

## CREATIVE IRELAND & KILKENNY

Cruinniú na nÓg aims to celebrate and encourage children and young people's participation in culture and creativity through a compelling spread of performances, coding, theatre, art and music workshops, readings and screenings, special events and much more. This variety of child-centred events will be free and activity-based, with plenty of opportunities for young people to get 'doing', 'making' and 'creating'.

Each of the country's 31 Local Authorities is creating a programme of local events to showcase and share opportunities for children and young people. Children aged 0 to 18 will be able to experience a wealth of creative activities in their home counties.

"...It is about giving (children and young people) the opportunity to express themselves through a specially curated programme of cultural and creative activities where they can share their ideas, learn new skills and have fun!" - Minister Madigan TD.

### THE KILKENNY YOUTH THEATRE EXPERIENCE

*Develop confidence & interpersonal skills through drama. And have some fun...*

**Kilkenny Youth Theatre** has been around for nearly three decades. Young people from all over the county have crossed its doors and produced some memorable pieces of theatre from *Alice in Wonderland* to *Romeo and Juliet* to its own original work this year *There is Only Now*.

Youth theatre is a place where people can come together to explore theatre and performance, while having fun and developing personal and social skills.

Its parent company, **Barnstorm Theatre Company**, would love to share how the youth theatre works on the 23 June as part of Cruinniú na nÓg, a new national day of creativity for children and young people.

A series of workshops will be facilitated by professional tutors, and will be specifically tailored to each age-group.

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| - | 6-8 year olds (1 hour)     | 10:00 – 11:00 |
| - | 9-11 year olds (1 hour)    | 11:30 – 12:30 |
| - | 12-14 year olds (1½ hours) | 13:30 – 15:00 |
| - | 15+ year olds (1½ hours)   | 15:30 – 17:00 |

The workshops will take place at The Barn, Church Lane, behind St Canice's Cathedral.

Each session will actively engage participants through the use games and exercises to explore theatre.

Barnstorm Theatre Company believes that everyone should have access to take part in the arts. This is a free event but prior booking is **essential**.

If you would like to book a place please contact Anna at 056 7751266 or email [anna@barnstorm.ie](mailto:anna@barnstorm.ie)

Please note places are limited and are strictly by age-groups.