# MAYO DARK SKY FESTIVAL

## TICKETS & BOOKING

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| 2 day ticket (all talks + Sun concert) | €40 |
| 1 day ticket (Sat or Sun talks) | €25 |
| Individual Talk (pay at the door) | €10 |
| Friday Opening event | €5 |
| Planet Champion Workshop (children go free) | €5 |
| Lego Workshop | €5 |
| Seashore Safari (children go free) | €5 |
| Gala Dinner | €40 |
| Jack L Finale Concert (free entry with 2 day ticket) | €25 |

... plus LOTS of **FREE** events!

Children u16 go free to all events except **Lego Workshop** and **Gala Dinner**

**For full programme details and to buy tickets, visit**

**mayodarkskyfestival.ie**




1. **Hotel Newport** F28 YX89
2. **Newport National School** F28 ED89
3. **St. Patricks Church Newport** F28 HF96
4. **Burrishoole Abbey** Aghadooey Glebe, off the N59
5. **Mulranny Park Hotel** F28 N2H9
6. **Mulranny Arts Centre** F28 F8N8
7. **Mulranny Beach** Opposite Mulranny Park Hotel
8. **Ballycroy Visitor Centre** F28 RX77

- *Newport to Mulranny* ***25 mins*** *(with temporary traffic lights)*
- *Mulranny to Ballycroy* ***20 mins***

Supported by: Fáilte Ireland, Wild Atlantic Way / Slí an Atlantaigh Fhiain

Free Shuttle Bus Timetable

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Newport | Mulranny | Ballycroy

## 2026 FESTIVAL PROGRAMME



**30 Oct - 1 Nov 2026**

www.mayodarkskyfestival.ie

# BALLYCROY

science | **culture** | **biodiversity**

## FRIDAY 30 October

**19:00** **FESTIVAL OPENING with Eoin Warner**
Reception | Music | Food
Visitor Centre - €5 - BOOK AHEAD

**20:30** **DARK SKY WALK & STARGAZING**
weather permitting
Visitor Centre - FREE

## SATURDAY 31 October

**ALL DAY** **EXHIBITIONS | TREASURE HUNTS...**
Visitor Centre - ALL FREE

**11:00** **FREE GUIDED HISTORY WALK**
Visitor Centre - NO NEED TO BOOK

**13:00** **BLACKSOD LIGHTHOUSE talk**
Visitor Centre - NO NEED TO BOOK

**15:00** **WEST MAYO FLYING COLUMN film**
Visitor Centre - NO NEED TO BOOK

## SUNDAY 1 November

**ALL DAY** **EXHIBITIONS | TREASURE HUNTS...**
Visitor Centre - ALL FREE

**11:00** **FREE GUIDED NATURE WALK**
Visitor Centre - NO NEED TO BOOK

**13:00** **EARTH - A COSMIC SPECTACLE talk**
Visitor Centre - NO NEED TO BOOK

**15:00** **THE LIVES OF WHALES, DOLPHINS & PORPOISES with RICHARD SABIN**
Visitor Centre - NO NEED TO BOOK

# MULRANNY

science | **culture** | **biodiversity**

## SATURDAY 31 October

### TALKS @ Arts Centre

**11:00** **LOUISE TOMSETT**
"Wildlife in the Dark - Surveying the Unknown"

**12:30** **JAMES O'NEILL**
"The Woodcock: Ireland's secret nighttime wader

**15:00** **DARRAGH ENNIS**
"The Effects of Light Pollution on Wildlife"

### ACTIVITIES

**11:00** **PLANET CHAMPION WORKSHOP**
Arts Centre - BOOK AHEAD

**13:00** **SEASHORE SAFARI**
Beach - BOOK AHEAD

**17:30** **DUSKING EVENT**
The Hug @ the Arts Centre - BOOK AHEAD

**20:00 GALA DINNER**
with entertainment by Ain't Misbehavin'
Drinks Reception at 19:30

Mulranny Park Hotel

## SUNDAY 1 November

### TALKS @ Arts Centre

**11:00** **KATE McANEY**
"A Career in Wildlife"

**12:30** **ANDREA PARISI**
"Corncrake Vocal Patterns"

**14:30** **ELLA McSWEENEY**
"Meet Your Host"

**15:00** **BETTYMAYA FOOTT**
"What the Camera Sees"

### ACTIVITIES

**12:00 LEGO WORKSHOP**
Arts Centre - BOOK AHEAD

# NEWPORT

**science** | culture | biodiversity

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

**20:00 FREE STARGAZING SESSIONS (1 HOUR)**
Burrishoole Abbey - NO NEED TO BOOK
**(weather dependent!)**

## SATURDAY 31 October

### TALKS @ Hotel Newport

**10:00** **STEPHEN KERSHAW**
"Telescope Practical Guide"

**11:30** **DEREK DEMPSEY**
"The Story of Pluto"

**14:30** **KAREN DERVAN**
"The Golden Record on Voyager"

**16:00** **JOHN ZARNECKI**
"Titan - Saturn's Cloudy Moon"

### ACTIVITIES

**PLANETARIUM SHOWS**
11:00 | 11:30 | 12:00
12:30 | 15:00 | 15:30
Newport NS
NO NEED TO BOOK

## SUNDAY 1 November

### TALKS @ Hotel Newport

**10:00** **FREE FILM:**
"Touching the Asteroid"

**11:30** **NIALL SMITH**
"Look Out-Space Debris About"

**14:30** **MICHAEL WISE**
"Building a Space Telescope"

**16:00** **DAME JOCELYN BELL BURNELL**
"The Discovery of Pulsars"

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## FESTIVAL FINALE

**18:30** **LANTERN WALK**
assemble at Newport Playground

**19:00** **CONCERT by JACK L**
St Patricks Church Newport