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Fáilte chuig an naoú Féile Buan Foghlama i gCorcaigh.

Mar is gnáth, cuireann sé éagsúlacht mhór d'imeachtaí ar fud na cathrach, ag cur béime ar réimse na deiseanna atá ann le haghaidh foghlama, do chuide aois.

Tá fás tagtha i stad agus ábharthacht na féile ó na naoi mbliana anuas. Is mana na féile í ná Iníúchadh a dhéanamh, Páirt a ghlacadh, Ceiliúradh - agus tógann muintir Chorcaí go mór sa chróí dó - rannpháirteach ag líon mór in eagrú imeachtaí agus ag freastal orthu.

Tá an féile nasctha le Féile an Phobail. I mbliana tugann cuairt Ard-Mhéara Bhéal Feirste an Comhairleoir Niall Ó Donnghaile go Corcaigh chun an clár seo a sheoladh liom aird faoi leith ar an nasc idir a dá Féile. Is sampla iontach de chomhoibriú trasteorann uile Éireann é an nasc idir na féile. Aithníonn an dá fhéile bealaí inar féidir leo oibriú le chéile chun rud éigin a fhoghlaim ón dhá chultúr. Mar sin, mar shampla, i mbliana tá ealaíontóirí múrmhaisiú ó Bhéal Feirste ar chuairt & beidh Meitheal Mara, tógáilthe bád traidisiúnta i gCorcaigh, ag obair le grúpa ceannairí óige ón dá phobal sa Tuaisceart.

Ní fhéadfadh an fhéile tarlú gan tacáíocht ó eagraitheoirí na nimeachtaí agus ó na hurraitheoirí. Go háirithe, tá iarracht ollmhór á chur ag oibríthe deonacha chun go néireoidh leis an seachtain. Thar ceann muintir Chorcaí, is mian liom aitheantas foirmiúil as ucht a gcion ollmhór.

Welcome to the 9th Cork Lifelong Learning Festival.

As usual, it offers a huge variety of event across our city, highlighting all the opportunities there are for learning, whatever your age.

The festival has grown in stature and relevance over the last nine years. Its motto is Investigate, Participate, Celebrate – and the people of Cork have very much taken that to heart – participating in great numbers by organising events and attending them.

The festival's twinning with Féile an Phobail is marked this year in a special way with the visit by the Lord Mayor of Belfast Cllr Niall Ó Donnghaile to Cork to launch this programme with me.

The twinning of the two festivals is a great example of cross-border/all-Ireland collaboration. Both festivals identify ways in which they can work together to learn something of each other's culture. So, for example, during this year's festival we have mural artists visiting from Belfast & Meitheal Mara, Cork's traditional boat builders, working with youth group leaders from both communities in the North.

The festival could not happen without the support of the event organisers and sponsors. In particular a huge effort is put in by volunteers to make the week a success. On behalf of the people of Cork, I wish to formally acknowledge their huge contribution.

Cllr Terry Shannon

Lord Mayor of Cork, Festival Patron

Is cúis áthais dom fáilte a chur romhaibh chuig an Fhéile Buan Foghlama don naoú uair i gCorcaigh. Tá fás ann arís i mbliana, leis na céadta imeachtaí saor in aisce gur féidir le daoine sult a bhaint astu. Tugann an fhéile deis do gach duine a bhfuil páirteach i ngach chineál foghlama sa chathair ceiliúradh agus a gcuid gníomhaíochtaí a thaispeáint. Tá tábhacht ar leith le hoideachas agus oiliúnt sna cuinsí eacnamaíoch seo.

Tá an fhéile eagraithe ag an Fóram Foghlama Chathair Chorcaí, a bhunaíodh leis an Bord Forbartha Chathair Chorcaí mar chuid den straitéis Chathair Foghlama a shárú i gCorcaigh.

Tá cinneadh déanta ag an gcoiste eagrúcháin seimineár bliantúil a chur ar siúl ar lá oscailt na féile. Is é teideal an seimineár ná "Buan Fhoghlaim - ó Austerity go Rathúnas? Tugtar deis dúinn díospóireacht a dhéanamh ar an méid a dtugann buan foghlaim ar théanamh eacnamaíoch na tíre. I measc na gcainteoirí beidh Seán Sherlock T.D. Aire Taighde agus Nuálaíocht & George Osborne ó Hume Global Learning Village (HGLV) as Victoria, san Astráil. Tá súil ag an bhféile gur féidir foghlaim ó HGLV agus forbairt a dhéanamh ar an gcomhpháirtíocht eadrainn. Gabhaim buíochas ó chroí leis an gcoiste eagrúcháin agus do na comhlachtaí san earnáil dheonach, phoiblí, stáit agus phríobháideach atá ag cur leis an fhéile.

I am very pleased to welcome you to the ninth festival. It has grown with hundreds of free events for people of all ages to enjoy. The festival is an opportunity for everyone involved in all forms of learning in the city to celebrate and to showcase their activities. In the current economic climate education & training are of particular importance.

The festival is organised by the Cork City Learning Forum, which was founded by the Cork City Development Board as part of the strategy of making Cork a City of Learning.

The organising committee has decided to introduce an annual seminar on the festival's opening day. The title of the inaugural event is: Lifelong learning- from austerity to prosperity? It will give all of us the chance to debate the role lifelong learning can play in our country's economic recovery. Among the speakers are Minister for Research and Innovation Seán Sherlock TD & George Osborne from the Hume Global Learning Village (HGLV) in Victoria, Australia. The Cork festival hopes to learn from HGLV and to develop a working partnership with it.

My sincere thanks to the organising committee and to all the voluntary, community, state and private sector bodies who contribute to the festival.

Ted Owens

CEO, City of Cork VEC & Chair of the Cork City Learning Forum



The festival promotes and celebrates learning in all its forms and encourages take up among all age groups, particularly those who may not usually participate in learning. *Déanann an Fhéile seo foghlaim i ngach cruth a chothú agus a cheiliúradh agus spreagann sé rannpháirtíocht i ngach aoisghrúpa, go mór mhór iad san nach nglacann páirt go h-iondúil i ndeiseanna foghlaime*



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Events listed by starting time.

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MEITHEAL MARA / FÉILE AN PHOBAIL YOUTH CURRACH BUILDING PROJECT – THE NEXT PHASE

This year's programme builds on the successes of 2011 when two youth groups were involved in a cross-community boat building project in Cork and Belfast. The two finished currachs were launched by the Mayor of Lisburn during Féile an Phobail last August.

The aim is to build two further currachs with a training the trainers dimension to embed the skills in the local communities. Youth Leaders from Belfast will be in Cork during the festival working with Meitheal Mara in Crosses Green. The public are welcome to meet them – call Cathy 431 6813 to check times.

That will be followed with training on the Lagan for previous participants and new young people from both communities in preparation for two water-based events: Ocean to City in Cork in June and a new event Féile an Abhainn in Belfast during Féile an Phobail in August. Then the four completed currachs in Belfast will be joined by currachs & traditional craft from Cork & Lough Neagh on the Lagan for a new dimension to Féile.

Contact: Padraig O'Duinnin or Cathy Buchanan Meitheal Mara 431 6813 or Kevin Morrison, Féile an Phobail Youth Co-ordinator (South 028) (North 048) 903 13440

MAHON MEN'S ART GROUP/ RADICAL ARTISTS & FÉILE AN PHOBAIL – MURAL PROJECT

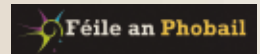
The project was a great success during the 2011 festival - part of its legacy is a mural at Blackrock Castle Cork and another on Northumberland Street, off the Falls Road, in Belfast.



Now two of the mural artists belonging to Radical Artists Belfast, who worked with the Mahon group in Cork & again in Belfast during Féile in August, come to Cork. Muralists Frank Quigley & Michael

Doherty will be accompanied by four young unemployed men (two drawn from the nationalist & two from the loyalist community) identified by the John Hewitt Unemployed Resource Centre in Belfast. In Cork they will be joined by four young unemployed men from Mahon. Working together they will create a mural, inspired by the Titanic centenary, at the Lough. The public is invited to visit them on site from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday evening. Call Viv 085 801 5885 to check times. A return visit during Féile an Phobail in August will be planned.

Both cross-border projects are supported by the Cork festival, Féile an Phobail, Co-Operation Ireland and Dunlaoi, the Cork-based charity.



BUILDING LINKS WITH THE HUME GLOBAL LEARNING VILLAGE IN VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

The festival welcomes a special guest from the Southern Hemisphere – George Osborne of the Hume Global Learning Village in the northern suburbs of Melbourne, Australia. George is speaking at the inaugural Annual Seminar at Triskel Christchurch on Monday at 11am & at Blackpool Community Centre on Tuesday at 2pm. He'll also be visiting other events.

The Hume Global Learning Village – HGLV – has its origins in 2003 when Hume City Council established a Safe City Task Force and adopted a Social Justice Charter and Bill of Human Rights. Its initiatives reflect the diverse nature of its community with 140 nationalities speaking 125 languages other than English at home, and with 28.8% of the population born overseas – different challenges than ours. The Village is a network of 750+ individuals and organisations working together to improve learning opportunities for their community.

We see parallels between the HGLV & this festival:

- It links learning providers;
- It was set up with a concern for social justice & social inclusion;
- Hume suffers 'considerable disadvantage' just like parts of Cork;
- It advocates learning;
- It promotes & celebrates learning through activities including its Four Seasons of Learning programmes, which resemble ours.