NATURE GAMES

A free day of Creativity for Children and Young people

County Wexford Events

15th June 2024

Wexford Town Events

Booking Opens 4th June

Nothing Goes to Waste. Settings and Scene Creation

With: Brid Colloton
Where? Irish National Heritage Park, Ferrycarraig, Co Wexford Y35 X313
Who is it for? Special Educational Needs. Ages 8-12 and 12 - 18 yrs
What time?
8 - 12 years - 10:00am - 11:15am
12 - 18 years - 11.30 - 12:45pm

Details:
Examining the in-built recycling rhythms found in nature, participants will use different found materials and printmaking techniques to explore and build game settings and scenes. For children and young people with Special Educational Needs.

Booking:
Email: bridcolloton@gmail.com
Visit: https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/arts-and-culture

Bee House Making

With: Cian O'Raithaille from Anyone 4 Science
Where? Wexford Library, Mallin Street, Y35 AY20
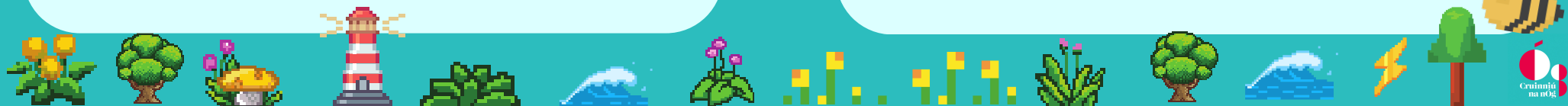**Who is it for?** Ages 5 - 8
What time?
10:30 - 11:30 or 14:00 - 15:00

Details:
In this fantastic bee workshop, children will learn about the bees' importance to biodiversity and the environment. They will use recycled objects to build a bee house which can be put in their own gardens or outdoor spaces. This workshop is followed by Developing the Bee as a Character – Creative Writing and Comic-book Making with Caroline Busher. Participants are welcome to book for just one workshop or both. Booking is essential as places are limited.

Booking:
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Developing the Bee as a Character – Creative Writing and Comic-book Making

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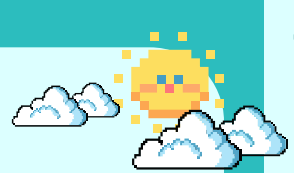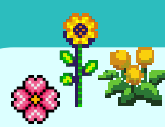**Who is it for?** Ages 5 - 8
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Details:
Join Irish Times Best Selling Author Caroline Busher for a fun creative writing and comic making workshop! You will create your own Bee superhero character, who will go on an environmental adventure to some the best-known landmarks in County Wexford. Learn fun facts about the lives of bees and how they really are the superheroes of the insect world!
This workshop follows the Bee House Making workshops with Cian O'Raithaille from Anyone 4 Science. Participants are welcome to book for just one workshop or both. Booking is essential as places are limited.

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The Daisy Diaries Character Design

With: Jeni Roddy
Where? Wexford Library, Mallin Street, Y35 AY20
Who is it for? Ages 4 - 6 and 7 - 10 yrs
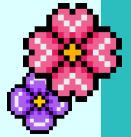**What time?**
4 - 6 years - 14:00 - 15:30
7 - 10 years - 16:00 - 17:30

Details:
Through drawing, crafting and design, children will imagine and build game-based characters that boast resilience and resourcefulness to survive in different worlds. Taking the common daisy as inspiration, the children will examine survival techniques that are evident in nature, and discover the amazing processes that everyday plants go through!

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Wexford's Urban Playground - Breakdancing

With: Arnie Kovacs and Vivian Brodie Hayes
Where? National Opera House, 14 High Street, Wexford, Y35 Y7N1
Who is it for? Ages 10 - 12
What time?
10:30 - 13:00 (3 hours)

Details:
In the Wexford Urban Playground workshop the children will consider how the community roots of street dance and hip hop can be used to inspire characters and rules for game-making. Creating characters living in fantasy worlds, the children will move and dance together to explore the social conventions of those new worlds. This workshop promotes original and authentic expression through movement, and demonstrates how art, creativity and community are linked.

Booking: https://www.nationaloperahouse.ie/

Songs of Seedlings – a Climate Change Opera Workshop

With: Music Generation Wexford
Where?
The National Opera House, 14 High Street, Wexford, Y35 Y7N1
Who is it for? Ages 12 - 6
What time?
14:00 - 16:00 (2 hours)

Details:
Join the young people from Music Generation Wexford's Opera Workshops to sing the songs from Seedlings, a futuristic climate change opera, written and directed by Elizabeth Drwal in collaboration with young people and composed by Andrew Synnott.

Led by Elizabeth Drwal, Aileen Donohoe and the young people from the opera, Music Generation Wexford will host an exciting singing workshop for young people who will experience the story and songs of Seedlings and have the opportunity to perform them.

'In the not-too-distant future, a tribe of young people live underground. This world has no sunrise, no sunset, no stars, no trees, no mountains. Who are these people? How did they get here?....

Booking:
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WexBox Game Jam
Create A Game in A Day

With: Galway Game Jam
Where? Wexford Library, Mallin Street, Y35 AY20
Who is it for? Ages 12 - 18
What time?
10:30am - 17:30 with break for lunch

Details:
A game jam is an event where participants make a video game from scratch in an allocated amount of time. Between 10.30 am and 5.30 pm on 15th June, gaming experts will work with twenty young people to build a game – the mission is to save Wexford's environmental future. Over the course of the day young people will work in teams and learn about programming, coding, and creative game design. There are twenty places available, and participants must be available for the whole day.

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Digital Game Design Through
Analogue Play

GAMING WORKSHOP

With: Games Designer Richard Naughton
Where? Wexford Library, Mallin Street, Y35 AY20
Who is it for? Ages 12 - 18
What time? 10:30am - 13:00

Details:
A Working with non-digital devices such as packs of playing cards, sets of Jenga, dice, poker chips, and chess pieces, this workshop encourages players to think about digital game design without worrying about coding and other technical requirements. Working with the mission of 'Saving Wexford's Environmental Future', the workshop will use creative thinking to explore the possibilities and boundaries of a game that sets its players this task, looking at it from every angle. Through team work and solo exercises, at the end of the workshop players will have designed their very own game!

In partnership with Imirt – the representative body of game developers and creators from all disciplines throughout Ireland.

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Meet the Gamer Session with Creative and Technical Games Designer Richard Naughton

Where? Wexford Library, Mallin Street, Y35 AY20
Who is it for? Ages 12 - 18
What time? 13:00 - 13:45

MEET THE GAMER

Details:
Join these sessions to understand more about careers in gaming and game development. To compliment the gaming workshops held in Wexford's five libraries by gamers and game developers we are hosting five 'Meet the Gamer' sessions. These sessions offer young people a chance to connect with the workshop leaders and find out more about the behind-the-scenes work involved in gaming and game-making.

Richard Naughton – Creative and Technical Games Designer
Since graduating from a Game Art and Design degree, Richard has worked as a graphic designer and a Quality Assurance Lead at Electronic Arts. Specialising in the cross-section of Visual and User Experience (UX) Design, Richard is currently creating a game-book for an unannounced project.

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The Night Games

Where? Clayton Whites Hotel, Abbey Street Wexford Y35 C5PF
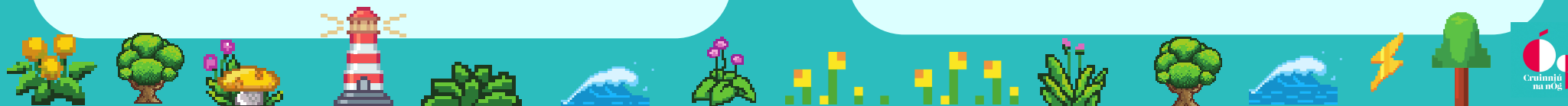**Who is it for?** Ages 12 - 18
What time? 19:30 - 22:30

Details:
The Nature Games Festival Club – teenagers only. Round up the Cruinniú na nÓg celebrations and activities at The Night Games. Play our new 'made in Wexford by teenagers' video game on the Huge Screen, challenge your friends to Jenga and drafts in our Oldies but Goodies games stations, experiment with plate spinning and juggling, explore our interactive nature-art installation, be uplifted by performances from the Yellow Bellows choir, and amaze at the breakdancing skills from Spring Moves Dance Fest. Teenage friendly snacks will be available.

Booking:
Free Event, but booking is essential.
Please email: Gamenightcruinniu@gmail.com

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