

1. BIG STAGE ON PEARSE STREET

Join us for day of music, dancing and fun at the Big Stage on Pearse Street – remember to bring your dancing shoes!

12pm: Fineinn Quinn – The up and coming Mayo native multi-instrumentalist and singer will kick things off in style

12.20pm: Hit Machine Drummers – The most energetic, raw and hardworking group of drummers in Ireland will get the hearts beating and feet tapping

1pm: Stuart Moyles – Get ready to get moving when one of the best country acts around brings his show to the Big Stage

2pm: Gerry Guthrie – One of the most recognisable names on the country scene, get ready to get dancing when Gerry and his band hit the stage

3.05pm: Trad Lib – Celtic rock and trad combine when two generations of the Harrington Family come together to perform

3.30pm: Michael S and Clodagh Togher – This father and daughter duo are bound to have your feet moving and dancing around the street

4.15pm: Lisa Canny - Truly unique original music that is high-energy, hard-hitting and highly entertaining!

5.30pm: Boxing Banjo – The headliners will bring their spell binding show to close out the Big Stage, get ready for something really special

2. LÁ MHAIGH EO (LEABHARLANN BHÉAL AN ÁTHA)

Bain triail as raon leathan imeachtaí do pháistí agus do dhaoine fásta mar chuid de Lá Mhaigh Eo! Tá spásanna teoranta, mar sin bí cinnte a bheith ann in am.

12pm: Spraoi le Drumaí – Bain triail as drumaí difriúla sa cheardlann spleodrach seo. Oiriúnach do pháistí ó aois 6-10

12pm - 2.30pm: Tae agus Plé – Buail isteach sa seomra comhrá le haghaidh cupán tae agus dreas cainte

1.30pm: Ceardlann Cartúin do Pháistí – Tarraing cartún le tabhairt abhaile leat ó Lá Mhaigh Eo! Oiriúnach do pháistí ó 8-12

2:45pm: Ceardlann líníochta do dhaoine fásta – Foghlaim cén chaoi íomhá shimplí céim-ar-céim a tharraingt le **Aidan Courtney**

2.45pm agus 4.00pm: Tóg sos! **Seisiún Suaimhnis** – Bí linn don seisiún suaimhnis do pháistí ag 2.45pm nó ag an seisiún teaghlaigh (páistí agus daoine fásta) ag 4.00pm

2. LÁ MHAIGH EO (BALLINA LIBRARY)

Pop in to Ballina library to celebrate Lá Mhaigh Eo as Gaeilge! Events are led in Irish but are suitable for all language levels. Workshops are arranged on a first-come basis so make sure to arrive in time to secure your spot.

12pm: Drumming Workshop – Make some new music and try out your drumming skills! Suitable for children aged 6-10

12pm - 2.30pm: Tae agus Plé – Drop in to our social room upstairs for a chat and cupán tae as Gaeilge

1.30pm: Children's Cartoon Workshop – Draw a Mayo Day cartoon to bring home with you! For children aged 8-12

2:45pm: Drawing Workshop for Adults – Learn to draw a simple sketch step-by-step with **Aidan Courtney**

2.45pm and 4.00pm: Tóg sos! Relaxation Sessions – Join our kids' relaxation session at 2.45pm or family (kids and adults) session at 4.00pm

3. MARKET SQUARE

- Enjoy a **wonderful selection of crafts** in our marquee from producers all around Mayo. Everything from lovingly-created homewares and scented candles to artwork, jewellery, and gifts for all the family
- Pop into our **creativity tent** where throughout the day, artist **Lukasz Krzywon** from **Creative Together** will facilitate a large painting collage to celebrate the diversity of our beautiful county. Each participant will add a small piece of their creativity to a larger picture that we'll unveil at the completion of all puzzles. Come and discover what hides behind random lines when we put the design together! Everybody is welcome. Spaces are limited. All children must be supervised by adults
- Learn all about the **life cycle of the bee**, how honey is produced and what qualities honey can bring to your life with **Ballina Beekeepers Mayo**
- **Croí** will be carrying out **free Blood Pressure Checks, Pulse Checks** and a **Short Lifestyle Chat**

4. MAYO DAY FOOD VILLAGE (WALSH STREET)

- Join the very best local chefs from around Mayo for **cooking demonstrations, chats and tips** throughout the day in our Food Village marquee
- Visit our **food market showcase** of the very best of artisan foods from around Mayo
- Sample some of the scrumptious **street food catering** on offer around the town
- **Ballina Farmers Market** will bring their weekly delights for you to enjoy

5. MAYO DAY 2023 ART EXHIBITION: THE HEART OF MAYO (BALLINA CIVIC OFFICES, ARRAN PLACE)

Mayo County Council has been collecting art for many years and has acquired a substantial collection of more than 200 works. This show is a celebration of the unique creativity of a county and its people on Mayo Day 2023. The collection includes paintings, prints, photography, sculpture and mixed-media works, by artists from or living in Mayo, or those who have exhibited in the county.

6. THE RAY LEONARD PLAYERS present THE KINGS OF THE KILBURN HIGH ROAD (BALLINA ARTS CENTRE, FREE EVENT, 7.00pm)

A play about our Invisible Diaspora in Kilburn London, written by Jimmy Murphy. In the mid-1970s, six young men emigrate to London from Mayo in the hope of making their fortunes. Like so many of their generation, they spend their lives in manual labour and construction work. They intended to stay only a little while, make some money and return home as successful men. Now, twenty-something years later (circa 2000), they are still in London. Secrets are revealed and lies are uncovered. This play is particularly significant and highlights our invisible diaspora. NO BOOKING REQUIRED - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

Mayo Day at the Heart of Ballina also welcomes the **Midwest Radio Roadcaster** for the day to play your requests across the globe and bring you some of the live action on the day.

Special appearances on the day from:

- The Foxford Brass Band
- Michael Moloney
- The Moy Singers
- The Rejoice Gospel Choir
- and Special Guests



All events are **free of charge**, but will operate on a first come, first served basis. Events may be subject to change.

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Ba lli na 2023

MAYO DAY 2023

at the heart of Ballina 2023

Saturday April 29th 2023

LÁ MHAIGH EO 2023
Ag croílár Bhéal an Átha 2023

Dé Sathairn an 29ú Aibreán 2023

Ballina - Béal an Átha



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Ballina Arts Centre

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Lá Mhaigh Eo

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Mayo Day Food Village

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Market Square

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Art Exhibition

Tom Ruane Park

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Ba lli na 20 23

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



7. FAMILY FUN AT TOM RUANE PARK



12pm to 5pm: The Amazing Flea Circus in a Suitcase!

Dr Jay unfolds his suitcase, sets up his small table in seconds, and demonstrates the flea circus in a hilarious performance of Ireland's smallest circus artistes.

Every Hour from 12pm: Fruity 'n' Dishy Juggling Workshop

Ever wanted to learn to juggle? Join in the fun and learn how with Ringmaster Dea Birkett and the incredible cast of Circus 250. Fruity loves to juggle her fruit. Dishy prefers to spin his plates.

12pm to 5.30pm: Kiltimagh Pet Farm

Meet the wonderful animals from Kiltimagh Pet Farm. This is your chance to pet the chicks, ducklings, giant tortoise, pygmy goat, python, donkey and even a llama to name but a few! Hours of fun for all the family.

12.30pm-1.30pm, 2-3 and 3.30-4.30pm: Story Time

Artist and storyteller Wayne O'Connor weaves stories to enthral the kids. As words weave the tales, the art is drawn live and gives form to the imagery in front of the children. Wayne's energetic storytelling style is full of interaction and humour for all ages.

1.00pm - 4.00pm: Face Painting

Mayo Fire Service - Watch Mayo's Firemen jump into action to demonstrate their fire quenching skills. If you have a question our Fireman will be there to answer on the day!

Mini Rugby Blitz in Partnership with Connaught Rugby

Live DJ Graham Sweeney fills the air with soundwaves from his trendy vintage vw van Enjoy the retro sounds of the Soundwave Boombox, music and dancing, fun for all the family! This old VW bus which spent most of its life in sunny Brazil has made it all the way to Co. Mayo to spread music and good vibes.

Food and coffee trucks will also be cooking up a storm all day.