

Laois Tourism -What's on this September

Date	Location	Event	Where	In a nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More
31st-2nd Sept	Stradbally	Electric Picnic	Stradbally Hall	The much loved EP is back in Laois for 2018. Enjoy!	Sold Out		https://www.electricpicnic.ie
1st	Coolrain	Colm Burke	Sheeran's Pub	Live music with Colm Burke	Free	10pm	057 860 6826
1st	Mountrath	The Cottage Market Mountrath	Macra Hall, Main St	Artisan Market in Laois with food & crafts. All market goods will be Homemade, Home Grown and/or Home Crafted.	Free	10am-2pm	http://thecottagemarket.ie/cottage-markets/mountrath/
1st & 22nd	Durrow	Intensive Horticultural Course Tanguy de Toulgoet	Dunmore Country School	This course is a must if you want to understand in just one day the essence of traditional gardening. Inc tea/coffee & lunch	€100	9am-4.30pm	tanguy@dunmorecountryschool.ie /087 1258002
2nd	Mountrath	Slieve Bloom Walk	Glendine East Clear Lake	Grade A walk 14km, 4 hours. Meet at Mountrath Mart	non-members €5	11am	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210056
5th	Portlaoise	Dublin Oldschool	Dunamais Arts Centre	Cinema - Emmet Kirwan's hit play, Dublin Oldschool comes to the big screen, buzzing with energy.	€7/ €5	8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 866 3355
7th	Abbeyleix	Garden Party in Aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital	Heath Cottage, Ballacolla Road, Abbeyleix	Garden Party	Free	11am - 7pm	
7th	Portarlinton	Tea Dance	Portarlinton Community Centre	Teas dance in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society, Kolbe Special School, Friends of St Fiacc's House	€10	9:30pm to 12:30am	Tickets on the door
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	Stradbally	Dancing at Dixies	Napper Tandy's Public House	Live Music and Dancing	Free	8pm - to Late	Napper Tandy's
7th	Stradbally	Footsbarn Theatre Company at Ballintubbert	Ballintubbert Gardens	Footsbarn Theatre are renowned for their exciting adaptations of classics plays, frequently drawing on Shakespeare and Moliere to create original productions with a unique blend of visual theatre, music and magic.	€25	7.30pm	087 312 7639, myhost@ballintubbert.com
8th	Durrow	Warre Natural Beekeeping course	Dunmore Country School	Warre hive beekeeping which is a French beekeeping system, inspired from the traditional skep beekeeping.	€90	10am to 3pm	tanguy@dunmorecountryschool.ie /087 1258002
8th	Stradbally	Come On Up To The House with Glen Hansard & Hank Wangford	Ballintubbert Gardens	Live music in the amazing setting of Ballintubbert Gardens	€35.00	6pm	087 312 7639, myhost@ballintubbert.com
8th	Timahoe	Knock Vintage Run	Timahoe	Steam engines, vintage tractors, history tours of Timahoe tower, green lane run, food and entertainment in Headens of Spink followed by a cock and bull auction	Free	1pm	Niall Headen 087 8141682
9th	Portarlinton	Run to Remember	Portarlinton Community Centre	Annual Run to Remember event for family's and runners to walk, run or crawl our marked 5km route. Proceeds to the Laois/Offaly Palliative Care and PCC renovation project.	€10 adults, €5 kids €20 family	10.30am	(057) 864 5728 portarlintoncommunitycentre@gmail.com

9th	Clonaslee	Clonaslee Show	Clonaslee Community Centre	Agriculture, Family Day Out, Music and Dog Show	10 euro and school kids free	10am - 5pm	Garret Culliton 086 8372039 clonasleeshow@gmail.com
9th	Luggacurren	10km Run	Luggacurran	10km Run			
9th	Portarlinton	Avon Arlington factory workers reunion	Railway Bar	Reunion of Avon workers	€5	4pm	
9th	Kinnitty	Slieve Bloom Walk	Glenafelly	Grade B walk 9KM, 3-4 hrs	€5 per walk	11am	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210057
11th	Portlaoise	Ger Carey Live	Dunamais Arts Centre	Ger Carey is back with his hilarious stand-up comedy show for Transition Year students.	€10.00	11am	www.dunamais.ie or 057 866 3355
12th	Portlaoise	C'est La Vie! (Le Sens de la fête)	Dunamais Arts Centre	The latest film from the Untouchables directors is a gloriously manic French comedy.	€7/ €5	8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 866 3355
14th	Portlaoise	Vendetta Love, Reprisal & Red Sun Alert	Kavanaghs Bar & Venue	Live music	€5.00	8pm	www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com
15th	Portlaoise	Deuce - Rory Gallagher Tribute	Manhattan Mixer	Deuce - the incredible Irish Rory Gallagher tribute band will be returning to Portlaoise	Free	12 midnight	facebook m.me/manhattanmixer
15th	Portlaoise	Cherish the Ladies	Dunamais Arts Centre	A spectacular blend of virtuoso instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements and stunning step dancing	€22/€20	8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 866 3355
15th	Abbeyleix	Vegetation Management @Abbeyleix Bog	Abbeyleix Bog	Join to help manage areas for pollinators and remove invasive plant species	Free	10am	info@abbeyleixbog.ie 083 1106210
15th	Glenbarrow	Slieve Bloom Walk	Glenbarrow Car Park	Grade A walk 10KM, 4 hrs	€5 per walk	3pm	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210058
16th	Abbeyleix	Fruitlawn Gardens Open Day	Abbeyleix	Garden Open Day	€5 Children u/12 Free	10 - 5pm	Arthur Shackleton shackletonarthur@yahoo.ie
16th	Mountmellick	Family Fun Day	Mountmellick Macra Hall	Family fun day in aid of St Martha's ward, St. Vincent's Hospital	Free	11am to 3pm	Mountmellick Macra
18th & 19th	Portlaoise	Victoria and Abdul	Dunamais Arts Centre	Cinema - The extraordinary true story of an unlikely friendship.	€7/€6/€5	18th - 11am, 19th - 8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 866 3355
20th	Portlaoise	Michael Harding On Tuesdays I'm a Buddhist	Dunamais Arts Centre	Join best-selling writer and raconteur Michael Harding as he reads from his latest memoir,	€20.00	8pm	www.dunamais.ie or 057 866 3355
21st	Portlaoise	Burning Bullet from 9pm, tickets €9.50	Kavanagh's Bar & Venue	Live Music	€9.50	9pm	www.kavanaghsportlaoise.com
21st	Portlaoise	Circus Street Theatre performance and Circus Skills Workshop	The Plaza, County Hall	Circus Skills Workshop by Maria Corcoran and friends	Free	4.30pm-5.30pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Portlaoise	Explore Cultural Connections	Parish Centre	Music, song and dance displays by intercultural groups	Free	6pm-8pm	057 8664033/13 artsoff@laoiscoco.ie

21st	Portlaoise	Exhibition 'A Painted Otherworld',	Dunmaise Arts Centre	A group exhibition at the Dunamaise Arts Centre curated by Rebecca Deegan.	Free	7pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Portlaoise & Mountrath	Visual Arts, Free Bus Tour	Outside Laois County Council Offices	Free Bus Tour will leave from Portlaoise to visit the rural setting of Roundwood House, Mountrath to view the Pop up Exhibition by artist Jen Donnery	Free - Booking Essential	Leave 4.30pm return 6.30pm	T: 057 8664033/13 to book a place
21st	Portlaoise	Portlaoise Comhaltas - Free trial music lesson	St Francis School, New Rd	Try out a traditional Irish Music including accordion, banjo, bodhrán, concertina, fiddle, flute, harp, mandolin, uilleann pipes and whistle	Free	6pm-7pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Portlaoise	Writers Showcase	Portlaoise Library	Laois Writers Group will host a Writers Showcase to include local and visiting writers. All welcome to bring work to share	Free	7.30pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Portlaoise	Laois Youth Dance Ensemble	Ensemble Dance Studio	Photography exhibition, Film and Free dance trial	Free	7pm-8pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Portlaoise	Mountmellick Embroidery	Parish Centre	Embroidery exhibition from the Portlaoise group	Free	7.30pm-9.30pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Portlaoise	James O'Connor Singer-Songwriter	Dunmaise Arts Centre	Performance by singer songwriter James O'Connor and his band	Free	9pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Abbeyleix	Stories from the Past	Heritage House	Children from schools in Laois will read stories collected during the schools collection initiative in the 1930s plus their new stories. Inc a guest speaker for the National Folklore Collection.	Free	6pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Arles	Arles Art Group exhibition of Arts and Crafts	Community Hall, Arles	All exhibits will be the work of members who meet every Monday for classes. Music & refreshments served	Free	8pm-10pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Ballyfin	Pop Up Gaeltacht	An Sean Chistin	An informal evening of chat as Gaeilge with cupán tae nó caifé.	Free	8pm-10pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Dunaghmore	Tours of Donaghmore Famine Workhouse	Donaghmore Famine Workhouse	Tours of Donaghmore Workhouse led by Trevor Stanley will explore the history of the famine in Laois	Free	6pm-8pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Durrow	Fold and Rise	Castlewood Farm	A conversation around women, labour, politics and culture in our time and in the time since Constance Markievicz	Free	7.30pm-9.30pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Emo	Exhibition and Free Guided Tour of Emo Court	Emo Court	"Enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful Emo Court including the photography exhibition "Through the Eyes of Father Browne"	Free	6pm tour and 7pm tour	T: 057 8626573
21st	Mountmellick	The Ashling Art Group	Mountmellick Library	The Ashling Art Group will exhibit their work at the Gallery	Free	All day - Library hours	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie

21st	Mountmellick	Music with the residents and friends of St. Vincent's	St Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick	Music with the residents and friends of St. Vincent's community nursing unit in Mountmellick.	Free	6pm- 7pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Mountmellick	The Best of the Irish	Balcony Cinema	Join us for 90 mins of non-stop entertainment from the best of local talent.	Free	8pm-9.30pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Portarlinton	Puppet Show and Storytime	Portarlinton Library	Family show with Julie Rose McCormick. All welcome.	Free	3.30pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Portarlinton	"Open Studio" at Mount Henry Art Studio	Mount Henry Art Studio, Killenard	Come and meet the artist Mary Slevin and experience life in an art studio.	Free	9am-7pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Spink	Traditional Evening with Spink Comhaltas	Knock, Community Hall	Enjoy an evening of traditional Irish music, singing, storytelling, and dancing.	Free	8pm-9.30pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
21st	Stradbally	The Laois Arthouse	The Laois Arthouse	A specially commissioned exhibition in honour of Culture Night by Arthouse resident studio artists from Japan, UK and Ireland	Free	5pm-8pm	057 8664033/13 E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie
22nd	Portlaoise	Knights of Leon - Kings of Leon Tribute	Manhattan Mixer	Live music - Kings of Leon tribute band	€10	10pm	facebook m.me/manhattan mixer
22nd	Portlaoise	Grapple Kings	Dunamais Arts Centre	Live event for the battle for the Grapple Kings Middleweight Belt.	€40/€30	5pm	www.dunamais.i e or 057 866 3355
23rd	Portlaoise	Concert at St Peters Church	St Peter's Church of Ireland	Button accordionist Máirtín O'Connor and guitarist Séamie O'Dowd - accompany vocalist Maighread Ní Dhomhnaill.	€15/€12	7pm	ww.dunamais.ie or 057 866 3355
23rd	Baunreagh	Slieve Bloom Walk	Clonaslee Community Centre	Grade A walk 10KM, 4 hrs	€5 per walk	11am	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210059
25th	Portlaoise	Looking Deadly	Dunamais Arts Centre	Theatre -Looking Deadly tells the story of two small town Funeral Directors competing for business over the course of a three day Wake.	€16/€14	8pm	www.dunamais.i e or 057 866 3355
26th	Portlaoise	Ismael's Ghosts - Les fantômes d'Ismaël	Dunamais Arts Centre	Cinema - A frantic, thrilling story of a man's life hurtled into chaos with the unexpected return of a past lover.	€7/€5	8pm	www.dunamais.i e or 057 866 3355
29th and 30th	Stradbally	Ogham Festival	Woodland Railway Stradbally	Magical journey of creativity, innovation and educational experience for all to enjoy. Train rides, games, foods and entertainment.			Jackie 085 8559744
29th	Portlaoise	The Incredibles 2	Dunamais Arts Centre	Cinema - plus face painting before the movie	€4	2pm	www.dunamais.i e or 057 866 3355
29th	Portlaoise	Route 66 Big Band	Dunamais Arts Centre	Route 66 Big Band return to take the Dunamais audience on a magical musical trip from the '40s right up to date	€20/€18	8pm	www.dunamais.i e or 057 866 3355
29th	Vicarstown	Canal Fest 2018	Vicarstown	Beat the Barge 4km family fun run	Free		

30th	Abbeyleix	Applefest	Abbeyleix Community Gardens	All things apple and autumn fair	Free	2pm - 5pm	Facebook @applefest.abbeyleix
30th	Ridge of Capard	Slieve Bloom Walk	Ridge of Capard Car Park	Grade A walk 10KM, 3 - 4 hrs	€5 per walk	11am	Gerry Hanlon 086 8210060
Every Weekend	Slieve Blooms	Organised walks	Countywide	Organised walks every weekend, maps downloadable on the site	€5 per walk / annual ticket available	11am	www.slieveblooms.ie
Every 2nd Tues	Portlaoise	Ukulele Tuesday	Kavanagh's Portlaoise - Bar	Bring your Ukulele	Free	9pm	www.kavanaghspportlaoise.com
Every Tues	Vicarstown	Bicycle Ride	Creans Inn	Casual Cycle	Free	6:40pm	www.laoissports.ie
Every Wednes	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	€5	Bus from 7. Movie starts 8.30	See Facebook @balcony cinema
Every Sat	Stradbally	Stradbally Country Market	St Patricks Hall	Great selection of local foods, plants and vegetables. Tea & Coffee served	Free	from 10am	See Facebook - @stradballycountymarkets
Every Sun	Portlaoise	Sunday Sessions	Kavanagh's Portlaoise Courtyard	Live music every Sunday	Free	7pm	www.kavanaghspportlaoise.com
Date	Location	Event	Where	In a nutshell	Cost	Time	Find Out More

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