



An Grianán

Adult Education College

Programme

2026

Relaxing

Learning

Enriching

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About An Grianán

Ideally located just 10km from Drogheda, An Grianán offers pedestrian access to long sandy East Coast beaches.

With many indoor and outdoor activities available, you can find a course that suits you, learn a new skill, meet friends, and enjoy a unique experience. If there's a course you'd like that isn't in our brochure, An Grianán Manager Jennifer Murphy and the team would be happy to arrange it. Please contact us on **041 982 2119** or email admin@an-grianan.ie.



An Grianán holds major historical significance, originating over 220 years ago. It became Ireland's first residential adult education centre and has its roots in the Irish Countrywomen's Association, the nation's oldest and largest women's organisation.

The 18th-century stately home, originally Newtown House, passed through several owners before being used by the ICA for early Summer Schools in the 1930s. In 1945 it became the Tearman Hotel under the Irish Tourist Board.

The concept for An Grianán emerged in 1952 when Muriel Gahan of the ICA proposed a residential college to the WK Kellogg Foundation. Purchased for the benefit of the Irish people, it officially opened in 1954, with Dr Donal O'Sullivan leading the first course.



Welcome

From National President Mary D'Arcy

An Grianán in Irish means “a sunny place” and it holds a very special place at the heart of our association.

Join us in the immersive educational opportunities on offer while you relax and enjoy our hundred thousand welcomes.



Important Dates for 2026

National Lace Week - Spring 2026

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th February.

National Competitions Weekend 2026

Saturday 28th February - Monday 2nd March.

Irish Weekend - Deire Seachtaine Gaeilge 2026

Friday 6th March - Sunday 8th March.

National Handcraft Week - Spring 2026

Monday 13th April - Friday 17th April.

Produce Weekend 2026

Friday 15th May - Sunday 17th May.

ICA National Brown Bread Baking Final 2026

July - date TBC.

National Handcraft Week - Autumn 2026

Monday 7th September - Friday 11th September.

National Lace Week - Autumn 2026

Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October.

Christmas Party Weekend & Craft Market 2026

Friday 6th November - Sunday 8th November.

Christmas One Day Demonstrations 2026

Thursday 26th November & Thursday 3rd December

FEES 2026

Week Course 4 nights prices

(Week course check-in Monday at 3pm, Check-out Friday at 11am)

- ICA/WI Members (ensuite).....€410 pps
- Non-Members (ensuite).....€509 pps*
- ICA/WI Members (non-ensuite).....€400 pps
- Non-Members (non-ensuite).....€499 pps*
- Single Supplement Price for 4 nights.....€120

Weekend Courses

(Weekend course check-in Friday at 3pm - Check out Sunday at 2pm)

- ICA/WI Members (ensuite).....€219 pps
- Non-Members (ensuite).....€309 pps*
- ICA/WI Members (non-ensuite).....€209 pps
- Non-Members (non-ensuite).....€299 pps*
- Single Supplement Price.....€60

Group Prices 2026

- Group One Night.....€199pps*
- Group Over 50 pax (Weekend).....€299pps*
- **For longer stays for groups please contact us directly.**

***VAT will be charged on activities or services that do not fall under An Grianán's educational offerings.**

- Payments can be made by cash, credit or debit card/cheque or bank transfer.

Cancellation Policy for 2026

- **A non-refundable** deposit of €70 is required per booking.
- **We do not** give cash refunds for any cancellations, unless course is cancelled by An Grianán. Gift Voucher will be issued.

Please note: Fees quoted are inclusive of accommodation, full board and tuition. There may be additional charges payable to tutor on the day for course materials.

Proof of membership is required for all ICA and WI members.

CALENDAR

Please note all dates are subject to change

Bookings are open for all

Please call us on 041 982 2119 for enquiries or email admin@an-grianan.ie

JANUARY 2026

- **Friday 16th January - Sunday 18th January**

Termonfeckin Set Dancing Weekend 2026.

FEBRUARY 2026

- **Friday 13th February – Sunday 15th February**

Samaritans Conference

- **Friday 20th February – Sunday 22nd February**

Lisnagarvey and Members

Courses include Limerick Lace, Art and Woodland Embroidery.

- **Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th February**

National Lace Week 2026:

Courses include Carrickmacross Lace, Mountmellick Lace and Limerick Lace with Eleanor Calnan and Bobbin Lace with Ann Keller

- **Saturday 28th February – Monday 2nd March**

National Competitions Weekend 2026

- **Saturday 28th February:**
 - Table Quiz Final
- **Sunday 1st March:**
 - Drama Competition
- **Monday 2nd March:**
 - Gempack Final
 - Creative Writing Final

MARCH 2026

- **Saturday 28th February – Monday 2nd March**
National Competitions Weekend 2026

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- **Friday 6th March – Sunday 8th March**

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeilge agus Cairde An Grianan 2026.

Ag ceiliúradh ár gcultúir agus ár dteanga dhúchais, bígí linn don Deire Seachtaine Gaeilge in An Grianan – is deis iontach í chun d’Gaeilge a neartú, roinnt port agus amhrán a fhoghlaim, spraoi a bheith agat trí dhul ag damhsa agus spraoi a thabhairt do do chroí le Spiorad na hÉireann. Bí Linn

Celebrating our culture and native tongue, join us for Deire Seachtaine Gaeilge in An Grianan- its a perfect opportunity to tune up your irish, learn a few tunes, have some fun exercising through dance and lighten your heart with the Spirit of Ireland. Bi Linn!

Courses include Aran Knitting, Crochet for Beginners, Stained Glass and Acrylic Art, Irish Conversation Skills, Craic agus Ceoil.

- **Friday 20th March - Sunday 22nd March**

Mothers’ Union Weekend

Private Conference.

APRIL 2026

- **Friday 10th April - Sunday 12th April**

Wicklow Federation and Qigong and Taichi with Bernie and Members Weekend

Courses include Gardening, Card Making, Qigong and Taichi with mindfulness among others.

APRIL 2026

- **Monday 13th April - Friday 17th April**

Handcraft Week 2026

Visit An Grianán and experience a taste of Ireland's finest heritage and cultural crafts – from Mountmellick Lace, Curved Patchwork, Calico Gardens and Shadow Trapunto to name a few. Places are limited to book early to avoid disappointment.

- **Friday 17th April - Sunday 19th April**

Samaritans Conference

Private conference.

MAY 2026

- **Friday 8th May – Sunday 10th May**

Dublin Chamber of Music

Private Conference.

- **Friday 15th May - Sunday 17th May**

Monaghan, Sligo, Leitrim, Longford Federation Weekend & Produce Weekend

Courses include; Ribbon Embroidery, Brazilian Embroidery Decoupage, Pottery, Irish Crochet Lace, Free Motion Embroidery, Jewellery making and Arts.

- **Friday 22nd May - Sunday 24th May**

Na Piobairi Uilleann Weekend

Private Conference.

JUNE 2026

- **Friday 5th – Sunday 7th June**

Tallaght, Kilmanagh, Bohernabreena and Members

Courses include Taichi with Mindfulness, Relax and Recharge with Fiona among others to be decided

- **Friday 12th - Sunday 14th June**

Donegal and Kildare Federations and Members

Courses available upon request.

JUNE 2026

- **Friday 19th June - Sunday 21st June**

Mayo Federation and Members Weekend

Courses available upon request.

- **Sunday 28th June - Friday 3rd July**

Cairde Na Cruite International Harp Festival 2026

JULY 2026

- **Saturday 4th July at 3pm**

An Grianán Annual Garden Party

Join us in An Grianán for the Annual Garden Party to include BBQ, Fashion Show along with Line Dancing Class. Dance into the night with some Live music in the Kellogg Hall.

Ticket price only €70 pp.

Make a full weekend of it from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th of July, member price including Garden Party ticket **€230 pps.**

- **Monday 6th – Friday 10th July**

Kerry, Laois and Limerick Federations and Members Week

Courses include Brazilian Embroidery and Recharge with Fiona, Gardening, Pyrography and Acrylic Art.

AUGUST 2026

- **Friday 7th August - Sunday 9th August**

Saint Vincent de Paul

Private Conference.

- **Saturday 15th August – Saturday 22nd August**

Irish Recorder and Viola Conference 2026

- **Monday 31st August – Thursday 3rd September**

Kays Tour

SEPTEMBER 2026

- **Friday 4th September - Sunday 6th September
Offaly, Roscommon and Carlow Federations and
Members Weekend**

Courses include Stained Glass, Mixed Crafts, Mindfulness, Beaded Embroidery, Decoupage and Self/Chair Yoga.

- **Monday 7th September - Friday 11th September
National Handcraft Week - Autumn**

Visit An Grianán and experience a taste of Ireland's finest cultural crafts — from Crewel Embroidery and Contour Quilting to Sprigging, Cross Stitch, and Serviette Art.

Places are limited, book early to avoid disappointment

- **Friday 11th September – Sunday 13th September
Wicklow Federation, Pitch and Putt and Members
Weekend**

Courses to be decided.

Pitch and Putt Finals in Seapoint Pitch and Putt Club followed by awards ceremony and lunch in An Grianán.

- **Friday 18th September – Sunday 20th
September**

Galway and Clare Federation Members Weekend

Courses include Chicken Scratch Embroidery, Beaded Jewellery, Calligraphy and Decoupage.

- **Friday 25th September – Sunday 27th
September**

**Douglas ICA & Members & Mindfulness Wellness
Retreat with Bernie**

Courses Include Pebble Art, and Mindfulness through Taichi/Qigong and breath work among others.

OCTOBER 2026

- **Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October**

Lace Week and Waterford Week

Courses include Carrickmacross Lace, Mountmellick Lace and Limerick Lace with Eleanor Calnan and Bobbin Lace with Ann Keller.

If you need guidance while working on unfinished projects join us for Waterford Week, Tutors will be available to assist and advise.

- **Friday 9th October – Sunday 11th October**

Kildare, Dublin and Friends Weekend

Courses to include Singing, Bridge. Pebble Art, Christmas Crafts, Stained Glass, Parchment, Ribbon Embroidery, Pyrography. Gold Work, Tunisian Crochet.

- **Friday 16th October - Sunday 18th October**

Dublin Chamber of Music

Private conference.

NOVEMBER 2026

- **Friday 6th November- Sunday 8th November**

Christmas Party Weekend

Join us for a weekend of festivities from Christmas carols to mulled wine and mince pies. Take part in one of our Christmas themed courses and learn a new skill! Lunch will then be served in the afternoon around 1pm before returning to classes. A traditional Christmas dinner is served in the evening, before rounding up the night on a high with live entertainment. Departure Sunday morning after a full Irish cooked breakfast.

€230.00 per person Sharing.

- **Sunday 8th November**

Christmas Craft Market in An Grianán

NOVEMBER 2026

- **Friday 13th November- Sunday 15th November**

Alpine Garden Society Ireland

Private conference.

- **Friday 20th November - Sunday 22nd November**

Widowed In Ireland and Knitters

Courses to include Christmas Crafts, DIY and Wellness.

- **Thursday 26th November**

Christmas One Day Demonstrations

Arrive to tea, coffee and fresh homemade scones at 10am. Take part in the Christmas themed demonstration of your choice with classes kicking off at 10.30am. Take a break in the afternoon to enjoy our traditional Christmas 3 course dinner before returning to courses. Freshly baked mince pies and tea and coffee served before departure from An Grianán.

€70 per person.

Demonstrations include Christmas Crafts, Christmas Wreaths, and Cookery.

DECEMBER 2026

- **Thursday 3rd December**

Christmas One Day Demonstrations

Arrive to tea, coffee and fresh homemade scones at 10am. Take part in the Christmas themed demonstration of your choice with classes kicking off at 10.30am. Take a break in the afternoon to enjoy our traditional Christmas 3 course dinner before returning to courses. Freshly baked mince pies and tea and coffee served before departure from An Grianán.

€70 per person.

Demonstrations include Christmas Crafts, Christmas Wreaths, and Cookery.

Courses Available at An Grianán 2026

- **Bespoke Beaded Jewellery**

Create a bespoke piece for any occasion that is personal to you.

- **Ribbon Embroidery**

Stunning effects can be achieved by using different colours. Learn the skills of contemporary and vintage art of embroidery resulting in beautiful three-dimensional pieces of art.

- **Encaustic Art**

Use heated beeswax, pigment and a hardening resin to create a beautiful ethereal effect. Suitable for Card Making, Bookmarks and Framed Pictures.

- **Historical Homes**

Visit stately homes exclusively opened to An Grianán. This course brings history alive.

- **Wood Turning/Pyrography**

Learn how to craft your favourite poem or quote onto natural wood (can be used as a gift or wall hanging)

- **Relax and Recharge**

A lovely relaxing weekend where we relax, destress, and refocus. We will have Chair Yoga, Facial Yoga, Meditation and Breathwork. Essential Oils for relaxation and de-stressing are introduced, and participants will make room spray and perfume oil. Cost is €35. Limit 12 participants.

- **Parchment Craft**

Parchment Craft is the art of cutting and perforating special parchment paper to create lacework.

- **Wet Felting Flowers**

Create a beautiful piece to add to a special outfit using traditional wet felting technique.

- **Governance/Officer Training**

Learn the good governance principles related to charities and community and voluntary sector including officer roles and responsibilities, educating women to provide leadership in their communities.

- **Goldwork**

Goldwork is the most regal and luxurious of embroidery techniques. Goldwork differs from other surface embroidery techniques especially considering the threads used. Unlike threads from natural or man-made fibres (cotton, wool silk, rayon) the threads used in Goldwork are made from raw metal.

- **Brazilian Embroidery**

A raised embroidery with floral designs using special threads for the techniques.

- **Louth Land of the Legends Walking Tours**

Explore the history of Louth and its beautiful walkways from visiting historical sites like Monasterboice High Cross & Round Tower, Collon House & Gardens, Listoke House and the green walkway to Oldbridge House.

- **Upcycling with paint & Decoupage Workshop**

Martina is an Artist who is passionate about upcycling. She loves to breath new life and transform something old into a beautiful work of Art. Collecting old pieces of slate we will design a sign for your home or garden. We will also upcycle and paint a picture frame or an old welly, delving into various painting techniques along with the creative skill of Decoupage

- **Bobbin Lace**

A beautiful way to make a lace textile by braiding and twisting lengths of thread, which are wound on bobbins.

- **Silk Painting**

A wonderful opportunity to design your own silk scarf with that very personal touch.

- **Card Making for All Occasions**

Prepare for the year ahead, and the occasions that 2026 offers. From birthdays, weddings, first holy communions, confirmations and new arrivals, this course offers a chance to create cards for all occasions with a personal touch. Learn new techniques to treasure and share.

- **Self Care with Aromatherapy Focusing on Insomnia, Arthritis and Rheumatism or Mood Boosting Oils for anxiety, SAD & the Immune System**

This workshop will have facial yoga, meditation, advice on essential oils and discuss methods to aid with the above.

- **Wreath Making**

Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter, each season and occasion is an opportunity to create and display a wreath. Join us to create your own stunning piece. It makes for a perfect gift for a loved one – or yourself!

- **Taichi/Qigong, Taoist Yoga, Relaxation**

An introductory course to caring for the self through Taoist Yoga. The benefits are endless! Suitable for any age, skill level and even those suffering from ill health. Taoist Yoga combines a variety of styles of yoga and synchronizes your body through breathwork and stretching.

Qigong is the ancient Chinese Practice that takes a holistic approach to healing. It uses a combination of gentle movements and controlled breathing to help us improve the flow of energy within our bodies. Qigong offers a number of mental, physical, and emotional benefits.

- **Calligraphy**

Calligraphy is a visual art related to writing. It is the design and execution of lettering with a pen, ink brush or other writing instrument. Contemporary calligraphic practice can be defined as “the art of giving form to signs in an expressive, harmonious and skilful manner.

- **Pebble Art**

Pebble art makes a lovely keepsake or gift for any occasion. It is the art of making and then framing small scenes or landscapes made with pebbles and natural elements. It is a wonderful activity with immense decorative power.

- **Beaded Embroidery**

Learn a new skill with us this year. Beaded Embroidery is the application of a variety of sizes and colours of beads to achieve an embroidered piece suitable for framing. The techniques learned in this course can be transferred, the stitches learned in the course can even be used to embellish clothing at home.

- **Retreat Weekend**

Focus on de-stressing, re-focusing and setting intentions. Let meditation, the creation of vision boards and ultimate relaxation set you up for the year still to come. Setting your intentions in the New Year is only the beginning!

- **Folk Art**

Specifically Roses and Castles. This is also known as Canal Art, traditionally found on barges and canal boats.

- **Needle Felting**

Discover the magic of Needle Felting. Using Wool & Fibres instead of paint, you will learn the essential techniques required to create a stunning felted picture. Together we will experiment with colour, texture, layering and blending. Needle felting is not only incredibly fun but also remarkably forgiving, ensuring beautiful results every time. Be warned needle felting is very addictive!



Needle Felting



Lace Making

For further depictions of crafts/courses on offer in An Grianán, please visit www.ica.ie

The Tradition of Heritage Crafts

Tradition of crafting, preserving and promoting native Irish handcrafts is core to the educational offering at An Grianán.

Lacework is highly skilled craft and there are many levels of expertise. **National Lace Week** is an opportunity for all crafters to practice their skill and engage with other lace workers and skilled practitioners.

Bobbin Lace, Carrickmacross Lace, Limerick Lace, Knitted Lace and Tatting are all taught and practiced during Lace Week. This year we are celebrating Lace Week twice in February and October.

By practicing lace work skills, the learner continues to highlight, teach and pass on these important heritage crafts.

National Handcraft Week is another example of the commitment to supporting, promoting and teaching heritage crafts in Ireland. Crafters, and enthusiasts alike join together to complete proficiency tests, pursue skill competencies and learn new crafts. Working with others, learners pass on the important skills and knowledge and keep the tradition of heritage crafts alive in our country.



The Cookery School at An Grianán

Here at An Grianán Cookery School we provide culinary employable skills to learners in a relaxed and conducive manner.

We offer both hands-on and demonstration classes for groups and students.

Our tutors offer excellent cookery classes, information, for those with an interest in the culinary arts.

All levels catered for from the budding beginner to the closet MasterChef, with a wide range of courses on offer.





Nearby Seapoint Beach



National ICA Brown Bread Baking Final 2025



Deire Seachtaine Gaeilge 2025



Handcraft courses 2025



Produce Weekend 2025



Spring Handcraft Week 2025



Competitions Weekend 2025



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