***Festival and Event Grant Guidelines***

***What is the purpose of the Scheme?***

The category is to encourage and promote local events that might otherwise not take place and which are largely organised by local voluntary groups and includes intercultural events and events that recognise and celebrate diversity.

It is expected that the local voluntary groups are inclusive, participative, and accessible in their structure and operation.

The scheme is not intended to support festivals that are fund raising by nature or events that are self-financing and well established. Funding up to a maximum of €1000 for any one project.

***Conditions & Guidelines of the Scheme:***

* *Decisions will be weighted in favour of those projects that provide details of their project including aims and objectives.*
* *Groups must be affiliated to Meath Public Participation Network.*
* *Assistance to the project will be provided on a once-off basis.*
* *Specific conditions may be attached to the grant award.*
* *Recipients may be asked for a report on completion of particular projects.*
* *All funded projects / activities must be located within County Meath.*
* *Salary costs are ineligible for funding.*
* *All groups should hold appropriate Insurance cover for the works being undertaken or ensure appropriate cover for the person(s) undertaking the works.*
* *Full compliance with Child Protection Policies if activities are involving children and young people (0-18yrs).*
* *Applications will not be accepted after the closing date.*

***Closing date for the Festival and Event Grant is 5pm on Friday7th March 2025***