



Culture Night 2026

Sponsorship Guidance



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

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Introduction

Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir is a national moment, celebrating all that makes up the richness and diversity of our Cultures today, connecting people to cultural activities locally and nationally and aims to open up pathways to ongoing engagement.

This annual, public event which takes place each year on the second last Friday of September, Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir celebrates culture, creativity and the arts and seeks to actively promote the belief that this rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives, today and every day.

Council Support

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is committed to supporting communities to explore, protect, develop and share our rich culture. We are particularly interested in events that celebrate their stories, encourage participation, increase access to cultural activities, and reflect the cultural geographical spread and diversity of the Fermanagh and Omagh district.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for sponsorship, applicants must:

- Be a constituted group or organisation
- Have a bank account with at least two signatories
- Hold public liability insurance
- Be located within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area

Eligible Events and Activities

To be considered for support, events must:

- Relate to the Culture Night 2026 theme
- Enhance public understanding, enjoyment of, and engagement with your own or different cultures
- Be free of charge and open to the public

- Demonstrate clear public benefit
- Take place on Friday 18 September 2026 from 4pm
- Commit to being included in Council-supported promotional activity

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Quality and creativity of the proposed event
- Opportunities for active participation and engagement, including walks, talks, tours, workshops or demonstrations
- Geographic spread across the district
- Diversity of cultural activity and community engagement
- New or first-time participation in Culture Night
- Partnership working and collaboration between groups or organisations
- Inclusivity and outreach to families, young people, older people and underrepresented communities

What We'd Love to See

We particularly welcome proposals that:

- Increase access to cultural buildings, art or stories not usually open or shared with the public
- Encourage community storytelling and intergenerational learning
- Celebrate traditional skills, arts and crafts, music and dance, fashion and knowledge
- Food-related cultural experiences or tastings
- Drama or theatre events
- Activities that consider accessibility and inclusion, including physical, sensory or financial access barrier

Eligible Costs

Funding may be used towards reasonable event-related costs including:

- Materials and workshop supplies
- Venue hire
- Equipment hire
- Marketing and promotional materials
- Performer, facilitator or speaker costs
- Hospitality @ 20% of the total cost unless the event is solely a heritage food event.

The following costs will not be supported:

- Core organisational running costs
- Alcohol
- Retrospective costs
- Activities not linked to Culture Night 2026

Acknowledging Sponsorship

Successful applicants will be required to acknowledge the support of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Culture Night in promotional materials and social media activity.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Successful applicants will be required to complete a short evaluation following their event, including attendance figures, outcomes, feedback and images where possible.

Claims and Payment

Funding will be awarded following assessment and approval of applications. Please note that all payments will be made retrospectively following the completion and submission of a claim form through the Council's online funding system.

Successful applicants will be required to provide evidence of expenditure and confirmation that the event or activity took place. This may include receipts, invoices, photographs, attendance figures and promotional materials. Monitoring and evaluation information will be included within the claim form. All claims must be submitted by 30 November 2026.

How to Apply

Apply online at www.fermanaghomagh.com

Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 3 August 2026

For further information or support with your application, contact the Events Team:
sponsorship@fermanaghomagh.com or Telephone: 0300 303 1777