546 or email ballons.ias@eircom.net

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