



18 OCT – 1 NOV 2024

EVENT PROGRAMME

*Féile na Samhna -
Bígitinn a chairde Chiarraí!*



OVER 40 FREE EVENTS

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KERRY HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

at Halloween

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2024 FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

JOIN COMMUNITIES ACROSS KERRY AND BEYOND, IN CELEBRATING THE ANCIENT TRADITIONS OF SAMHAIN (HALLOWEEN). ENJOY MORE THAN 40 FREE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SAMHAIN SPECTACLES, JACK O' LANTERN CARVING, STORYTELLING, GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS AND MUCH MORE!

The Kerry Homecoming Festival is presented by Kerry County Council as part of the Global Irish Festival Series, which is a joint initiative between Fáilte Ireland and the Department of Foreign Affairs, a countywide initiative to bring our Kerry Diaspora home during October 2024.

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Bí gí linn a
chairde Chiarraí!**



MOYVANE

19 October - 10:30



Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Marian Hall, Moyvane

25 October - 28 October

Moyvane Village Festival
Across Moyvane

LISTOWEL

20 October - 10:00



Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Listowel, Kerry Writer's Museum

27 October - 14:00

An American Wake
Kerry Writers Museum

30 October - 19:00

An Chailleach / The Hag Outdoor Spectacle Event
The Square, Listowel

BALLYBUNION

19 October - 14:00



Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Ballybunion Community Centre

ARDFERT

20 October - 16:00



Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Ardfert Community Centre



Keep an eye out for this symbol to join family friendly events across the Kerry Homecoming Festival.



PLEASE NOTE

Events listings are subject to change please check the website for up to date details. Due to GDPR guidelines please contact the organiser if you do not wish to be filmed.



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CASTLEISLAND

24 October - 15:00

Researching your family history with Tom Dillon
Castleisland Community Centre

24 October - 28 October
Patrick O'Keefe Traditional Music Festival
Castleisland

25 October - 14:00 
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Castleisland Community Centre



TRALEE

19 October - 12:00 
Storytelling with Niall de Búrca at the Kerry County Museum *Kerry County Museum*

19 October - 12:00
Finding Your Ancestors in Kerry with Tom Dillon *Tralee Library*

19 October - 12:00
Tour Of The Tralee Library Archives with Tommy O'Connor
Tralee Library

19 October - 15:00
Storytelling with Niall de Búrca at the Kerry County Museum *Kerry County Museum*

20 October - 13:00 
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Dúchas Comhaltas Centre MTU

26 & 27 October - 11:00 - 16:00
Make at the Museum with Me and The Moon 
Kerry County Museum

27 October - 09:00
Tralee Half Marathon
Denny Street, Tralee

31 October - 4 Nov 
National Circus Festival
Tralee

1 November - 19:00
An Chailleach / The Hag Outdoor Spectacle Event
Denny Street, Tralee 

BARRADUFF

26 October - 10:00 
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid

Barraduff Community Hub

MUCKROSS

25 October - 12:00 + 14:00
Folklore of births, deaths, and marriages with Tom Dillon
Muckross School House

27 October - 11:00 - 16:00
Make at Muckross with Me and The Moon 
Muckross House

KILLARNEY

18-19 October
Global Gaelic Games Social Festival
Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney

18-20 October
Kerry International Film Festival
Killarney

18-20 October
Killarney National Park's Samhain Autumn Gathering Festival
Killarney National Park

22 October - 16:00 
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Killarney Library

30 October - 3 November
Oireachtas na Samhna
Gleneagle INEC Arena





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KILLORGLIN

24 October - 31 October
An Féile Eile

Across Killorglin

26 October - 18:30
Folklore on Halloween and the Supernatural with Tom Dillon

Sean Scoil Killorglin

28 October - 18:30 
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid

Sean Scoil Killorglin



ANNASCAUL

23 October - 16:00 
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid

Aido's - Annascaul Cafe and Pottery Main Street, Ardrinane



DINGLE

18 October - 15:30 
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
An Díseart, Dingle

18 October - 19:00 
Fire Ritual, Music & Celebration with the Dingle Druid
Milltown House, Dingle

23 October - 10:30
Tourism and Hospitality SEC launch Energy Master Plan with guest speaker, Pól Ó Conghaile
An Díseart, Sráid an Doirín, Dingle

29 October - 19:00
An Chailleach / The Hag Outdoor Spectacle Event 
The Boatyard Place, Dingle

CAHERSIVEEN

27 October - 17:00 
Seán an Seánchaí
Cahersiveen

28 October - 15:30 
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Cahersiveen Library



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IVERAGH PENINSULA

18 October - 20 October
Skellig Coast Archaeology Festival
Iveragh Peninsula

20 October - 11:00
Bronze Casting Workshop
Portmagee

23 October - 14:00
Irish language walk on the theme of the Cailleach
Dromid Community Centre, Iveragh

24 October - 20:00
Placenames associated with the Cailleach - in-person and online talk
Community Hall, Dungeagan

24 October - 19:00
Stargazing and Storytelling Workshop
Staigue Fort House, Castlecove

CAHERDANIEL

22 & 29 October - 17:00 🍁
The Cailleach Costume Making workshop
Caherdaniel Community Hall

31 October - 16:00 🍁
Samhain Street Party & Parade
Caherdaniel



SNEEM
25 October - 31 October 🍁
Samhain in Sneem
Across Sneem

26 October - 17:00 🍁
Seán an Seánchaí
Sneem Story House, North Square

27 October - 11:00 🍁
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Sneem Community Centre

KENMARE

26 October - 16:00 🍁
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Kenmare Buttermarket

26 October - 1 November 🍁
Halloween Howl - Spirit of Samhain
Kenmare

31 October - 19:00 🍁
An Chailleach / The Hag Outdoor Spectacle Event
The Square, Kenmare

KILGARVAN
26 October - 13:15 🍁
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Kilgarvan Community Centre

WATERVILLE
27 October - 15:00 🍁
Jack O' Lantern Carving & Mask Making Workshops with the Dingle Druid
Tech Amergin, Waterville

28 October - 17:00 🍁
Seán an Seánchaí
Tech Amergin, Spunkane
30 October - 1 November 🍁
Halloween in Waterville
Across Waterville



WELCOMING THE CAILLEACH

The festival's centrepiece involves four specially commissioned Samhain spectacle performances in Dingle, Listowel, Kenmare and Tralee between October 28th and November 1st.

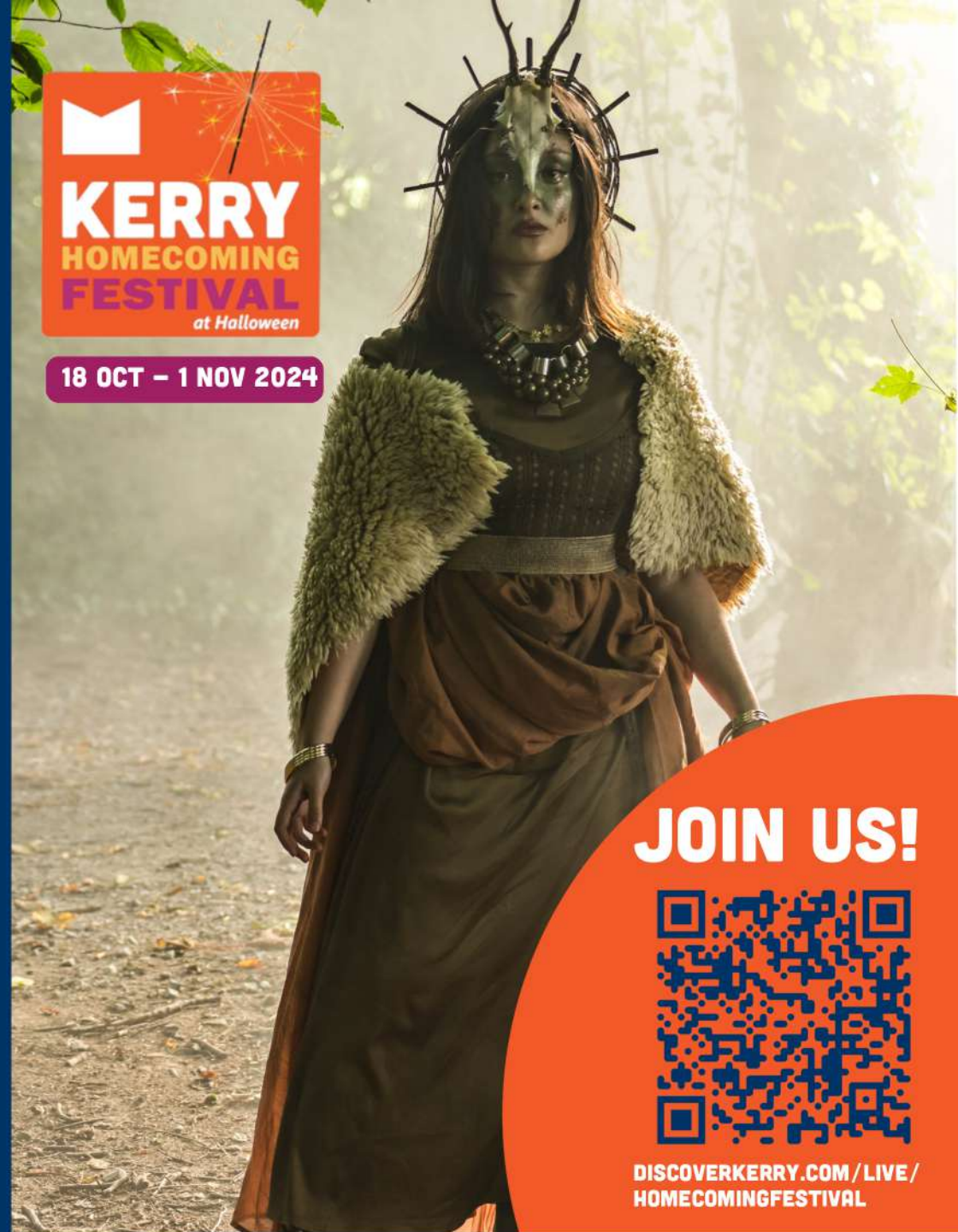
The performances are based on the legend of the Cailleach (Hag / Witch) who is the goddess of the winter months, whose season begins on Samhain, October 31st.

Ahead of these shows, locals and visitors, young and old alike are invited to take part in a series of Jack O'Lantern and mask-making workshops throughout the county and then bring their lanterns as an offering to the Cailleach at the beginning of one of the four performances and also proudly display their authentic Samhain masks.

Read more about the workshops [here](#) & our spectacle events [here](#).



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