



Donegal County Development Board
Bord Forbartha Chontae Dhún na nGall

Donegal: A Creative County.

MAKING CONNECTIONS ~ CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Donegal County Development Board Cultural Resources Forum

One-Day Conference TUESDAY 4TH OF OCTOBER 2011 – BALLYBOFEY

Major Conference On The Future Development Of The Cultural Sector In Donegal

High profile speakers, with a national profile, are among the contributors who will attend an important conference in Villa Rose Ballybofey exploring the potential for developing the cultural sector in Donegal. Speakers include the well-known musician, television producer and cultural champion, **Philip King**; **Dermot McLaughlin** of Temple Bar Cultural Trust, who is also the man behind the successful Culture Night festival; **Ian Brannigan** of the Western Development Commission; **Michael Starrett** of the Heritage Council; **Kevin Kidney** of Failte Ireland and **Shona McCarthy** of City Of Culture 2013.

This special one-day conference, organised by the Cultural Resources Forum of the Donegal County Development Board, aims to explore the possibilities for development, expansion or possibly just survival, that may be available to the cultural sector in Donegal, specifically in the areas of Cultural Tourism and in the context of the emerging focus on role the 'Creative Industries' are set to play in Ireland's eventual economic recovery.

The conference is designed to give participants the best opportunity to explore and discuss with national figures the role that culture can play in assisting Donegal and the north-west region make connections and create opportunities within the areas of cultural tourism and creative industries.

The conference will be of great benefit to anyone working in the sector or participating in cultural activities, be it the Arts, Heritage or language. The conference will also explore how other sectors can benefit from the development of Culture, with particular emphasis on the tourism sector. The conference, thus, will be of great benefit to people from a wide range of sectors and agencies.

Facilitated workshops for Conference Participants, discussing theme, issues and ideas raised in presentations will pose questions such as

- **What Constitutes A Creative Industry In Donegal?**
- **What Are The Opportunities For Growth In Creative Industries In Donegal?**
- **How Can Heritage Contribute To Economic Growth In Donegal?**
- **What Constitutes Cultural Tourism In Donegal and what role has the Diaspora?**
- **How Can Donegal Benefit From City Of Culture 2013?**

VENUE & BOOKINGS

Tuesday 4th of October, 2011
Villa Rose Ballybofey. 8.30am

Bookings at: Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey.074 91 31840
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Subscription €10.

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