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**Uachtaránacht na hÉireann ar
Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaigh 2026**
Irish Presidency of the Council of
the European Union 2026

Programme of Limerick Events

July to December 2026

***Limerick City & County Council
in partnership with the
Centre for Irish-German Studies, UL***



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& Contae **Luimnigh**
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JULY 2026

1 July: Opening Event to welcome Ireland's Presidency & Launch of Pairing of Germany and Limerick – King John's Castle at 11am (invitation only)

- Opening & Welcome by Mayor
- Ceremonial Raising of EU Flag
- Music & Food from around Europe
- Launch of Limerick & Germany Pairing by Limerick City and County Council, Embassy of Germany and Centre for Irish-German Studies, presentation of the full pairing programme and the Limerick German Art brochures – the German Art Trail from Limerick City Art Gallery, Hunt Museum, MIC, UL and CIGS

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7-10 August: European Sport For All Games 2026

- The Games will bring together over 250 participants from 26 European delegations, transforming parks, streets and public spaces into a vibrant and colourful celebration of traditional sports, games, heritage and culture. Demonstrations and performances will take place across the city, and people of all ages and abilities are welcome to take part. The Games are being organised by Limerick Sports Partnership and TAFISA in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council, University of Limerick, Sport Ireland, and co-funded by the European Union.
- For more information and the festival programme, please visit - <https://limericksportforall.ie/>
- Includes German dance group *Grüne Funken Oberelspe*, Saturday 8 August & Sunday 9 August, 11am-4pm in different locations: <https://limericksportforall.ie/grune-funken-oberelspe-dance-group/>

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3-4 September: Meeting of Directors General for Energy from governments of all EU member states

- Organised by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- For more information see <https://irish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/events/meeting-of-directors-general-for-energy/>

5 September: German Day at Saint Mary's Cathedral - Religion, history, music, migration

- Lecture on the Palatine connection
- Organ recitals of German music
- German Lutheran service
- Refreshments
- For more information and timings, please visit <https://saintmaryscathedral.ie/> or social media.

5 September: Irish story telling, Friar's Gate Theatre Kilmallock

- Traditional seanchaí to work with youth and elderly. #cultur2026

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- Monthly meet-up to practise your German in a friendly atmosphere, all levels of German welcome!
- Join us at 8pm at Sextons Bar, 91 Henry Street, Limerick (there might even be a free slice of pizza).

2nd week September CIGS Lecture & Music Event – UL

- **Dr Felix Morgenstern (UL): *Irish Folk Music in Germany***
- Performance element & book presentation included, see <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events> for further details.

12 September: [Guided tour of German art](#) – Hunt Museum, 11am

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17 September: Visit by Ambassador of Germany, H.E. Mr David Gill and Ambassador of Ireland, H.E. Ms Maeve Collins to Limerick

- This will include a visit to a school, a social farm and the Centre for Irish-German Studies, UL

18 September: Culture Night – German traces in Limerick / Music event

- Guided Walk - On Heinrich Böll's Footsteps and other German links with Limerick, 7pm - led by Julia Weiss (UL) and Dr Hermann Rasche (NUIG) the walk will start at the Potato Market. It is followed by a lecture by George Lee on the German-made windows in St John's Cathedral, 8.30pm
- King John's Castle, 7-11pm Music event *Sionna & Trad Folkin' Rocks Presents* (Limerick City and County Council)

21 September: Guided tour of the Irish-German book collection in UL's Glucksman Library, 12pm

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24-26 September: Palatine Play 'Refuge' by Deirdre Kinahan - Limetree Theatre, MIC, 8pm

- First performance of the play *Refuge* in Ireland and opening of the travelling exhibition on the Irish Palatines (for more information on the exhibition see: <https://www.ireland.ie/en/germany/the-irish-palatine-story/>)
- For more information on the play and booking see <https://limetreebelltable.ie/events/refuge-by-deirdre-kinahan/>

24 September: Guided tour of Imogen Stuart's sculptures at Mary Immaculate College, 4pm

- An introduction to some of the major works by Imogen Stuart on the MIC Limerick Campus.
- To register for the tour, please send an email to Christiane Schönfeld at christiane.schonfeld@mic.ul.ie.

24 September: County Limerick Youth Theatre, Friar's Gate Theatre Kilmallock

- Erasmus Plus project performance video with local stakeholders sharing of EU Youth Goals & what it means to be European. #cultur2026

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- There is also a possibility of a talk and guided tour for groups, please contact <https://www.irishpalatines.org/visit.html?abc?abc>

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1-5 October: Éigse Michael Hartnett Literary & Arts Festival in Newcastle West, Co. Limerick #cultur2026

- 1 October (7pm) Éigse Festival Parade with an European theme. Workshops with children and young people to be held in advance creating coloured streamers and banners using colours of EU flags. Parade to begin in the Square, led by drummers and proceed down Maiden St to Longcourt House Hotel.
- 1 October (8.00-9.30pm) Gala Opening: A concert featuring a chamber string orchestra playing German classical and modern music with Irish music interludes as well as songs, poems, author Hugo Hamilton and the Broadford Youth Choir. An invitation has gone to President Catherine Connolly and to German ambassador to Ireland H.E. David Gill. The event will be held in the Longcourt House Hotel to maximise capacity and will be ticketed but free.
- 3 October (7.30pm) Author Donal Ryan, recipient of the Jean Monnet Prize for European Literature will read and talk about his work.
- 4 October (12.30pm) Arán agus Brot: a talk and demonstration by chef Tom Flavin on bread and its history and place in the life and culture of Germany and Ireland.

5 October: CIGS German *Stammtisch* in Limerick

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5 October: Irish-German Lecture organised by the Thomond Archaeological & Historical Society

- 'The travels of Limerick woman Maria Francis Dickson (1809-1885) to Germany and elsewhere' by Prof Joachim Fischer at 8pm in T116 TARA Building, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

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12-13 October: Meeting of Ministers for Telecommunication of all EU member states

- For more information see [EU Telecoms Ministerial](#)

13 October: Friar's Gate Theatre, Kilmallock

- Cómhrá agus Konversation – Irish and German Tea morning – Coláiste Iosaef collaboration, confident Irish and German speaking students to present discussion in both languages around traditional culture – linked in with curriculum #cultur2026

12-16 October: German Week and Irish-German Literature Events, CIGS, UL / Goethe Institut Dublin

- Lecture by Prof Joachim Fischer on 'Irish writers on Germany in context: The EU dimension', more details in early September at <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events>.
- Workshops for universities, schools, teachers, and meetings with student ambassadors (online/in person), more details in early September at <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events>.
- 13 October - Reading by acclaimed German writer Ulrike Draesner (online and in person), more details in early September at <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events>.
- 16 October - Online German Roadshow by the Goethe Institut Dublin on 16 October with information of employment opportunities, short presentation (more information will be available at [Karriere-Roadshow Irland - Goethe-Institut Irland](#))

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19 October: Energy Event – Foynes

- An event organised by Shannon Foynes Port and the Embassy of German Dublin to deepen the business connections between Germany and Limerick
- More details will become available here: <https://sfpc.ie/>

29 October: Twilight Thursday

- For more information see <https://twilightthursdays.ie/>

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2/3 November: Centre for Irish-German Studies Lecture – Questions of Migration and Language Policy

Prof. Dr. Christoph Schroeder (Universität Potsdam) – *Germany as a Case Study*, with Dr Fiodhna Gardiner Hyland, Mary Immaculate College, presenting on Ireland's experiences, more details in early September under <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events>.

3/10/17/24 November: Poetry writing workshop, Friar's Gate Theatre Kilmallock

- Works projected onto building to raise visibility of project and invite people into space. #cultur2026

4 November: Rediscovering Margit Wagner's Irish Films from the 1950s to the 1970s - Belltable Theatre, Limerick, 6.15-10pm (in conjunction with the Irish Film Institute)

- Presenting three unique almost forgotten portrayals of Ireland, featuring very diverse facets - ranging from old legends, contemporary social work, traditions and modernity
- The event includes a discussion with Margit Wagner's son Prof Albrecht Wagner
- Presented by the Irish Film Institute, curated by CIGS, supported by Culture Ireland

2nd week/9-13 November CIGS Sustainability & Climate Change event, UL

- With Prof. Karen Wiltshire, Vice Director of the Alfred Wegener Institute & CRH Chair of Climate Science, TCD; John Gormley, former Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Lord Mayor of Dublin, Dr Sarah Schaefer, UL, more details in early September at <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events>.

13 November: German Roadshow (with Goethe Institut Dublin and employers), CIGS video competition and network meeting, CIGS, UL

- Focus on German language learning
- Roadshow for students of German with Goethe-Institut Dublin and German employers
- Events & workshops for schools, teachers, and employers with student ambassadors
- and discussion & Resources-for-German.com presentations, workshops etc (also earlier that week)
- CIGS video competition for final year students of German from all Irish universities with *Irish Times* Germany correspondent Derek Scally
- Network meeting with DAAD and OeAD Lektors and Teaching Assistants
- More details in early September under <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events>.

13 November: Irish-German Lecture organised by the Rathkeale & District Historical Society

- 'The Shannon Scheme from a German perspective' by Prof Joachim Fischer at 8.30pm, Rathkeale & District Historical Society, Rathkeale

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14 November: Intercultural event, Friar's Gate Theatre Kilmallock

- Traditional Irish dancing & trad session with Ballyhoura Comhaltas – free public interactive workshop to share traditional Irish dance and music. #cultur2026

15/16 November: “A Taste of Europe: Celebrating Language and Culture across the EU”, Technological University of the Shannon (TUS)

- Culinary event and student information day of language options, including a special “Taste of Germany” celebration (part of TUS languages week, for more information see <https://tus.ie/events/>)

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17 November: Roundtable on Ireland and Germany in the EU – CIGS and CEUROS, UL

- With David Donoghue (former Ambassador of Ireland to Germany) and Prof Brigid Laffan (Chancellor of the University of Limerick and Emeritus Professor at the European University Institute)
- More details in early September under <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events>

19 November: Celebrating Irish-German business links & Launch “Voices of Krups” – the CIGS audiovisual collection of recollections of one of Limerick's most treasured employers - Limerick Museum, 5.30pm

- Remembering Irish-German business links in the past and facilitating the future
- Includes display of German business-related material in Limerick Museum

21 November: Friar's Gate Theatre Kilmallock

- Lough Gur pottery workshop – air dry, traditional Irish/German symbols with German community #cultur2026

30 November: Book Launch *The Many Facets and Enduring Legacy of the Shannon Scheme 1925-1929* (IGS 17, WVT: Trier 2026), Hunt Museum, 6pm

- Launch of the book on Ardnacrusha, the hydro-electric power station
- In partnership with Siemens, ESB and the German Embassy
- Opportunities for German-Irish business networking

Workshops on St. Martin, Advent wreaths, Christmas tree decorations, Christmas baking recipes, and traditional crafts (in November and December for teachers and students, UL and Hunt Museum, more info to come on <https://www.huntmuseum.com/whats-on/> and <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events>)

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3-4 December - Week of Innovative Regions in Europe (WIRE 2026), Technological University of the Shannon (TUS)

- WIRE 2026 will co-create strategies for sustainable regional growth, showcase regional success stories and innovations from across Europe and facilitate knowledge exchange between EU institutions, regional actors, and Horizon Europe projects and strengthen collaborative policy development aligned with the EU Green Deal and smart specialisation strategies
- Further details are available here: <https://irish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/events/wire-2026-future-regions-the-role-of-sustainable-innovation-in-european-competitiveness/>

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German Christmas & Presidency Close event (for more information visit www.Limerick.ie and <https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/irish-german/events> closer to the time)