

RATHMULLAN

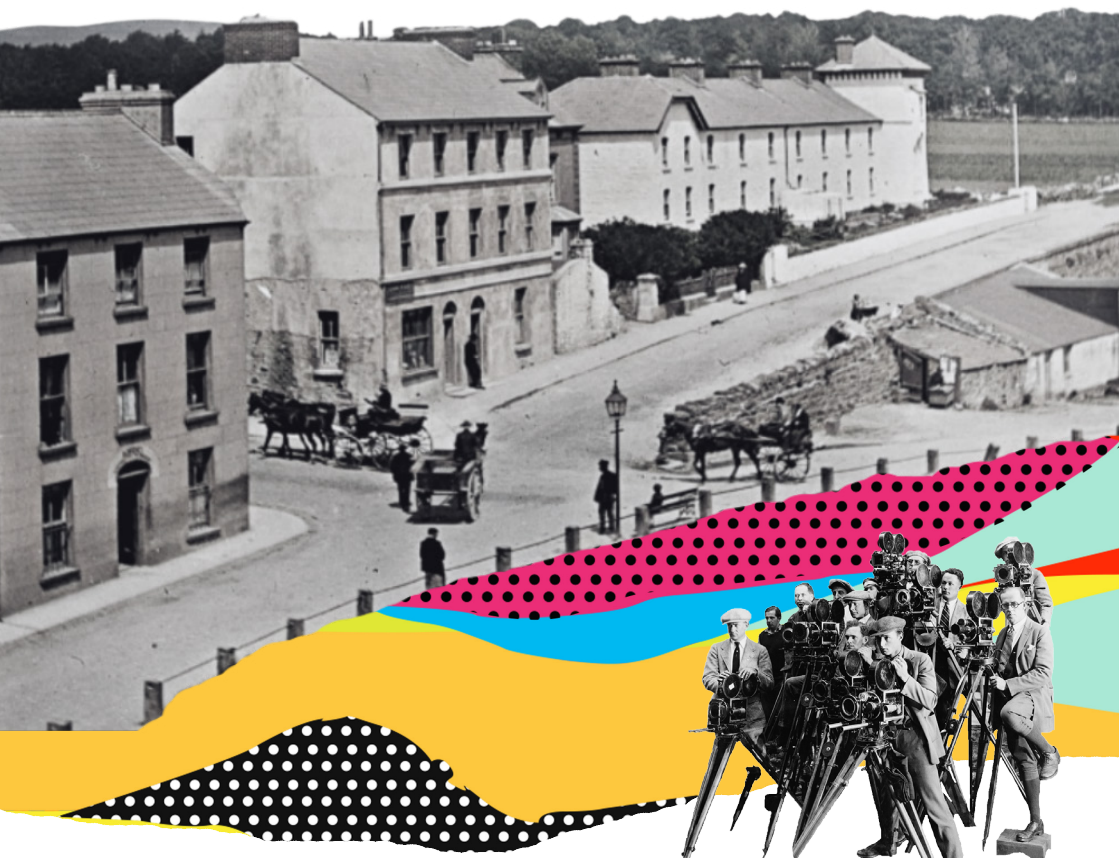
FILM FEST

2025

20-23

February

Rathmullan |
Co. Donegal



Welcome to the 8th Rathmullan Film Festival!

Established in 2017, our vibrant four-day event takes place during the February mid-term break in the heart of Rathmullan, Co. Donegal. The festival celebrates creativity and showcases the talent of filmmakers, from local schools and university students to seasoned professionals.

Join us from 20-23 February for an exciting lineup of workshops for all ages, insightful panel discussions and films, including documentaries, animations, Irish shorts, new releases, and beloved classics. There's something for everyone.

Book your tickets now at rathmullan.ie/filmfest

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Little Artists, Big Night: Arts & Crafts for the Gala Night

**10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. |
6-15 Yr | €7**

Add your own creative touch of glitz & glamour to our Gala Night event! Create film posters celebrating the anniversary of cinema with Print Barn Folk and make flowers and stars from old festival programmes with Moira McHugh.

Reel Donegal

2-4pm | SVP Centre | FREE

Take a trip down memory lane and explore local history with Arthur Lynch's latest films on the Sea Angling Festival (1972) and the construction of the Knockalla Coast Road.

Gala Night: Celebrating 130 Years of Film Art

**6-8pm | Drumhalla House | €5 (Child),
€7 (Adult), €22 (Family)**

Dress to impress in your most glamorous outfit and join us for a magical evening to kickstart our festival! This family-friendly event will celebrate film art with fun activities for all ages.

Enjoy a special showcase of films by the talented pupils of St. Garvan's N.S. and the local community as part of our #RathmullanReels campaign. Then, experience the fun of our very own Oscars awards ceremony.

Tea, coffee and sweet treats for all.

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Special Effects Makeup Workshop

**10am-12pm | St Joseph's N.S.
| 10-15 Yr | €7**

Learn the art of Special Effects Makeup with Anna Czajak. Whether you're a beginner or a makeup enthusiast, everyone is welcome.

Sponsored by National Youth Film and Animation Network.

Drive-In Cinema & Arts Workshop: Five Fables

**10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S.
| 6-9 Yr | €7**

Get creative with Aimee Heaney-McKee and build your dream car to drive-in, park and enjoy a fun screening of Five Fables (2013), an animated series of medieval Scots fables, translated by Seamus Heaney and narrated by comedian/actor Billy Connolly made by Flickerpix for BBC Northern Ireland.

BYOB - Bring your own box/cardboard where possible.

Sponsored by Northern Ireland Screen.

Movie Quiz

9.30pm | The Beachcomber | €5

Test your movie knowledge and compete for prizes at our film quiz night - fun, trivia and cinema galore!

Fidil Ghorm: Donegal Premiere & Reception

Century Cinemas (Letterkenny) & Rathmullan House

Join us for a special night to celebrate local talent and the work of Rathmullan producer Pierce Boyce and Brid Seoghe, Abú Media.

Fidil Ghorm tells the story of 10-year Molly who believes that if she learns to play the fiddle like her dad, she can wake him up from a coma.

The event includes a premiere at Century Cinemas Letterkenny (all ages) and a pizza reception at Rathmullan House (over 18s only).

A special (free) bus will transport attendees between Rathmullan and Letterkenny, and there will also be a shuttle bus from Rathmullan House to the car park.

**5pm - Bus departure (Car park) (Free)
6pm - Film screening (Free)
8.30pm - Pizza Reception (€5)**

Pre-booking is essential

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Lego Animation Workshop

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. |
10-15 Yr | €7

Bring your LEGO creations to life through stop-motion animation with Cormac O'Kane, Animation Lecturer at ATU.

Special Sound Effects Workshop

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. |
6-9 Yr | €7

From footsteps to thunder, discover the secret world of work behind the little (or big) sounds that bring stories to life and create some foley sounds with Carol Wilson. Sponsored by National Young Film and Animation Network.

TikTok & Instagram for Business

10am -12pm | St Joseph's N.S. |
Adults | €7

Learn how to create easy and engaging tiktoks and reels to boost business and keep up with the latest trends with Wee Donkey Productions. Sponsored by Ulster University.

Shared Island Youth Film Showcase

10.30am-12pm |
Rathmullan House | Free
(Pre-Booking essential)

Come along to an inspiring showcase event where young filmmakers from Loreto Letterkenny and Arranmore island present their creative work and take part in a Q&A with industry professionals.

The film camps were delivered by the Nerve Centre and Póca Productions and were supported by The Donegal Film Office and funded by the Shared Island Programme.

Kickboxing Class | St. Joseph's N.S.

12.30 - 1.30pm | St Joseph's N.S. |
All Ages | €7

Join Mayhem Martial Arts for an afternoon of family fun as they offer an hour of kickboxing lessons for kids (5+) and adults.

Rathmullan Makers Market

12 - 4pm | The Pier Sheds | Free

Pop-in to check out the diverse range of local handmade arts/crafts and delicious food and meet the talented Maker's themselves.

This project is supported by the Connecting Communities Project, funded by International Fund for Ireland.

Inspire: Short Films, Masterclasses & Discussion

12.30-6pm | Rathmullan House |
Free (Pre-Booking essential)

Step into the world of filmmaking at our inspiring industry event which includes:

Masterclasses

- The Road to the Oscars (and after) with Ross White
- Setting up Re-Act Productions with Ciaran McCann and Shaun Doogan
- Independent Filmmaking with Kate Haley

Screenings - Watch a curated programme of short films made by film and animation students from Atlantic Technological University and Ulster University's Cinematic Arts. The programme features films from various genres covering a wide range of subjects.

Panel Discussion - Join panel discussions with student filmmakers and masterclass speakers who will share experiences, discuss trends, and offer invaluable advice for Northwest creatives.

Networking lunch included. Prebooking is essential.

The event is sponsored by Screen Ireland.

Nightscapes & Light Painting: Exploring Noctography

6-8pm | The Battery | €7

Discover the magic of night photography with John Harding, lecturer at Ulster University.

Learn long exposures and light painting to create stunning images under Rathmullan's night sky.

This outdoor session includes a guided location shoot, working in small groups to explore creative techniques and capture the beauty of the night.

This is a family-friendly event, but children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Equipment will be provided but attendees are advised to wear appropriate high-visibility clothing as there will be short walks between locations.

Please note that this event is weather-dependent; be sure to check your email for any updates or changes.



SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Savor the Story: Music & Filmmaking with Jannik Ohlendieck

7-9.30pm | An Stad | €7

An evening featuring a selection of short films by the talented filmmaker Jannik Ohlendieck, followed by an insightful Q&A with the filmmaker.

Ohlendieck is an emerging writer, director & producer who is no stranger to the film festival circuits. During the event, the filmmaker will share behind-the-scenes stories and insights into his creative process.

A Pre-theatre menu of tapas/meze will be available from 6-7pm, accompanied by Niall Camuthers performing film and piano classics.

Classic Movie Night: The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (1969)

7.30pm | Mary Mac's Bar | €7

Celebrate and remember the legendary Maggie Smith at our Classic Movie Night.

Join us for a special screening of one of her most iconic films, honoring her remarkable career and unforgettable performances.

In 1930s Edinburgh, an eccentric teacher's romantic ideals captivate her young students, sparking a clash with the strict, traditional headmistress of their school.

Stick around after the film for some live music.

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Interview with Grandparents Screening

12-1pm | Ray Community Centre | Free

In 2022/23 pupils from St Joseph's N.S. interviewed their grandparents. What tales did they uncover?

If you caught the 10-minute preview at one of our previous Gala Nights (or YouTube channel), you'll know the full feature is not to be missed.

Edited by Paul Deeney and funded by the Tomar Trust Foundation.

SOS! Save Our Seas

1-3pm | Ray Community Centre | Free (Pre-Booking essential)

Join us for a screening of a cross-border short film produced by Rathmullan Tidy Towns & Coastal Care Group in partnership with members of Portballintrae in the Causeway Coast & Glens and filmmaker Ruth Keogh.

The film involved students from St. Joseph's N.S and residents from Portballintrae and highlights the issue of environmental protection, focusing on plastic waste in our oceans, a real problem that affects these two coastal villages on both sides of the border.

The event will showcase the film and creative outputs produced in both communities as well as some hands on environmental themed activities. We will also screen Moira McHugh's short film about Rathmullan Tidy Towns, made as part of the Seeds of Change programme.

Lunch will be served on arrival.

This project is supported by the Connecting Communities Project, funded by International Fund for Ireland.

Lights, Camera, Gaeilge: Celebrating Filmmaking in Donegal

4-7.30pm | Presbyterian Church & Beachcomber Bar | €10

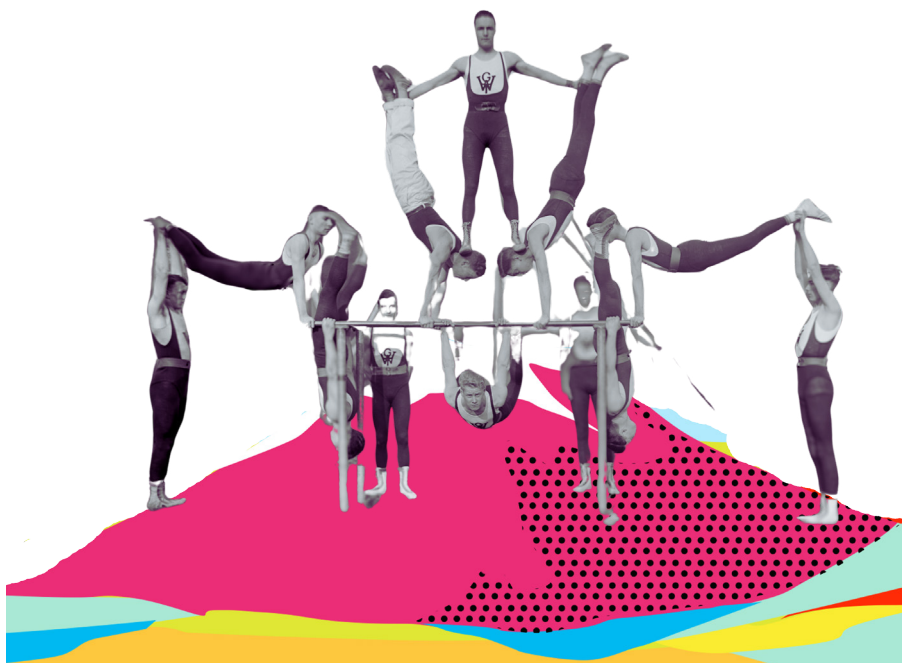
We wrap up the festival with a celebration of Donegal's filmmaking scene and the beauty of the Irish language!

Join us at the Presbyterian Church to watch a series of short films created through three Póca Productions projects: two weekend residentials and the online Film Challenge as Gaeilge.

Enjoy a post-screening discussion with the filmmakers, followed by networking over finger food at the Beachcomber Bar.

These projects were made possible thanks to the support of the National Talent Academy Film & TV Drama* and Northern Ireland Screen's Digital Film Archive, bringing exciting opportunities to filmmakers in the Northwest.

*The National Talent Academy Film & TV Drama is an initiative of Screen Ireland and is managed by Ardán.



2025 Partners

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An Stad
Atlantic Technological University
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Rathmullan Tidy Towns
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St Joseph's N.S.
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Póca Productions
The Beachcomber Bar
The Mixing Bowl
Tomar Trust Foundation
Ulster University

Thank you all for the generosity, support and for enabling us to offer an engaging, affordable and inclusive film festival experience. We would like to thank all in the community.

