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The third Leeds Gathering Festival is an eleven day celebration of Irish/Celtic Music and Arts, from Wednesday 7th to Sunday 18th of November 2007.

Who's behind that?

The Leeds Gathering is hosted by The Irish Arts Foundation, a registered charity based in Leeds which is core-funded by the Irish Government and Leeds City Council.

This organisation, established in 1998, exists to promote Irish Music & Arts in Leeds and beyond, is currently running a number of projects and works extensively in partnership with other groups both locally and nationally.

Why should we go?

The Leeds Gathering features some of the most dynamic local/national/international performers and artistes in the world of Irish Arts. There are events that will appeal to a wide range of audiences – whether you're Irish or not!

# 7-18 Nov The Leeds Gathering

## Musicians on The Session Trail

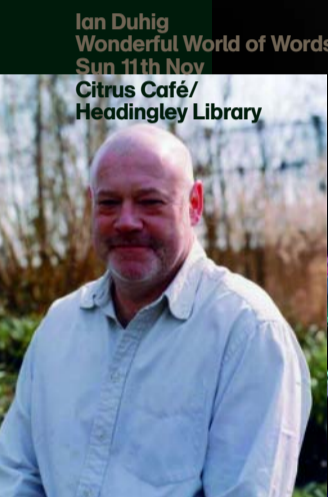
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- Brendan Dempsey banjo
- Colin Farrell fiddle
- Tim Edey guitar
- Dee Havlin flute
- Norman Homes flute
- Niamh Gallagher fiddle
- Mike Galvin guitar
- John Gillard fiddle
- Dan Griffin bodhrán
- Dermot Hurley bouzouki
- Kevin Hurley flute
- Brian Kelly banjo
- Grace Kelly tin whistle
- Dave Kosky guitar
- Amanda Lewis fiddle
- Dave Lym Uilleann Pipes
- Jody Moran banjo
- Kieran O'Malley fiddle
- Tome Napper Banjo
- Steve Prosol button accordion
- Paul Ruane fiddle
- Deirdre Ruane button accordion
- Clare Staunton button accordion
- Emma Sweeney fiddle
- Michael Tennyson piano accordion



Siobhán MacMahon  
The Mouth of the Cave  
Wed 7th Nov  
Seven Arts Centre



The Luke Daniels Band  
Sat 17th Nov  
School of Music  
University of Leeds



Ian Duhig  
Wonderful World of Words  
Sun 11th Nov  
Citrus Café/  
Headingley Library



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Ag ceiliúradh na  
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From the Traditional  
to the Innovative:  
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For further information  
on the Leeds Gathering  
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| <p>Wed 7th Nov<br/>The Mouth of the Cave</p> <p>Thu 8th Nov<br/>Official Launch at the Leeds Irish Centre</p> <p>Lecture Evening with Frank Sweeney and Stephen Harrison plus Traditional Irish Music Showcase</p> <p>Sat 10th Nov<br/>Leeds CCE<br/>Dinner Dance</p> <p>Artist Launch Event with Jim Doody<br/>Johnny Cronin and The Aftermath</p> | <p>Sun 11th Nov<br/>Singer's Session with Vincent Brady and Jim Doody</p> <p>Wonderful World of Words</p> <p>Traditional Irish Music Session with Guest Musicians</p> <p>Traveller Wagon<br/>Wheel Theatre</p> <p>Mon 12th Nov<br/>The Dave Priestley Memorial Session</p> | <p>Tue 13th Nov<br/>Irish Evening featuring traditional music/song/dance</p> <p>Wicked Words<br/>Poetry Group</p> <p>Album Launch by Ylem</p> <p>Wed 14th Nov<br/>Mik Artistik's Ego Trip</p> <p>Traditional Irish Music Session with Derek Magee and Friends</p> <p>Thu 15th Nov<br/>Double Album Launch by Chris O'Malley and Sam Proctor</p> <p>Fri 16th Nov<br/>Lúnasa and Support</p> | <p>Sat 17th Nov<br/>Lunchtime Recital of Traditional Irish Music with Luke Daniels and Friends</p> <p>Traditional Irish Music Session with Guest Musicians</p> <p>The Legend of Liam Clancy</p> <p>Sun 18th Nov<br/>Ireland Celebrating Peace, Embracing Change</p> <p>Traditional Irish Music Session with Guest Musicians</p> |
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## The Leeds Gathering 2007 7–18th November

### Wed 7th Nov The Mouth of the Cave 8.00pm

Roll away the stone, the Divine Feminine is awakening, emerging from the dark cave. Irish Goddesses are roaming the land unleashing a holy host of untamed voices...

Irish Poet Siobhan Mac Mahon, working with Musician Sabrina Piggott creates a passionate and provocative piece of Performance Poetry, where humour meets pathos, interweaving word, sound, music and drumming. Directed by Sarah Hope. **£7.50/£6 concessions**  
**SEVEN (Chapel Allerton Arts Centre)**  
Harrogate Road, Leeds, LS7 3PD

### Thu 8th Nov Official Launch Event Invitation Only 2.30pm PROMPT

Featuring guest speakers **Amanda Bane** Embassy of Ireland, **Sean Stowell** BBC Leeds, **Professor David Cooper** University of Leeds and **Stephen Harrison** MBE Director, Manx National Heritage Museum, The Isle of Man. Followed by a networking opportunity for Irish business and voluntary/arts sector groups. **The O'Meara Suite, Leeds Irish Centre,** York Road LS9 9NT

### Lecture Evening & Traditional Irish Music Showcase 7.00pm FREE EVENT\*

**Dr Frank Sweeney**, a native of the Gaelic-speaking Western seaboard in County Donegal, opens with a thirty minute lecture on the changing face of Irish society in late 19th Century Donegal in light of the ever-increasing presence of the state, its mechanisms and the way in which it affected the lives of the local people. This is followed by a lecture from **Stephen Harrison**, who talks about his personal and musical memories of sessions in The Regent, The Roscoe and the musical influences of flute player Pat McNicholas on many musicians who settled in Leeds. The evening concludes with a traditional Irish music showcase at 8pm from guest and local musicians in the relaxed environment of the SEVEN bar.

**Seven (Chapel Allerton Arts Centre)**  
Harrogate Road, LS7 3PD  
**'Seats for lectures need to be pre-booked**  
**The City Centre Box Office** Tel 2243801

### Fri 9th Nov Over 55's Day Club 12.15–2.30pm

This friendly Irish Day Club takes place every Friday a light lunch is provided, Irish music is played and the members enjoy a game of bingo and a raffle. New people are always welcome to enjoy the Irish environment at the Montague Burton Resource Centre, just off Roundhay Road, near St. Aidan's Church. LS8 5RU  
**For information contact Leeds Irish Health & Homes on 0113 262 5614**

### Sat 10th Nov Yorkshire Farmers Market 11.00am

This popular monthly event features the renowned highland Pipe Major Cameron Edgar. Highland & Irish Piper.

**www.cedgar.flyer.co.uk**  
**The Rose Garden (outside the Arc)**  
North Lane, Headingley, LS6 3HU

### Leeds CCE Dinner Dance 7.00pm

Leeds CCE are a cultural group that teach and perform traditional Irish music, song and dance. The evening features a full dinner followed by lively entertainment from a visiting ceili band – a great family friendly event. **The Tara Suite, Leeds Irish Centre,** York Road, LS9 9NT  
**Tickets and further information**  
Tel 0113 2480887

### Jim Doody (Artist) 7.30pm FREE LAUNCH EVENT

London born Jim Doody is a fine second-generation Irish artist who has lived and worked in Leeds since the late sixties. His exquisite sense of Celtic Mythological themes are expressed in abstract forms that surprise and demand attention. In the appropriate setting of the *Flux Gallery* in Leeds, Jim showcases his work. **The Flux Gallery, 16a Midland Road,** off Kensington Terrace, Hyde Park, Leeds LS6 1BQ

### Johnny Cronin & The Aftermath 8:00pm

Following successful tours of the USA and Europe, this chart-topping Irish band with strong Leeds connections makes a welcome return to Yorkshire.

**Joseph's Well Tavern, Chorley Lane, LS2 9NW**  
**Tickets £5 Tel 0113 203 1861**

### Sun 11th Nov Singer's Session with Vincent Brady and Jim Doody 2.00pm FREE EVENT

If you enjoy singing a song or if you would just like to listen, this could be for you. Led by well-known traditional/contemporary singers, Jim Doody & Vincent Brady.

**Dare Café, Otley Road, Leeds, LS6 3AB**

In partnership with **Lucht Focail, Leeds Irish Health & Homes** and **Travellers Education Service**  
**Wonderful World of Words**  
**12.30–4.00pm FREE EVENT**

**Written spoken famous and new** – a day celebrating Ireland through language. Enjoy more of **Teresa O' Driscoll's** sell out 'Bringing it all Back Home,' **Lucht Focail's** new poetry 'Walking the Land' and an excerpt from **Mick Reeves'** epic poem. Have fun learning Irish with **Joe O'Siorán**, settle into a traditional story-telling session and gain a fascinating insight into **Travellers'** oral culture. Meet and work with highly acclaimed second generation Irish author **Ray French** and revel in an excerpt from **Siobhán MacMahon's** groundbreaking 'Mouth of the Cave.' Delight in the songs of **Anima** and immerse yourself in the award winning poetry of **Ian Duhig**.  
**Citrus Café & Headingley Library,** North Lane, Headingley, LS6 3HG

### Traditional Irish Music Session with Guest Musicians 3.00pm–6.00pm

**Trio Bar**  
44 North Lane, Headingley, LS6 3HU

### Traveller Wagon Wheel Theatre 7.45pm UK PREMIERE

'Mobile' starring Michael Collins (Johnny Collins in RTE series Glenroe) and receiving its first UK showing, received 5 star reviews at the Dublin Fringe Theatre in September 2006. The play sensitively looks at 'feuding' in the Traveller community and is about how one man deals with this situation. It also looks humorously about old friendships and experiences of the past which are threatened now through recent events. **Suitable for adults and young people 14+**  
**Otley Courthouse, Courthouse Street, Otley**  
**Tickets £6/£4 Advance £7/£5 On Door**  
**Box Office 01943 467466 or email**  
**otleycourthouse@tiscali.co.uk**

### Mon 12th Nov The Dave Priestley Memorial Session 8.00pm FREE EVENT

Now at rest in his beloved County Clare, Dave Priestley was a well-known face at traditional Irish Music sessions in Leeds and indeed throughout Britain and Ireland in the 1970's/80's/90's. His memory is celebrated by musicians, singers and old friends.  
**The Harp, 25 Cromwell Street**  
**Lincoln Green, Leeds LS9 7SS**

**Tue 13th Nov**  
In partnership with **Leeds CCE** and **Leeds Libraries**  
**Irish Evening featuring traditional music /song/dance from Anima, Patrick Heffron and friends**  
**6.15pm–7.45pm FREE EVENT**  
**Chapel Allerton Library, Harrogate Road**  
**Leeds LS7 4LZ**

### Wicked Words 8.00pm–11.00pm

The highly regarded **Wicked Words** poetry group meet every month and have featured a range of established guests as well as local poets. This month they take on an Irish slant to celebrate the *Leeds Gathering* and feature County Clare based poet **Michael Reeves**. Born in Limerick in 1950, Michael was a teacher in Leeds for many years before returning to Ireland to live in West Clare in 1999. His poems have appeared in anthologies and national newspapers in Ireland and in England and his work has been broadcast many times on *RTE's Sunday Miscellany*, *Clare FM* and *Limerick FM*. He is a member of the Midnight Court, a group of poets who live in Clare. Also a painter, he has exhibited in many group shows and he had his first solo show in Ennis three years ago. His reading will feature poems from Kelly, the Boy from the West, an extended narrative of a journey through innocence, experience and the rediscovery of innocence.  
**SEVEN (Chapel Allerton Arts Centre)**  
Harrogate Road, Leeds LS7 3PD  
**£4/£3 concessions**

### Ylem 9.00pm FREE ALBUM LAUNCH

Occident meets orient. Ylem featuring **Kate Badcock, Roddy Johnstone** and **Jules Marley** push the boundaries of Celtic music with their innovative interpretation of folk tunes and songs. Fiddle, flute, guitar and vocals create their distinctive sound.  
**www.myspace.com/ylemfolk**  
**Cardigan Arms, 364 Kirkstall Rd, LS4 2HQ**

### Mik Artistik's Ego Trip 8.30pm FREE

Here again for the second year running, Leitrim born **Mick Gallagher** entertains, dazzles and bamboozles his audience with satelittic humour, 'dance' and 'surreal electric music', one of the coolest shows 'out there'. Tapas, and Irish food.  
**Bar menu available.**  
**The Millrace Organic Restaurant**  
Abbey Road, Kirkstall, Leeds LS5 3AQ  
Booking advisable. Tel 0113 2757555

### Wed 14th Nov Traditional Irish Music Session with Derek Magee and friends 9.30pm FREE

**Chemic Tavern, Johnston Street Woodhouse,** Leeds LS6 2NG

### Thu 15th Nov Chris O'Malley & Sam Proctor 8.00pm FREE

**DOUBLE ALBUM LAUNCH**  
Featuring performances from two of the most dynamic musicians in traditional Irish Music at the moment, this evening also includes performances from a range of guest musicians from Britain and Ireland including Mike Galvin (Guitar/keyboard) Des Hurley (Fiddle) Tim Edey (Guitar/accordion) and Dan Griffin (Bodhran) and finishes with a traditional session – not to be missed.  
**The Tara Suite, Leeds Irish Centre**  
York Road, Leeds LS9 9NT

### Fri 16th Nov Lúnasa with support from The Luke Daniels Band Doors 7.30pm

Inspired by Ireland's great 1970s group The Bothy Band, Lúnasa use melodic interweaving of wind and string instruments, pairing flutes, fiddle, whistle and pipes in often breathtaking arrangements.

Bassist Trevor Hutchinson was a key member of The Waterboys, and later he, with guitarist Donogh Hennessy, would form the dynamic rhythm section of The Sharon Shannon Band. Fiddler Sean Smyth is an All-Ireland champion who has played with Donal Lunny's Coolfin; Kevin Crawford, considered to be among the finest flutists in Ireland played with the acclaimed traditional group Moving Cloud; and, piper Cillian Vallely (of the same talented musical family as brother Niall Vallely of Nomos). They were rightly called an 'Irish music dream team' in the magazine Folk Roots. At the end of 2004 guitarist Donogh Hennessy decided to take some time out to develop his own projects. He was replaced by Tim Edey and Paul Meehan – two of the most dazzling young guitar/multi-instrument talents in the Celtic genre today. Both shared guitar duties on Lúnasa's 2006 release. Paul Meehan is now a permanent member of the band.

One of the most sought-after and influential bands on the traditional circuit.  
**The Tara Suite, Leeds Irish Centre**  
York Road, Leeds LS9 9NT  
**Tickets £12.50**  
**The City Centre Box Office** Tel 2243801

### Sat 17th Nov Lunchtime Recital of Traditional Irish Music with Luke Daniels and Friends (Geantra) 1.10pm–2.00pm FREE EVENT

Luke Daniels is one of a new breed of contemporary composers coming from a background of folk and traditional music, 1992 BBC Young Tradition Award Winner and ex Riverdance band member.

Luke was more recently selected to take part in the Distil programme organised by the Scottish Arts Council, an event through which he met Judith Weir.

His recent piece 'Circle of Stone' was recently featured on BBC Radio 3's In Tune programme. Whilst previous commissions have been performed at the English National Opera Works, London Jazz Festival, South Bank's 'Folk in the Fall' and at The Royal Festival.

His work has received support in the past from Arts Council England, The Performing Rights Society Foundation and The Scottish Arts Council. He believes that the folk musical ethos can help young people develop a highly disciplined approach to music through their love and enjoyment of it. A belief that led him to set up his Traditional Music Academy at South Hill Park in 2004 with funding from the National Foundation for Youth Music.  
**School of Music**  
University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT

### Traditional Irish Music Sessions with Guest Musicians 3.00pm–6.30pm

**The Grove, Back Row, Leeds LS11 5PL**

In partnership with **Leeds International Film Festival**

### The Legend of Liam Clancy 7.30–9.00pm FREE SCREENING

Liam Clancy is an icon. Irish people, thousands of whom pack out every concert he plays, believe they know where Liam has come from, and what he's about... they don't know the half of it. The Legend of Liam Clancy unveils the darker side of the man hailed by Bob Dylan as the greatest ballad singer of all time. Directed by acclaimed film-maker Alan Gilsonen, this biographical film reveals the true Liam Clancy and was a landmark programme in RTE's Arts Lives series.

Followed by traditional Irish music session in the Seven bar (approx start 9:30pm).  
**SEVEN, 31A Harrogate Road, LS7 3PD**  
Tel 0113 2626777 or [info@sevenleeds.co.uk](mailto:info@sevenleeds.co.uk)

### Sun 18th Nov Ireland: Celebrating Peace, Embracing Change 7.00pm–9.00pm FREE EVENT

A seminar and cultural event looking at the peace process in Ireland and the prospects for future change. Speakers from the DUP, Sinn Féinn as well as British and Irish Government delegations.

A partnership event from Leeds City Council, Leeds Metropolitan University, Leeds Irish Health & Homes and The Irish Arts Foundation.  
**Leeds Civic Hall Banqueting Suite**  
**Free event – email [peace@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:peace@leeds.gov.uk)**  
**or ring 0113 247 4341 for tickets**

### Traditional Irish Music Session with Guest Musicians 3.00pm–6.00pm

**Trio Bar**  
44 North Lane, Headingley, LS6 3HU

### Also

In partnership with **Leeds Irish Historical and Cultural Society**

### Headingley and Chapel Allerton Libraries detailing the post famile experiences of Irish emigration to East Leeds Weekend Displays

### Flux Irish Film Festival

In the relaxed setting of the Flux Gallery: a series of Irish films. For further details see [www.fluxgallerypress.co.uk/events.htm](http://www.fluxgallerypress.co.uk/events.htm) for further details.

### Mon 12th–16 Nov

In partnership with **Artforms Education Leeds**  
**The Schools Gathering featuring workshops on dance/music/storytelling**  
Teachers from a number of schools across Leeds are bringing students to further their knowledge of Irish arts and culture. For further information:  
**[sarah.westaway@educationleeds.co.uk](mailto:sarah.westaway@educationleeds.co.uk)**

Please note all details and times are correct at the time of going to print. Please refer to website [www.irisharts.org.uk](http://www.irisharts.org.uk) for updates.



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