



IrishArts
Foundation

Ó aois go nua-aois:
Ag ceiliúradh na
ndámh Éireannach
sa Bhreatain

From the Traditional
to the Innovative:
Celebrating the Arts
of Ireland in Britain

Well...

you're welcome here, kind stranger

The fourth Leeds Gathering festival is a twelve day celebration of Irish music and arts, from the 6th to the 17th of November 2008. We've tried our very best to bring you the finest examples of traditional and contemporary Irish arts, we're sure you'll enjoy it.

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www.irisharts.org.uk



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Who's behind it?

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!

By the way...

The Autumn is becoming established as Irish festival season in Britain, and this year we are proud to follow on from our friends at The Return to Camden Town Festival, London and Liverpool Irish Festival, where we have worked together to co-ordinate events.



The Official Launch Event In Partnership with Leeds Metropolitan University

Featuring guest speakers *Simon Lee* (Vice Chancellor, Leeds Metropolitan University), *Ciarán Byrne* (Cultural Officer, Embassy of Ireland), *Jim O'Hara*, (Chair, Irish Cultural Centre, Hammersmith, London and former Director of Irish Studies at St. Mary's College, Twickenham, Dion Advisory Committee), *Anna Dunne* (Vice Chair, Leeds Irish Health & Homes, Marketing and Communications Director, Audiences Yorkshire), *Seamus McGarry* (Chair, Ireland Fund of Great Britain, Dion Advisory Committee) and *Brian O'Farrell* (General Manager, Jurys Inns, Leeds). Event to be followed by a networking opportunity for Irish business and voluntary/arts sector groups. **Invitation Only.**

Headingley Carnegie Stadium, LS6 3BR

Thu 6th November

Mary Coughlan

8.00pm

This event features one of Ireland's original and still premier Jazz singers. Originally from County Donegal and now living in Galway, *Mary Coughlan* has been described as a singer who comfortably resides inside her song, she can move effortlessly from playful to persistent, relaxed to razor sharp, white-hot to ice cold. Quite deadly in her aim, she guides us through her emotional responses to life's trials and dazzles with her vocal range and assured mellow purity:

"...we left the comfort of the truly live venue, our hearts moved and our faith restored in

the cathartic nature of beautifully rendered song." The Irish World

Presented by jfklliveinleeds

Tickets £15 Adv (Jumbo Records

0113 2455570 + booking fee)

£17 Door | Leeds Irish Centre,

York Rd LS9 9NT

Fri 7th November

Dick Gaughan with The Marroni Family & Cathy Potter

**In partnership with
The Border Gaitherin
Celebrating the musical links
between Scotland & Ireland
8.00pm–10.30pm**

Dick Gaughan, legendary guitarist, singer, songwriter, composer and record producer. Gaughan was brought up immersed in the musical traditions and culture of the Gaels, both Scots and Irish which, naturally,



provide the foundation for everything he does. His father, Dick, was born in Leith of an Irish father, an Irish speaker and fiddle player, from Doohoma in Mayo. Gaughan's grandmother, *Bridget Madden*, born in

Glasgow of Irish parents from Killala, played button accordion and was also a singer. The evening will begin with a performance by *The Marroni family*, from Kelso in the Scottish Borders, who organise The Border Gaitherin Festival www.bordergaitherin.com On this occasion they are joined by Belfast based harpist *Cathy Potter*.

Tickets £12 | Seven (Chapel Allerton Arts Centre) 31A Harrogate Road, Chapel Allerton, LS7 3PD

Sat 8th November

Yorkshire Farmers Market

11.00am

This popular monthly event features Highland Piper *Roddy Johnson*.

Free Event

**The Rose Garden (outside the Arc)
North Lane, Headingley, LS6 3HU**

www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk

Sat 8th November

Frankie Gavin & Mike Galvin

8.00pm–10.15pm

The Irish Arts Foundation is delighted to welcome legendary Irish fiddle and flute player *Frankie Gavin* from Corrandulla, County Galway and from Killarney, County Kerry, virtuoso guitarist *Mike Galvin*.

Undoubtedly one of the most influential and respected musicians in traditional Irish music, he was one of the founder members of Irish traditional super group, *De Dannan*.



Support from Belfast born singer/song-writer *Mark Kane*.

Tickets

£8/10 Advance,

£10/£12 Door

Otley Courthouse,

Courthouse Street,

Otley LS21 3AN. Box

Office 01943 467466

www.courthouseproject.org.uk

Sun 9th November

Traditional Irish Music Session

3.00pm



Hosted by County Antrim flautist *Deirdre Havlin*, formerly of the widely renowned band *The London Lasses*, and fiddler *Karen Ryan*, Musical Director of *Return to Camden Town Festival*.

Free Event

**The Grove, Back Row,
Holbeck Urban Village, LS11 5PL**

www.grovefolkclub.org.uk/grove_inn.html

Mon 10th November

Jam Night/Irish Night

9.30pm–11.15pm

The Owl goes Irish with *Reel High*, a lively local Irish group leading the session.

Free event

The Owl at Rodley

1 Rodley Lane,

Rodley, LS13 1LB

0113 2565242

www.theowlatrodley.co.uk

Why Not Experience Here?

8.30pm Free Event

Bodhrán (Irish drum) Workshop

Tue 11th November

Tuesday Irish Elders Club

12.00 Noon

Includes bingo, dancing and refreshments. Contact the Irish Centre for details on how to join.

Free Event

Leeds Irish Centre, York Road,

LS9 9NT

0113 2480887

www.theleedsirishcentre.co.uk

Sounds of Ireland

In partnership with Leeds CCE and Leeds Libraries

7pm–8.30pm

An evening Featuring Traditional Music, Song & Dance from emerging female songstresses *Anima*. Also featuring local musicians and dancers from the Leeds branch of *Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann* (Irish Musicians Association) and highly acclaimed second generation Irish author *Ray French*.

Free Event

Chapel Allerton Library

Harrogate Road,

LS7 4LZ

'Sing around'

8.30pm

This long established weekly event takes on a distinctly Irish flavour with *Jim Doody and friends* as part of The Leeds Gathering!



Free Event | Abbey

Inn, Pollard Lane,

LS13 1EQ.

Call 0113 2581248.

Leeds CAMRA

Community Pub of

the Year 2008,

situated beside

the Leeds Liverpool Canal

www.theabbey-inn.co.uk

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8.00pm Free Event

Traditional Irish Singing Workshop

Wed 12th November

Traditional Irish Music Session

9.30pm

Traditional Irish Music Session with *Derek Magee and friends*.

Free Event | Chemic Tavern, Johnston

Street, Woodhouse, LS6 2NG

GAA Tournament

In partnership with *Yorkshire GAA* (Gaelic Athletic Association) County Board and *Leeds Metropolitan University*.

GAA tournament featuring nine a side teams competing for the *Carnegie St Patrick's Cup*.

Free Event | Leeds Rugby Academy Ground,

Kirkstall, LS5 3BW. For info 0113 2666337

Thu 13th November

Lecture and Poetry Recital Evening

7.30pm

David Cooper (Professor of Music & Technology and Dean of the Faculty of

Performance, Visual Arts & Communications, University of Leeds) discusses the ways in which over the past thirty-five years or so Protestants have become confused and ambivalent about their relation to traditional music, and many have rejected the music as their 'own'. Some turned to the music of Orangeism, but many, particularly among the urban intelligentsia and middle classes, were deeply unhappy to be associated with music which they felt was tainted by its association with sectarianism.

This lecture focuses on the Ulster-Scots movement and its approach to musical performance, questioning whether there are actually one, two or in fact multiple musical traditions at play in the region.

Lucht Focail, the award winning Irish writing group based in Leeds, then break new ground again with a thought provoking performance of original poetry to complement *David Cooper's* preceding lecture.

Picking up themes and emotions they will take their audience into an exploration of the past, the future and the diversity of what the North and peace now represent in the Irish diaspora's psyche. They will give words to the dream of their culture being owned by all the Irish as it was before the troubles, irrespective of religion or politics.

Lucht Focail's work has been commended by the Irish ambassador to Britain and described by Irish Post journalist and poet, *Joe Horgan* as "...the flesh and bones of the Irish abroad...there are voices here...that will go on to make an impact on literature..." *Ilkley Literature Festival*.

The engaging South Armagh fiddle player, *Niamh Gallagher*, will draw the evening to a close leading a traditional Irish music session in the auditorium.

Free Event | Seven (Chapel Allerton Arts Centre) 31 A Harrogate Road, Chapel Allerton, LS7 3PD

Fri 14th November

Over 55's Day Club

12.15–2.30pm

New people are always welcome to join the relaxed Irish environment at the Montague Burton Resource Centre. Lunch is provided and Irish music is played.

Free Event

Montague Burton Resource Centre, Roundhay Road, near St. Aidan's Church, LS8 5RU.

For information contact Leeds Irish Health & Homes on 0113 262 5614 www.lihh.org

Fri 14th November

Lunchtime Recital of Traditional Irish Music

**in partnership with
The University of Leeds**

1.10pm–1.55pm

Des Hurley (fiddle, button accordion) and *Chris O'Malley* (piano, piano accordion, guitar) perform traditional and contemporary material as part of the 2008–2009 University Concert Programme.

www.leeds.ac.uk/music

Free Event

**The School of Music,
The University of Leeds, LS2 9JT**



Fri 14th November

Grada

**In partnership with SaltaireLive
Doors 7.30pm Start 8.15pm**



After playing to a rapturous audience at their Leeds show last year, superbly talented Irish band *Grada* return as one of the major acts of this year's Gathering.

The Irish Times described their music as having *"enough steam in its heels to leave most of its peers at the starting blocks"*. They draw from a wide range of influences which has seen them working with the likes of producer *Trevor Hutchinson* (Lunasa, Sharon Shannon, Waterboys) *Dave Hingarty* (ex-Frames) and *Vyvienne Long*.

Formed in 2001, *Grada* are fronted by singer/bodhran player *Nicola Joyce*, whose powerful vocals and engaging stage-presence mark her out as one of Irish music's true emerging stars. Alongside her is an instrumental line-up bursting with talent – *Colin Farrell* (fiddle), *Gerry Paul* (guitar) *Alan Doherty* (flute) and *Andrew Laking* (stand-up bass). This is Irish traditional music with a contemporary edge that leaves audiences gasping for breath.

www.gradamusic.com

Tickets £12.50 (Available in person or online from Jumbo Records or call SaltaireLive on 01274 588614)

Queens Hall

(next to Immaculate Heart Church)

294 Harrogate Road

LS17 6LE

Concert

**In partnership with
Garforth Arts Festival
7.30pm**

Garforth Community College Ceili Band formed under the musical guidance of Irish Arts Foundation outreach workers *Roddy Johnson* and *Kate Badcock* in partnership with Garforth Arts Festival Director *Dave Evans*. The Band comprises of fifteen students from Garforth Community College. They are set to present yet another outstanding performance of ceili music from Ireland, Scotland & England following their success at Garforth Arts Festival.

£5/£3 concessions | Garforth Community College, Lidgett Lane, LS25 1LJ

Sat 15th November

Film: The Irishmen

**followed by a
Traditional Irish Music session
with guest musicians**

**In partnership with The Leeds
International Film Festival and
School of Cultural Studies Leeds
Metropolitan University
7.30pm**

The Irishmen (BBC, 1965, Donnellan) was commissioned and made for the BBC during 1964/5 but pulled from its broadcast 'Tuesday Documentary' slot. Shot on location mainly



in London and the midlands by *Phillip Donnellan*, 'one of the awkward squad' of filmmakers who thrived within the Corporation in the 60s, this remarkable film documents the working and social life of that quintessential figure of British labour history: the Irish navy. Doing away with the conventions of a single authoritative narrator or on-screen 'reporter', Donnellan's approach radically uses

multiple voices, personal testimony and popular music in a non-linear 'impression of exile'. *Dr Lance Pettitt*, School of Cultural Studies, and Leeds Metropolitan University, will present the film and chair an audience discussion afterwards.

Free Event | Seven (Chapel Allerton Arts Centre) 31A Harrogate Road, Chapel Allerton, LS7 3PD

Sun 16th November

Singers Session

1.00pm–3.00pm

Singers' session with Leeds based folk/blues outfit *My Pet Brick* and Irish singer songwriter *Vincent Brady* all the way from County Cavan. If you enjoy singing a song or if you would just like to listen, this could be for you!

Free Event

Dare Café, Otley Rd, LS6 3AB

Traditional Irish Music Session

3.00pm

Traditional Irish Music Session with special guests, Glasgow based fiddle player *Benny McHugh*, son of well-known fiddle player, the late *Jimmy McHugh*, and on the button accordion, from Birmingham, *Enda Molloy*.

Free Event | The Grove, Back Row, Holbeck Urban Village, LS11 5PL

Mon 17th November

Traditional Irish Music and Ballad Session

9.00pm–11.15pm

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 and 90's. Musicians, singers and old friends now annually celebrate his memory.

Free Event

The Harp, Cromwell Street, Lincoln Green, LS9 7SS

Thursday 6th to Monday 17th November

Photographic exhibition by Leeds Irish Historical & Cultural Society 'The Bank' – A Leeds Irish Community

This exhibition tells the story of the lives and experiences of Irish community in East Leeds that arrived following the Famine or Great Hunger in the mid nineteenth century. The community lived around *Mount St Mary's Church* ('The Famine Church') which became the living heart of the Bank.

The display will officially opened by Councillor *Jim McKenna* at 11.00am on the 6th Nov.

Free Event

Armley Library, 2 Stocks Hill, LS12 1UQ

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Please note: all details are correct as of 26th October 2008. The Irish Arts Foundation reserves the right to amend any programme details in the future.

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