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## County Longford Outdoor Recreation Plan - Public Consultation

**Longford County Outdoor Recreation Plan**  
Public meetings  
Have your say

Outscape is facilitating the development of a County Outdoor Recreation Plan for county Longford in partnership with key county outdoor recreation stakeholders. Key stakeholders include you – the public, activity providers, educators, outdoor recreation clubs, the land-owning community, and visitors to the county. You are invited to contribute to steering county Longford's outdoor recreation priorities by attending your nearest public meeting in April 2025:

- **Longford** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April between 3:30 – 5:00pm, Longford library. **Drop-in** any time between 3:30-5:00pm
- **Ballymahon** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 7:00-8:30pm, Ballymahon Library. This is a **public meeting** – please arrive promptly at 7:00pm
- **Granard** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7:00-8:30pm, Granard library. This is a **public meeting** – please arrive promptly at 7:00pm

Please register your intention to attend the event so that we can facilitate expected numbers. You can do this by scanning the following QR code with your smartphone camera. This will direct you to a short registration form:

Scan to register

**AN LONGFORT**  
ESTD 1916

**LONGFORD SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**  
LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

**An Roinn Feorbartha**  
Tuairisc ar an Pobail  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development

**Outscape**  
Whispering Outdoor Recreation

A series of in-person public consultations are set to take place ahead of the development of a new County Outdoor Recreation Plan for Longford. The meetings will allow the public to share their priorities for outdoor recreation across County Longford and take place in:

- Longford Library on Tuesday, 1 April. This is a drop-in session, and the public can call in anytime between 3.30pm and 5pm.
- Ballymahon Library on Tuesday, 1 April. This is a public meeting starting promptly at 7pm and running until 8.30pm.
- Granard Library on Wednesday, 2 April. This is a public meeting starting promptly at 7pm and running until 8.30pm.

All are encouraged to attend, including the general public, activity providers, educators, outdoor recreation clubs, landowners, and any visitors to County Longford. Prior registration of your planned attendance via <https://arcg.is/11DTrO> is welcome, although not essential.

Each local authority is required to develop a County Outdoor Recreation Plan in line with the 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors, the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2023-2027' from the Department of Rural and Community Development. County Longford's strategy is developed by the County Outdoor Recreation Committee and consultants, Outscape.

Longford County Council Cathaoirleach Cllr Mark Casey said, "I encourage you all to attend these public meetings so that you can have your say. Your opinions are critical to ensuring this new plan reflects what the local area needs in terms of outdoor recreation, including walking, mountain biking, trail running, canoeing, angling, swimming, orienteering and so much more. Please come along and share what you wish to see in the future for outdoor recreation in County Longford."

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## Small-Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Schemes

### **Minister O'Donovan announces schemes for Small Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools**

Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport has today announced a series of grant schemes which assists the Department in achieving its strategic objective of increasing access to the arts and National Collection.

The Small-Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Schemes is designed to assist local cultural events which may not be eligible under funding criteria for larger scale

events such as those supported by Fáilte Ireland, the Arts Council and similar bodies. Closing date for applications is April 4th, 2025. Funding will be allocated following a competitive applications process, with a maximum grant of €5,000 available.

Further information can be found at

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/89595-small-scale-local-festivals-and-summer-schools/>

The Co-operation with Northern Ireland Scheme is designed to support cultural projects with significant cross-border elements. Small self-contained projects funded under the scheme seek to enhance, celebrate or commemorate the artistic, cultural, musical, film or heritage of the Island of Ireland on a North/South basis, with a maximum grant of €15,000 available.

Further information can be found at

[gov.ie - 2025 Co-operation with Northern Ireland Scheme](#)

The Mobility of Collections Scheme is to support greater regional and local access to material held in the National Collections. The scheme is designed to fund the transport, cost of insurance, and exhibiting costs for pieces from the National Collections to appropriate institutions around the country.

Further information can be found at

[gov.ie - 2025 Mobility of Collections Scheme](#)

Projects funded under the Regional Museum Exhibitions Scheme seek capital funds to enhance the cultural offering of museums, to encourage greater access to museums and to promote the use of museums as tourism resources in their locality or region with a maximum grant of €15,000 available.

Further information can be found at

[gov.ie - Regional Museum Exhibition Scheme 2025](#)

**Speaking today Minister O'Donovan said:**

*"I am very happy to announce the opening of these four schemes today, which are integral to the promotion of our Culture and arts and add hugely to our lives and to our community.*

*The schemes make a very important contribution to the development and promotion of Ireland's cultural tourism offering, to the benefit of both the domestic and foreign tourist, they provide a platform for cultural exchanges, they help preserve and promote our cultural heritage, I would like to wish all applicants well on their submissions , following a competitive assessment process the successful applicants will be published on gov.ie.*

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