

Cultural Programme 2019

Programme to be launched in Friday 17th November, 2018 by Sean Lysaght (TBC)

Another Place ... a Celebration of Mayo Writers

1st March - 26th April

The writers of Mayo are going through something of a renaissance from children's literature to adult fiction to poetry and prose. This exhibition is a celebration of the work of 17 current Mayo authors.

Organised with Mayo County Council, The National Library of Ireland and a number of private collectors.

Enniscoe Easter Egg Hunt - 21st April

Join us for the annual Enniscoe Easter Egg Hunt with a parade down into the woods to find the hidden eggs and golden bunnies with a train ride back. Fun for all the family.

April showers bring May flowers

The Gardens & Parks of Co. Mayo

1st May - 2nd June

County Mayo hosts one of the six national parks of Ireland: the Ballycroy National Park, located near the village of Ballycroy. County Mayo also hosts several gardens. The gardens differ in size and style, from formal to wild; the most famous are located in Westport at Westport House, in Castlebar at the National Museum of Country Life on Achill Island and in Enniscoe at Enniscoe House.

Organised with Mayo County Council, National Botanic Gardens, Enniscoe House, private collectors and the people of North Mayo.

Ruston Hornsby LM 129

5th June - 28th July

Bord Na Mona used an extensive network of narrow gauge railways to extract peat from Irish bogs. This rail network was first developed in the 1940's and was estimated to be the largest private railway in Europe with 200 small Ruston Hornsby locomotives transporting up to 4 million tonnes of peat a year.

One of which LM 129 continues to be used at The North Mayo Heritage Centre by the Mayo North Old Engine and Tractor Club.

Organised with Bord Na Mona, Mayo North Old Engine and Tractor Club, private collectors and the people of North Mayo.

Heritage Field Day - Sunday 21st July

Now in its 20th year, the annual Heritage Field Day organised by The Mayo North Old Engine and Tractor Club has something for everyone from bouncing castles to vintage cars, tractors to traditional crafts.

Enniscoe People

1st August - 1st September

Enniscoe House has been owned by the same family for 13 generations. In that time the house has become part of the fabric of North Mayo. Generations of families have been associated with the house, the gardens or on the land.

This exhibition will bring together many of those names, faces and memories and will form part of a much bigger story in 2019. If you have any Enniscoe connections we want to hear from you.

Organised with Enniscoe House, private collectors and the people of North Mayo.

Heritage week; 17th - 25th August

National Heritage Week is coordinated by The Heritage Council and its aim is to build awareness and education about our heritage thereby encouraging its conservation and preservation.

Lost Legends: Mayo's Enigmatic Sports Stars

3rd September - 3rd November

County Mayo has had a long history of emigration for reasons of economics or famine. Men and women left their homes to travel all over the world seeking a better life. This exhibition tells the unique 'untold' stories of four such people who would go on to excel in sport in their adopted countries.

Organised with a number of private collectors and the people of North Mayo.

Enniscoe BioDiversity Blitz; 28th - 28th September

The rich Biodiversity of the Enniscoe Estate has long been recognised as being truly unique, not just in Mayo but nationally and internationally.

BOO!!! 26th - 27th October

Join us for a safe, fun filled spooktacular event for the younger kids this Halloween.

The Past From The Press

5th November - 1st December

Newspapers are full of information which provides us with important, primary evidence about the past. As with all historical evidence, there is more to a newspaper than first meets the eye.

The Past from the Press explores issues such as news values, bias, subjectivity and propaganda and encourages visitors to 'read between the lines' of historic and contemporary newspapers.

Organised with the National Library of Ireland, The Jackie Clarke Collection, private collectors and the people of North Mayo.

The toys we grew up with

3rd December - 31st December

A thing of beauty really is a joy forever and the truth of that is borne out with this trip down memory lane as this exhibition will showcase many toys, books, board games, dolls and teddies from our childhood. All the exhibits in this collection will be onloan from the people living nearby. All of them have their own story to tell and memories for their owners.

Organised with the Crossmolina Community and the people of North Mayo.

Christmas Market, 14th - 15th December

All the festive fun including Santa, live manger, Christmas market & train along with a unique toy exhibition.