



PRIDE GUIDE

17TH - 23RD AUGUST 2026
— ROSCOMMON TOWN —
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Roscommon, what a joy to be with you.

I'm honoured to serve as this year's Grand Marshal — and deeply proud to do so as someone who has spent the last nine years working in Foróige alongside LGBTQ young people as a youth worker and showing up as a committed ally. Every day, I'm reminded that Pride is more than a parade; it's a promise. A promise to our LGBTQ friends, family, and neighbours that we will stand with you, speak up for you, and celebrate you — not just in August, not just this weekend, but all year long.

This year, we celebrate our allies. Not because allyship is the headline, but because it is the scaffolding — often quiet, often unglamorous — that helps our community stand taller. Allies are the parent who listens without judgment, the teacher who makes their classroom safer, the friend who walks you to your first youth group, the colleague who challenges a harmful joke, the neighbour who shows up to march even when it's easier to stay home. Allyship isn't a label; it's a practice. It is learning, unlearning, doing better, and doing it together. Allies remind us that inclusion is not the responsibility of one community alone; it is something we all create together.

To the LGBTQ community here in Roscommon: you are the heart of this weekend. Your courage, creativity, and joy make our county brighter. Thank you for your resilience and for trusting allies to walk beside you. To our allies — seasoned and brand new — thank you for choosing to be visible, vocal, and accountable. Your support turns uncertainty into safety, isolation into belonging, and hope into action.

Pride has always been a chorus of many voices. This weekend, let's raise them all:

In celebration of how far we've come — and in determination for the work ahead.

In solidarity with those who still can't be out or safe.

In gratitude for the volunteers, community groups, and partners who make Pride possible. In love for our youth, who deserve a world where being yourself isn't brave — it's just normal. May this Pride remind us that unity is our strength, and that allyship — real, steady, everyday allyship — is how we build a Roscommon where everyone can live openly, safely, and joyfully. Happy Pride, Roscommon. Let's lead with love, stand with courage, and keep showing up for each other — today and every day.

INTRODUCTION FROM THE GRAND MARSHAL

JOANNA O'REILLY



WEEKEND SCHEDULE



ROSCOMMON PRIDE
BRÓD ROS COMÁIN

2026

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH:

The Bród Book Club Presents "Pride and Paperbacks"

7pm-9pm | The QUAD Youth Centre

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH:

Bród my Brogues Workshop

7pm-9pm | The QUAD Youth Centre

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH:

Screen Printing Workshop

7pm-9pm | The QUAD Youth Centre

**Afternoon Tea for Parents of
LGBTQIA+ Young People**

3pm | South Roscommon FRC

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH:

Launch of Kids Own Project

2pm | Roscommon Arts Centre

Free Rapid HIV & Syphilis Testing

5pm-7pm | Roscommon Volunteer
Centre

**Common Threads: An Irish and
European Showcase**

8pm | Roscommon Arts Centre

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST:

Rainbow Room Creatives Showcase

7pm | Rogue & Co Cafe

Drag Bingo

9pm-late | The Red Parrot

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND:

Drag Brunch

11:30am-1:30pm | Gleasons

 **PRIDE MARCH!** 

2:30pm | The QUAD Youth Centre

Family Fun Day

3pm-5pm | Loughnaneane Park

Pooch of Pride Competition

4pm | Loughnaneane Park

Pride After Party

8pm-late | Rockford's Nightclub

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD:

Love and Remembrance Ceremony

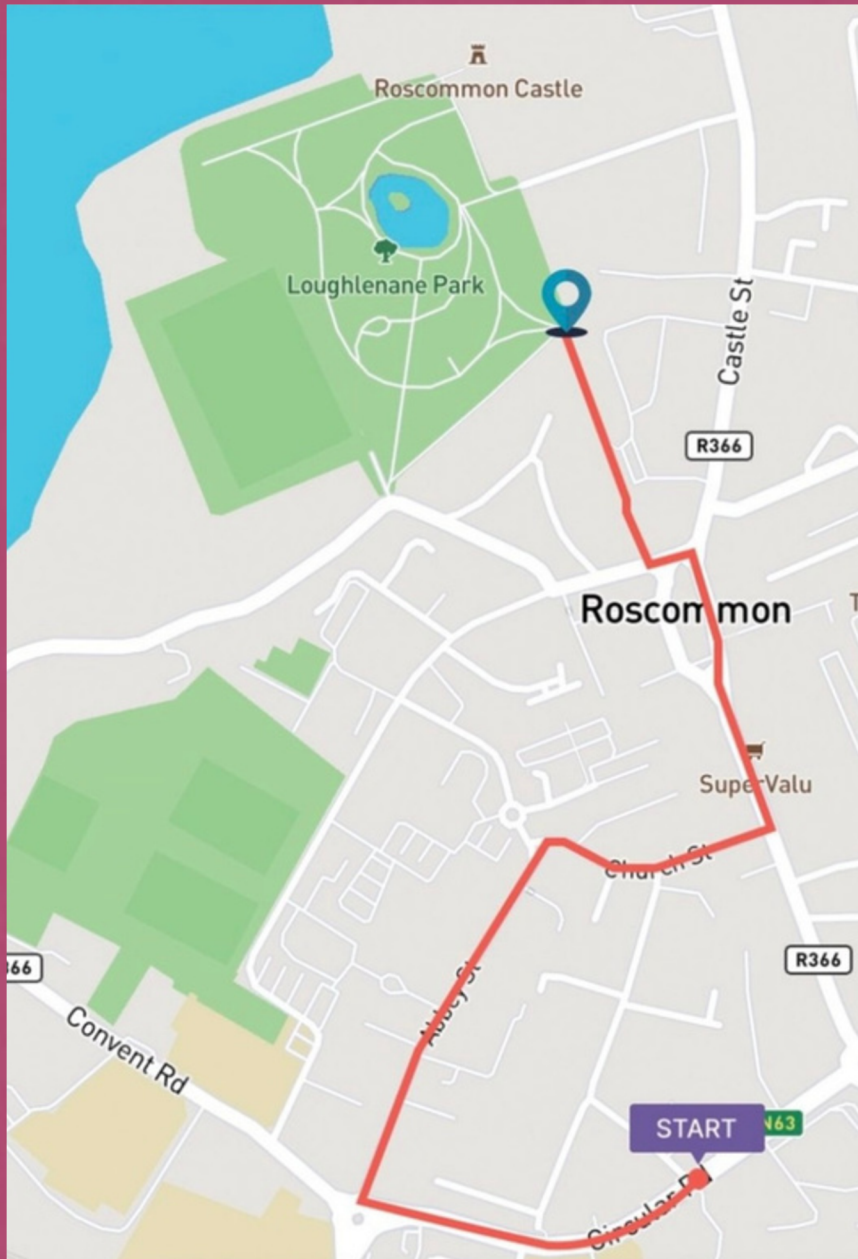
3pm | Loughnaneane Park

Queeraoke

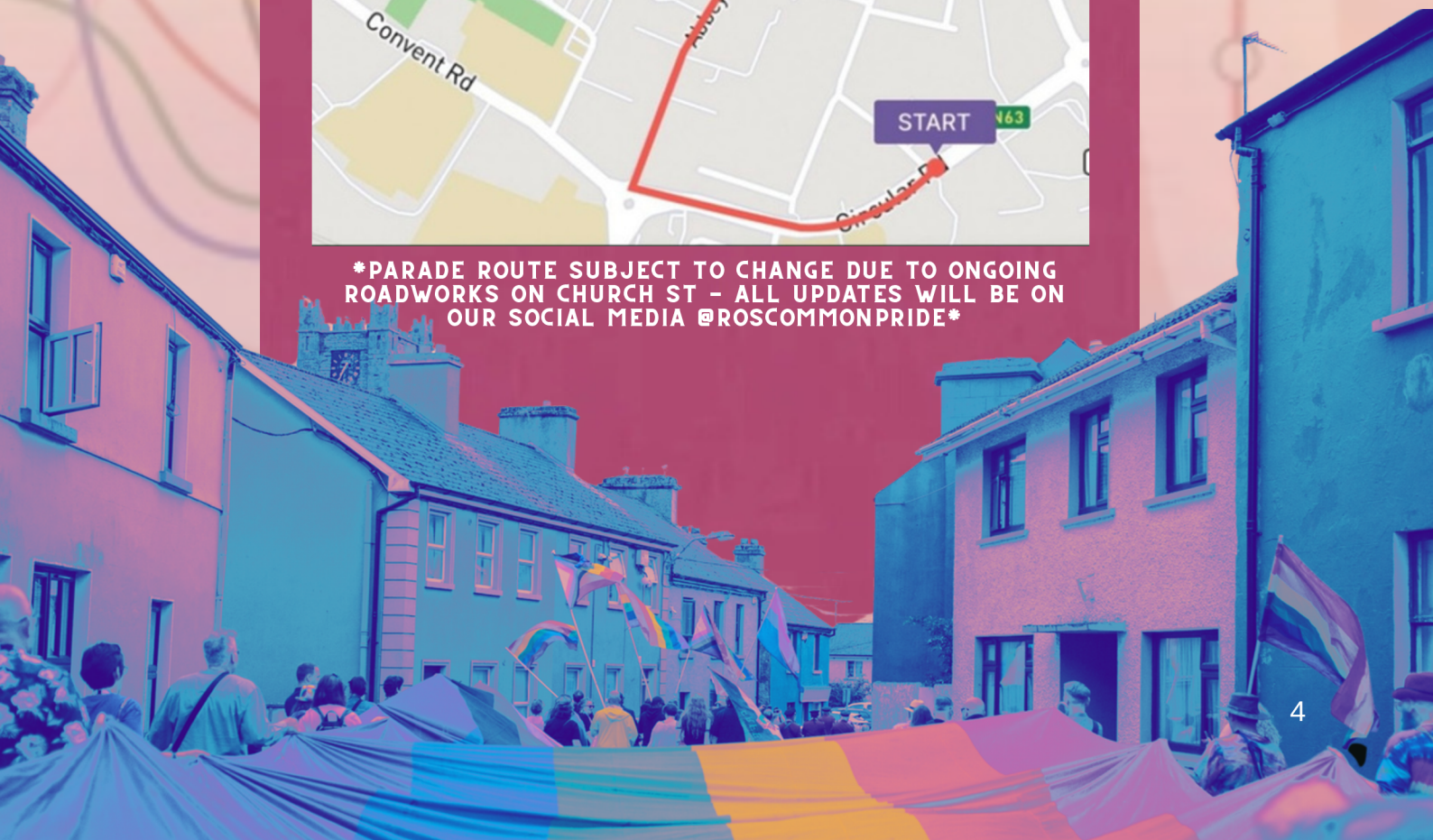
6pm | The Red Parrot

Visit roscommonpride.ie for all info & tickets

PARADE ROUTE



PARADE ROUTE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO ONGOING ROADWORKS ON CHURCH ST - ALL UPDATES WILL BE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA @ROSCOMMONPRIDE



PRIDE & PAPERBACKS



SINCE STARTING IN NOVEMBER 2025, ROSCOMMON PRIDE'S BRÓD BOOK CLUB HAS BECOME A MONTHLY OUTLET FOR BOOKWORMS AND NEW READERS ALIKE. HELMED BY OUR VERY OWN 'QUEEN OF THE KINDLE' LORRAINE, THE GROUP HAS DABBLED IN A WIDE RANGE OF GENRES UNDER THE QUEER UMBRELLA, FROM CULT CLASSICS SUCH AS ARMISTEAD MAUPIN'S 'TALES OF THE CITY' TO JOHANNA VAN VEEN'S UNIQUE HORROR 'MY DARLING DREADFUL THING' - YOU REALLY CANNOT ANTICIPATE WHAT LITERARY ADVENTURE YOU WILL EMBARK ON NEXT.

WHAT IS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, IS A COUPLE OF BISCUITS AND A GOOD CUPPA!

THIS PRIDE WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HOST A VERY SPECIAL EDITION OF THE BRÓD BOOK CLUB TO KICK OFF OUR STACKED WEEK OF EVENTS. THE COUNTY'S LARGEST EVER BOOK CLUB EVENT WILL BE JOINED BY ACCLAIMED AUTHORS CHLOE MICHELLE HOWARTH ('SUNBURN', 'HEAP EARTH UPON IT') & NIAMH NÍ MHAOILEOIN ('ORDINARY SAINTS') TO DISCUSS THEIR RESPECTIVE BOOKS.

AS ALWAYS, THERE WILL BE TEA & BISCUITS AS WELL!

**17TH AUGUST
7PM - 9PM
@ THE QUAD,
ROSCOMMON
TOWN**

**FREE
ADMISSION
EVENT**



NIAMH NÍ MHAOILEOIN



CHLOE MICHELLE HOWARTH



BRÓD MY BROGUES

FREE
ADMISSION
EVENT



THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKING, AND BEST BELIEVE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO! ESPECIALLY IF YOU'LL BE JOINING US FOR OUR THIRD ANNUAL PRIDE MARCH ALONG MAIN STREET ROSCOMMON.

IN PREPARATION FOR THIS - AND PARTICULARLY SHOULD YOU WANT TO STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD WHILST PRANCING AROUND THE TOWN'S ROUNDABOUTS - ROSCOMMON PRIDE WILL BE HOSTING 'BRÓD MY BROGUES', A WORKSHOP HELMED BY LOCAL ARTISTS ANNA FLANAGAN & CALA FERGUSON TO BEDAZZLE, REVAMP AND ADD NEW LIFE TO YOUR SHOES!

AS WELL AS BEING FREE ADMISSION, MATERIALS AND EMBELLISHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE ARTISTS SHOULD YOU NEED ANY HELP. (PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN PAIR OF SHOES TO BE EMBELLISHED - A NUMBER OF TOTE BAGS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT A MINIMAL FEE FOR BEDAZZLING.)

**TUESDAY 18TH
AUGUST
7PM - 9PM
@ THE QUAD,
ROSCOMMON TOWN**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH
AUGUST
7PM - 9PM
@ THE QUAD,
ROSCOMMON TOWN**

FREE
ADMISSION
EVENT



SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOP

WEAR YOUR PRIDE ON YOUR CHEST WITH YOUR VERY OWN UNIQUELY DESIGNED T-SHIRT.

ARTIST SOPHIE CARROLL-HUNT WILL HOST A SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOP TO SHOW YOU THE SECRETS OF EXPRESSING YOURSELF THROUGH TEXTILES THIS PRIDE SEASON.

PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR OWN BLANK T-SHIRTS FOR PRINTING. A NUMBER OF TOTE BAGS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT A MINIMAL FEE FOR PRINTING, SHOULD YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR PRIDE OFF THE SHOULDER WHILST OUT SHOPPING! PLACES ARE LIMITED. BOOKING OBLIGATORY.

PARENTS' AFTERNOON TEA

**FREE
ADMISSION
EVENT**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH
AUGUST, 3PM @
SOUTH ROSCOMMON
FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTRE**

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR PARENTING, AND COME ALONG FOR AN AFTERNOON OF TEA & CHATS HOSTED BY THE SOUTH ROSCOMMON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE. WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS EXPLORING/PART OF THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY OR YOU YOURSELF JUST BETTER WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR KIDS IN RELATION TO LGBTQI+ MATTERS, FEEL FREE TO JOIN US AND NETWORK WITH PARENTS AND ALLIES ALIKE.

**WHAT IS LIFE LIKE FOR
LGBTQI+ YOUTHS LIVING IN
COUNTY ROSCOMMON
TODAY?**

**THIS TOPIC WAS EXPLORED
IN A CREATIVE PROJECT
RUN BY KIDS' OWN
PUBLISHING PARTNERSHIP
AND FORÓIGE ROSCOMMON.
WORKING WITH WRITER
MARY BRANLEY AND ARTIST
ANDY PARSONS, YOUNG
PEOPLE FROM CASTLEREA,
BOYLE AND ROSCOMMON
EXPLORED MANY TOPICS
INCLUDING PRIDE, IDENTITY,
BELONGING AND PLACE.**

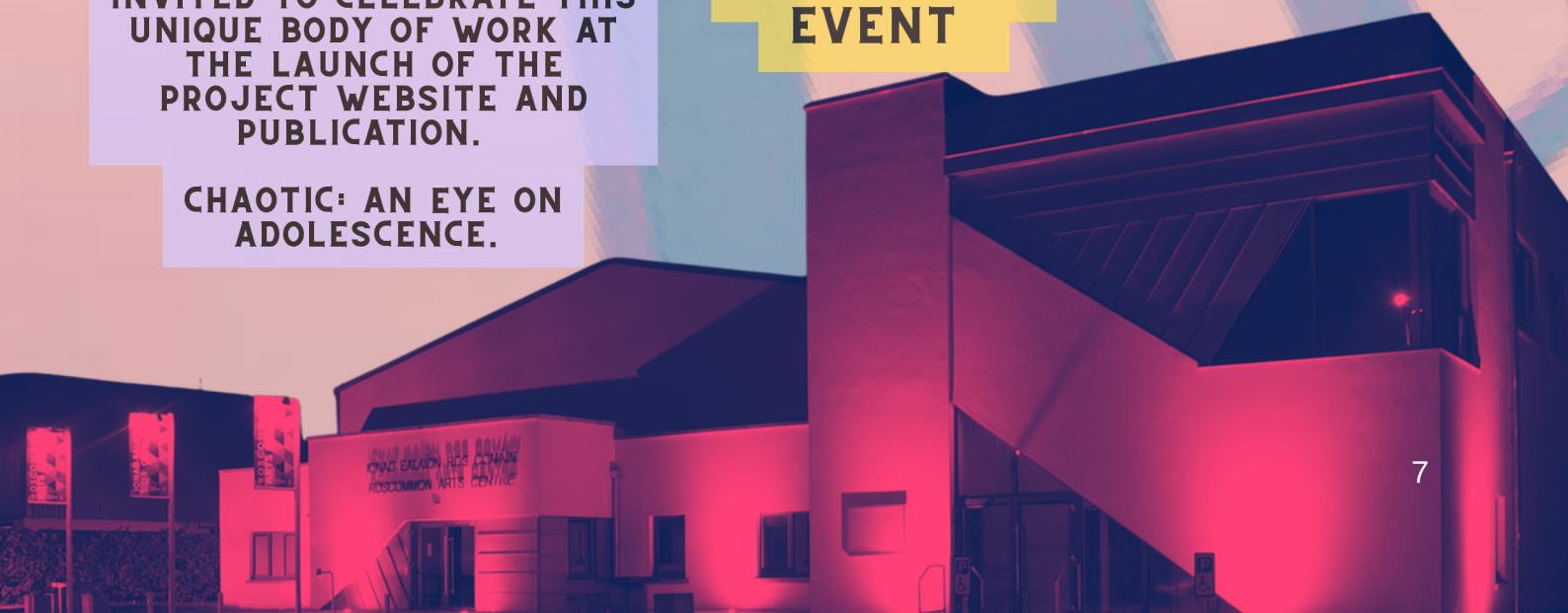
**AT ROSCOMMON ARTS
CENTRE ON THE 20TH OF
AUGUST AT 2PM YOU ARE
INVITED TO CELEBRATE THIS
UNIQUE BODY OF WORK AT
THE LAUNCH OF THE
PROJECT WEBSITE AND
PUBLICATION.**

**CHAOTIC: AN EYE ON
ADOLESCENCE.**

YOUTH GROUP EXHIBITION

**THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST,
2PM
@ ROSCOMMON ARTS
CENTRE**

**FREE
ADMISSION
EVENT**



RAPID TESTING

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST,
5PM - 7PM
@ ROSCOMMON VOLUNTEER
CENTRE

QUICK, FREE & CONFIDENTIAL RAPID HIV & SYPHILIS TESTING
AVAILABLE ON A WALK-IN ONLY BASIS AT ROSCOMMON
VOLUNTEER CENTRE, THE SQUARE, ROSCOMMON TOWN

COMMON THREADS: IRISH & EUROPEAN SHOWCASE

THURSDAY 20TH
AUGUST, 8PM
@ ROSCOMMON ARTS
CENTRE

ADMISSION
FEE - €10

GET READY FOR A SPECTACULAR
NIGHT OF TALENT AND CREATIVE
EXPRESSION.

WE'RE BRINGING TOGETHER AN
INCREDIBLE LINEUP OF LGBTQ+
ARTISTS AND ALLIES FROM IRELAND
AND FURTHER AFIELD.

FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY
LGBTQ+ TRAD MUSIC COLLECTIVE
TRAD IS AMACH (WITH LIVE IRISH
DANCE!), LOCAL FAVORITES VINEGAR
BILL, AND THE POWERHOUSE DRAG
QUEEN JACKIE OFF, TO NAME BUT A
FEW.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN AN EVENING
OF MUSIC, DANCING AND CULTURAL
EXCHANGE THAT CELEBRATES WHO
WE ARE.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US
IN THIS SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND
VIBRANT SPACE.

FUNDED AS PART OF THE CULTURE
PROGRAMME FOR IRELAND'S
PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION 2026.

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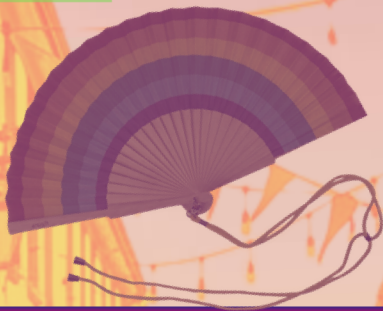


AFTER THE HUGE SUCCESS OF OUR POETRY NIGHT IN 2025, WE ARE BACK IN OUR NATURAL HOME OF ROGUE AND CO FOR A BIGGER AND BETTER EVENING OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION. EXPECT POETRY, MUSIC AND MORE AS WE CELEBRATE ROSCOMMON'S DEEP POOL OF TALENTS WITH AN LGBTQ TWIST.

RAINBOW ROOM CREATIVES SHOWCASE

**FREE
ADMISSION
EVENT**

**FRIDAY 21ST
AUGUST, 7PM
@ ROGUE &
CO CAFE**

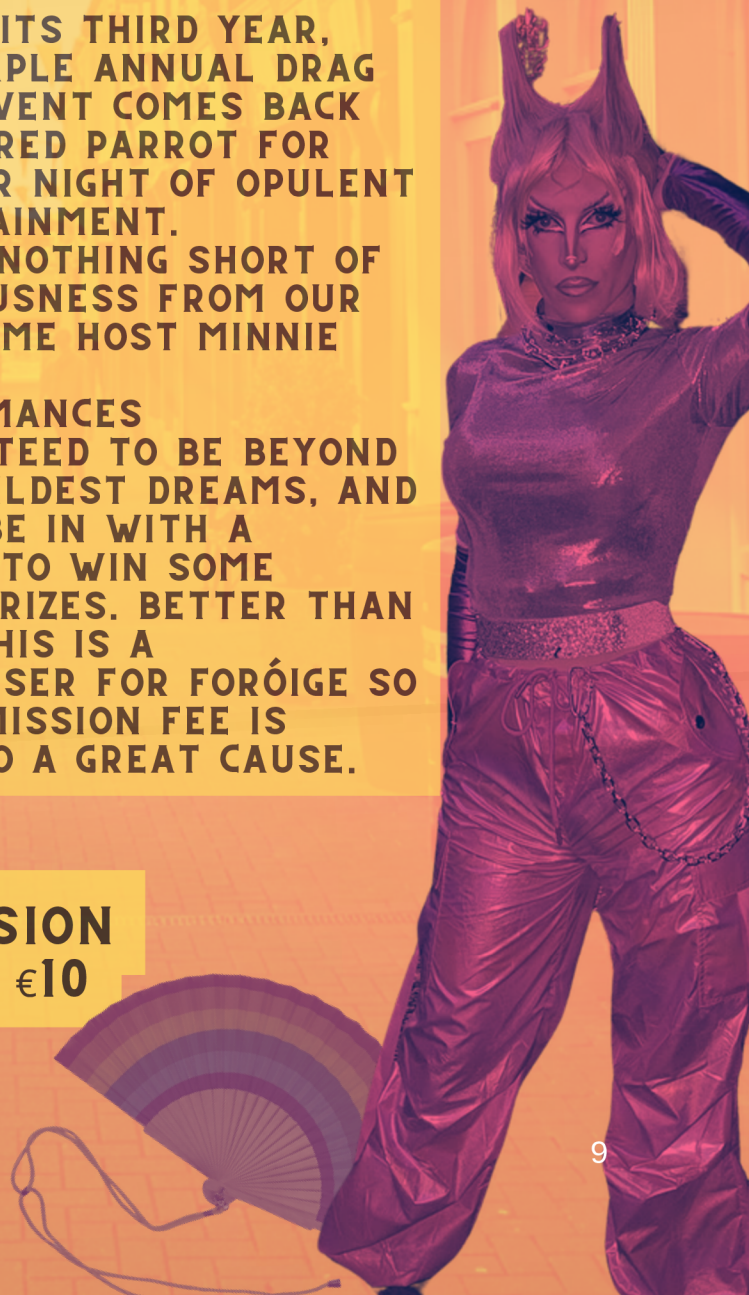


DRAG BINGO

**FRIDAY 21ST
AUGUST, 9PM
@ THE RED
PARROT**

NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR, OUR STAPLE ANNUAL DRAG BINGO EVENT COMES BACK TO THE RED PARROT FOR ANOTHER NIGHT OF OPULENT ENTERTAINMENT. EXPECT NOTHING SHORT OF FABULOUSNESS FROM OUR FIRST TIME HOST MINNIE BUSS. PERFORMANCES GUARANTEED TO BE BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS, AND YOU'LL BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES. BETTER THAN THAT, THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR FORÓIGE SO THE ADMISSION FEE IS GOING TO A GREAT CAUSE.

**ADMISSION
FEE - €10**



DRAG BRUNCH

**SATURDAY 22ND
AUGUST, 11:30AM-1:30PM
@ GLEESON'S TOWNHOUSE**

ADMISSION FEE - €20

IF YOU'RE NOT ALL DRAGGED OUT BY THIS STAGE, WE HAVE YET ANOTHER FABULOUS QUEEN-LED EVENT FOR YOU. THE DRAG BRUNCH AT GLEESON'S SOLD OUT IN RECORD TIME LAST YEAR, WHICH IS UNSURPRISING CONSIDERING THE STACKED TALENT, DELICIOUS BREAKFAST & COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF PROSECCO ON OFFER. WITH PERFORMANCES FROM MINNIE BUSS & SATIN SQUALER, THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO START CELEBRATING THE DAY.

**SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST,
COMMENCING @ 2:30PM
FROM THE QUAD YOUTH
CENTRE**

PRIDE MARCH

FREE ADMISSION EVENT

A PRIDE PARADE MEANS MANY THINGS TO MANY PEOPLE. IT'S A PROTEST, A CELEBRATION, A CHANCE TO EXPRESS YOURSELF, WHILST ALSO BEING A MARCH FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY. WE ALL WALK FOR OUR OWN REASONS, BUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT WE WALK TOGETHER. THE MARCH IS OPEN TO ALL, AND AT ITS HEART IS COMMUNITY. SO WHETHER YOU'RE LGBTQIA+, AN ALLY, OR COMPLETELY NEW TO PRIDE, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO LEAD WITH LOVE AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY.

FAMILY FUN DAY

**SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST
FOLLOWING PARADE
3PM-5PM @
LOUGHNANEANE PARK**

FREE ADMISSION EVENT

OUR POST PARADE PARTY IN THE PARK PROMISES FUN FOR ALL AGES - KIDS, PARENTS, AND GRANDPARENTS ALIKE! WITH A MIXTURE OF PERFORMANCES, CRAFT MARKET STALLS, INTERACTIVE GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT, THE PARK IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO SETTLE DOWN AND SOAK IN THE PRIDE ATMOSPHERE AFTER PARADING THROUGH THE STREETS.

AFTER PARTY

**SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST
8PM - LATE
@ROCKFORD'S NIGHTCLUB**

**ADMISSION
FEE - € 10**

**ONCE THE MARCHING IS DONE AND
YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO SETTLE
IN THE PARK, IT'S TIME TO SWAP
THE CONVERSE FOR STILETTOS AND
COME PARTY!**

**OUR PRIDE AFTER PARTY HAS GONE
FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AND
IS NOW READY TO TAKE ITS
RIGHTFUL PLACE CENTRE STAGE AT
ROSCOMMON'S NUMBER ONE LATE
NIGHT VENUE, ROCKFORD'S
NIGHTCLUB.**

**JOIN TESS TICKLES, JACKIE OFF,
MADZ ANXIETY AND THE EVER
FABULOUS BOMBSHELL FOR A NIGHT
OF DRAG, GAMES AND POLE
DANCING.**

**LET'S HOPE YOU'RE READY TO SLAY
THE NIGHT AWAY, WITH HAUS OF
KWÉN.**

CEREMONY OF LOVE & REMEMBRANCE

**SUNDAY 23RD
AUGUST, 3PM
@
LOUGHNANEANE
PARK**

**SUNDAY'S CEREMONY OF
LOVE AND
REMEMBRANCE IS A
SOULFUL TRIBUTE TO
THE LONG LINE OF
LGBTQIA+
TRAILBLAZERS THAT
CAME BEFORE US.
WHETHER IT WAS
THROUGH TAKING A
STAND ON THE STREETS
AND FIGHTING FOR OUR
RIGHTS OR NURTURING
AND SUPPORTING ONE
ANOTHER IN TIMES OF
GREAT HARDSHIP,
WE TAKE THIS TIME
BETWEEN ALL THE
NOISE TO STAND
ROOTED AND SPEAK
FROM THE HEART.
WE'LL HEAR STORIES,
SPOKEN WORD PIECES
AND SPEECHES THAT
SIGNIFY THE LOVE,
PRIDE & JOY THAT HAS
ALWAYS BEEN AT THE
CORE OF OUR
COMMUNITY.**



QUEERAOKE



**AFTER A WEEK OF
EVENTS SPENT
CELEBRATING THE
WONDERFUL POWER
OF COMMUNITY,
SUNDAY EVENING
WILL BE YOUR TIME
TO SHINE AND STEP
INTO THE
SPOTLIGHT.
UNLEASH YOUR
INNER DIVA AND
SHOW US WHAT
YOU'VE GOT -
WHETHER IT'S
BALLADS BY CELINE
THAT PULL AT THE
HEARTSTRINGS OR
SONGS LIKE 'I'M
STILL STANDING' BY
ELTON THAT PAY
HOMAGE TO THE
NIGHT BEFORE.
COME AND JOIN US
FOR A CHILL
EVENING OF
KARAOKE AT THE
RED PARROT
CONCLUDING OUR
WEEK OF
CELEBRATIONS ON A
HIGH NOTE!**

**SUNDAY
23RD
AUGUST, 6PM
@ THE RED
PARROT**

**FREE
ADMISSION
EVENT**



RAINBOW FAMILIES: CONNECT CAFE

FREE ADMISSION EVENT



**THURSDAY 27TH
AUGUST
11AM - 1PM
@ BOYLE FAMILY
RESOURCE
CENTRE**

FAMILIES COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES, BUT WE'RE OFTEN MORE ALIKE THAN WE THINK.

THE RAINBOW FAMILIES: CONNECT CAFE OFFERS A SPACE FOR FAMILIES OF ALL BACKGROUNDS TO CONNECT, CHAT AND SHARE STORIES WITH ONE ANOTHER.

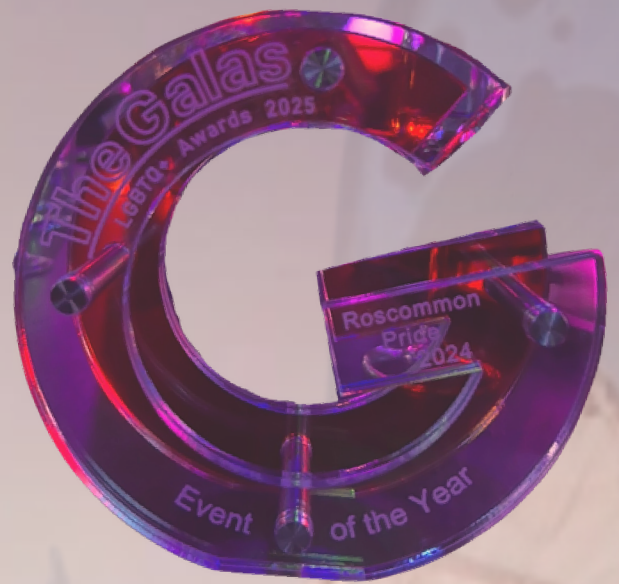
AS WE ALL KEEP TRYING TO DO THE BEST WE CAN EACH DAY, IT IS IMPORTANT WE TAKE TIME TO COME TOGETHER TO TALK, LISTEN AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ROSCOMMON PRIDE COMMITTEE

GUIDE DESIGNED BY
DYLAN BREEN

WITH PARTICULAR THANKS
TO KARINA MURRAY (OUR
EVENTS MANAGER) &
FELICIA LOUGHREY (SRFRC)
FOR ALL THEIR HELP BEHIND
THE SCENES.



THIS WEEK OF EVENTS HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FABULOUS GALA AWARD-WINNING ROSCOMMON PRIDE COMMITTEE FOR A THIRD YEAR OF COLOUR CAPTIVATING THE COUNTY.

THIS ANNUAL COMMITMENT TO HOSTING EVENTS ACROSS THE CALENDAR IS A TESTAMENT TO THE HARD WORK BY OUR TEAM OF WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS. IT WAS AN HONOUR TO SEE THESE EFFORTS RECOGNISED AT THE GALA LGBTQ AWARDS 2025 WHEN WE TOOK HOME THE AWARD FOR 'EVENT OF THE YEAR' FOR OUR FIRST ANNUAL PRIDE WEEKEND.





POSTER BY AOIFE CLARKE

THE JOINT WINNERS OF OUR 'FINDING YOUR FLOCK' POSTER COMPETITION ARE THE VERY TALENTED AOIFE CLARKE AND JESSICA KERRIGAN!

BOTH THEIR BEAUTIFUL PIECES INTERPRET OUR THEME SO INDIVIDUALLY, AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON WE CHOSE THEM AS OUR WINNERS OUT OF ALL THE ENTRIES.



POSTER BY JESSICA KERRIGAN