

**Mayo County Council**  
Cruinniú na nÓg Event Grant Scheme  
2025 Application Guidelines

**PLEASE READ THESE CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING FOR FUNDING**

**Interested in organizing a creative event for children and young people in your community?** You can apply to host a creative event or organize a creative project with an event on Cruinniú na nÓg 2025.

**What is Cruinniú na nÓg?**

**Cruinniú na nÓg** is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. The inaugural Cruinniú na nÓg took place on 23rd June 2018 and is now held annually in partnership with local governments across Ireland. Ireland is the first, and only, country in the world to have a national day of free creativity for children and young people under 18.

For full details on Cruinniú na nÓg see: <https://cruinniu.gov.ie/>

**What is the purpose of Mayo County Council's Cruinniú na nÓg grant fund?**

The key objective of the fund is to provide support to youth groups; local community groups; artistic, heritage and creative practitioners; event organisers and those involved in creative activities and projects, to create a day of open events for children and young people to explore their creativity or to add a dedicated event to showcase children and youth's creativity from an ongoing programme.

The fund is being administered by Mayo County Council, and will be evaluated by the Mayo County Council Creative Ireland Culture Team.

**What Fund amounts are available?**

For 2025, total funding of €20,000 has been allocated for Cruinniú na nÓg grants.

**Conditions:**

1. Fund is open to not-for-profit organisations, local community groups, arts, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies. Applications by individuals must be in partnership with a community, cultural or heritage group. Assistance shall not be given in respect of commercial activities.
2. Applications will be accepted through the consult platform <https://consult.mayo.ie/en/applications> or on the official application form only if it is not possible for an applicant to use the consult platform.
3. Applications may only be made for projects that will be delivered in County Mayo.
4. Applications may be accompanied by supporting material such as evidence of previous projects, CV's, organisation profile, links to online supporting materials etc. All supporting material to be no larger than A4 paper size.



5. All recipients of grant funding under this scheme for projects involving children or young people must have appropriate policies in place as regards Child Protection.
6. All recipients of grant funding under this scheme must have appropriate insurance policies and Health and Safety procedures in place.
7. Grant aid provided by Mayo County Council under this scheme must acknowledge Creative Ireland and Mayo County Council in all publicity material associated with the project. **Failure to acknowledge appropriately may deem the grant aid invalid and support received may need to be refunded to Mayo County Council.**
8. All successful applications will receive a copy of Mayo County Council and Cruinniú na nÓg Creative Ireland logos, along with guidelines. Grant aid provided by Mayo County Council under this scheme must use the Cruinniú na nÓg logo and acknowledge Creative Ireland and Mayo County Council in all publicity material associated with the project. **Failure to acknowledge appropriately may deem the grant aid invalid and support received may need to be refunded to Mayo County Council.**
9. We reserve the right to publicise the awarding of the Creative Ireland funding.
10. **In order to claim your grant, completed final reports must be submitted to Mayo County Council on or before June 15th 2024. Failure to do so may deem the grant aid invalid.** All particulars are detailed further in the guidelines.
11. Closing Date for applications is March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. No other documentation can be submitted after the closing date.
12. All applicants will be informed of Mayo County Council's decisions in writing.
13. Depending on the level of grant awarded, a current Tax Clearance Certificate may be required.
14. Payments will be made to lead creative person or organisation only.

### Scoring Criteria:

All proposals will be evaluated using the following marking scheme:

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| 1 | The degree to which children and youth get the opportunity to explore or showcase their creativity in a 'hands on' way during the event. | 400 |
| 2 | Evidence of understanding of the age group of the children and youth the event is for.   | 300 |



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| 3 | Capacity to deliver (a) clear plan of how and who to deliver<br>(b) clear timescale | 150  |
| 4 | Cost of Initiative  | 150  |
|   | Total   | 1000 |

**Note:** There is no guarantee of funding for projects which achieve the minimum eligibility criteria. The fund is limited and eligible applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis. There is no guarantee that projects will receive 100% funding, as it will depend on the number of successful applications.

#### What items and expenses are excluded from the fund?

- Spend on alcoholic beverages, fines, penalty payments, legal cost or general overheads.
- For any activity which are not connected to Cruinniú na nÓg on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- For profit events are excluded.
- Charity or fund-raising events are excluded.
- Applications from National organizations.

#### How do I apply?

Applications can be made through the online form at <https://consult.mayo.ie/en/applications>  
Only fully completed submissions received via this portal will be accepted.

However, if you have difficulties using the consult platform you can request a paper form by emailing [creativecommunities@mayococo.ie](mailto:creativecommunities@mayococo.ie)

Applications must be received **by 5pm March 24<sup>th</sup> 2025**. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered. No other documentation can be accepted after the closing date.***

#### How will I know if my application has been successful?

Applications will be assessed by the Creative Ireland Cultural Team of Mayo County Council. All applicants will be notified of decision in writing.

Successful applicants will receive a Letter of Offer. This letter will form the contract between Mayo County Council and the organiser, and will detail all conditions and requirements.

A list of successful applicants will be published on Mayo County Council's and Creative Ireland's website stating project/event name and details.

#### If I am successful how do I draw down the fund?



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Creative Ireland  
Programme



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo  
Mayo County Council



Payment to successful applicants will be made by electronic fund transfer and only after the project has been completed. In order to receive the payment, the successful applicant must complete a short **Report Form** (to be supplied by the Mayo County Council in the Letter of Offer) and provide the following:

- Evidence that the project/event has been completed (e.g. photographic evidence, newspaper cutting, etc.)
- Evidence of expenditure - Receipts/ invoices for the full costs
- Evidence of appropriate acknowledgement of Creative Ireland.
- Payment will be made to the organisation or lead creative practitioner and not to individual(s)
- Summary of project, any changes to project, numbers participated.

**Note** - Failure to complete this Post Event form will require the applicant to repay the grant(s) to Mayo County Council and will exclude applicants from future grant schemes.

