



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Festival Programme

6th - 10th November 2025

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Welcome...

On behalf of our hardworking and dedicated committee I would like to welcome you to the 30th annual Listowel Food Fair. We have an exciting programme of events over the 5 days encompassing all aspects of the food chain from farm to fork and sea to table targeting all age groups with quality and interesting events.

We are both privileged and honoured that the distinguished academic and journalist Luke O'Neill will open our festival this year. The festival will be closed by the present Minister for Agriculture Martin Heydon who will deliver the Frank Hayes lecture on Monday evening.

This year is special because we are celebrating our 30th anniversary. Celebrity chef and author Kevin Dundon is the recipient of our coveted Lifetime Achievement Award and follows in the footsteps of previous winners Dennis Brosnan, Francis Brennan and Darina Allen. Over the past 30 years many of the best known figures in the Irish Hospitality and Agri Food sectors have presented at the Food Fair. Reference will be made to many of these in a special publication compiled by committee member Annette McElligott to mark our anniversary.

As this is my last year as Chairperson I would like to acknowledge the work of previous committees and Chairpersons who gave their time and expertise Pro bono to ensure the success of the Food Fair. I would like to acknowledge two individuals who played significant roles in the early days of the Food Fair and who have since passed, Sheila Broderick and Joanna Watkins. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them over the weekend.

I would like to acknowledge those businesses in Listowel who have embraced the concept of a food fair from the outset. They had the foresight in recognising its role in the promotion of Listowel as a gourmet destination both locally and nationally.

Finally I would like to thank our many sponsors who are listed on the programme. Without your financial support the Food Fair would simply not have survived for the past 30 years.

Jimmy Deenihan
Chairperson

Listowel Food Fair Committee 2025

Arlene Harman, Ruth Quigley, John Mangan, Mairéad Moriarty,
Sarah Fitzgerald, Seamus Leahy, Ger Mulvihill, Christine Purcell,
Asya O'Callaghan, Mary Coleman, Colette O'Connor, Jeremy Murphy,
and Jimmy Deenihan.



EVENT GUIDE 2025

Thursday, 6th November



SCHOOLS SENSORY ANALYSIS WEBINAR

Venue: Online, available nationwide

Time: 10.00am (Primary Schools)
12noon (Secondary Schools)

Details: The Flavour Adventure: A fun journey through tastes presented by **T.J. O'Connor** of MTU

Bookings: Schools only event



BIM SCHOOLS EVENT

Venue: Presentation Secondary School, Listowel

Time: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Details: **Sarah Browne** of Oysome. This practical workshop introduces secondary school students to the essentials of seafood cookery and everyday nutrition. Students will leave with practical recipes and a stronger understanding of how to cook well to support their health.

Bookings: Schools only event



2025 LISTOWEL LIVESTOCK MART BEST FACTORY HEIFER AWARD

Venue: Listowel Livestock Mart, Tanavalla, Listowel

Time: 2.00pm

Details: Presentation of the 2025 Listowel Livestock Mart Best Factory Heifer Award.

Bookings: No booking required, all are welcome

LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR OPENING NIGHT

Special Guest Professor Luke O'Neill MRIA, Biochemist & Immunologist

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square

Time: 7.00pm

Details: An evening with **Professor Luke O'Neill** discussing his research on inflammation, disease and the immune system.

Bookings: Tickets €20 and are available on www.eventbrite.ie
Supporting the Brendan Kennelly Foundation

PIG & PORTER EVENT

Venue: Christy's The Well Bar, The Square

Time: 9.00pm

Details: Enjoy an evening of traditional music and sampling local produce including Athea Black Pudding, Pork and Listowel Wellness Bakery Bread.

Bookings: No booking required, all are welcome





Friday, 7th November

NATURE'S PLAYGROUND

UNCOVERING THE BIODIVERSITY OF COUNTY KERRY

Venue: St. John's Theatre, Listowel

Time: 11.30am [Secondary Schools]

Details: Speakers **Muiread Kelly** MSc. and **Dr. Kilian Kelly** MTU

Bookings: Schools only event



SCHOOLS - SAMHAIN TASTE OF THE HARVEST COOKING COMPETITIONS

Venue: Presentation Secondary School, Listowel

Time: Juniors: 9.00am-11.30am / Seniors: 12.30pm-2.30pm

Details: Junior & Senior Competitions - cooking and judging

Bookings: Schools only event

KERRY RADIO - THE 11 TO 1 CLUB

Venue: Supervalu, Listowel

Time: 11.00am-1.00pm

Details: Radio Kerry outside broadcast unit live in Listowel

Supported by Garvey's Supervalu, Listowel



INSOMNIA CAFÉ - COFFEE MORNING

Venue: Spar Supermarket, Market Street, Listowel

Time: 11.00am-1.00pm

Details: Fundraising in aid of Kerry Parents and Friends

Bookings: All welcome, no ticket required



GARVEY'S SUPERVALU HOST EXCLUSIVE TASTING EVENT

Venue: Supervalu, Listowel

Time: 11.00am-3.00pm **[on both Friday & Saturday]**

Details: Food Tastings with renowned local producers in-store

Bookings: All welcome, no ticket required



SAMHAIN HARVEST LUNCH

Venue: Kerry Writers' Museum, The Square, Listowel

Time: 1.00pm-3.00pm

Details: "Breaking Bread Together and Celebrating What is Local"
Casual buffet lunch prepared by a team of chefs from MTU,
a celebration of locally available foods.

Bookings: €30.00 per ticket

Pre-booking essential on www.eventbrite.ie



LISTOWEL FOOD DINING CIRCLE

Venue: Restaurants throughout Listowel Town

Time: 6.00pm-Late

Details: Enjoy varied and exciting menus in the numerous dining options available in Listowel

Bookings: See participating restaurants below



Venue

The Listowel Arms Hotel

Lizzy's Little Kitchen

Eabha Jones

Allo's Restaurant & Bistro

Gapo's Restaurant

Dough Mamma

Royal China

Pad Thai Restaurant

The Horseshoe Bar

Christy's The Well Bar

Bookings

068 21500

087 390 7133

068 57430

068 22880

068 23144

087 447 1943

068 24428

068 69811

068 21083

087 826 4544

WHISKEY TASTING AT JOHN B. KEANE'S PUB

Venue: John B Keane's Pub, Listowel

Time: 9.00pm

Details: Celebrating 100 years of Green Spot Whiskey
Sponsored by Mitchell & Sons Dublin

Bookings: All welcome, proceeds raised on the night in aid of
Aras Mhuire Nursing Home, Listowel



Saturday, 8th November

LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR ANNUAL PARK RUN

Venue: Town Park, Listowel

Time: 9.30am

Details: Listowel Food Fair Annual Park Run with nutritional treats from
Glanbia Performance Nutritional

Bookings: All welcome, no booking required



LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR MORNING TRAIL

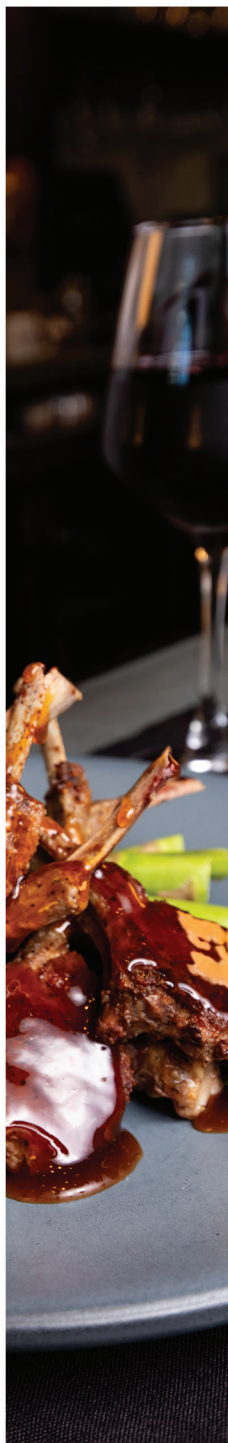
Departs: Outside The Listowel Arms Hotel

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Details: An engaging, educational and enticing walk around the culinary town of Listowel, visiting local restaurants and food outlets to sample a variety of locally prepared food.

Bookings: €20.00 per ticket. All participants must be over 18 years of age.
Prebooking essential on www.eventbrite.ie





HONEY, NATIVE HONEY BEES, PRODUCTION AND THE WIDER ENVIRONMENT



Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel

Time: 11.00am-1.00pm

Details: Enjoy a passionate presentation by **John Greenaway** an advocate for sustainable beekeeping, biodiversity and the traditions and ecology of Ireland. Championing practical arrangements and solutions that serve native honey bees, people and the planet. Supported by NOD Apiary Ireland.

Bookings: €10.00 per ticket, prebooking essential on www.eventbrite.ie

EXPLORING HEALTH, WELLBEING, DIET & MOVEMENT FOR AUTISTIC POPULATIONS

Venue: Listowel Community Centre, Town Park

Time: 11.00am

Details: A lecture and interactive movement and mindfulness workshop by **Dr. Susan Crawford**, author, lecturer, researcher and mother of a young man with ASD.

Bookings: Free event, bookings at Listowel Community Centre 068 22244

KIDS CUPCAKE DECORATING CLASS

Venue: Presentation Secondary School, Listowel

Time: 11.00am-1.00pm

Details: Join **Kayla** from Love and Frosting Co. and learn how to decorate fun and creative cakes using various techniques. Kids decorate 6 gluten free cupcakes.

Bookings: €25.00 per ticket, prebooking essential on www.eventbrite.ie

A FEAST OF POETRY AND STORIES ABOUT FOOD

Venue: John B Keane's Pub, William Street, Listowel

Time: 12.00noon-1.30pm

Details: Local poets who will delight and entertain us with their poetry and stories about food.

Bookings: All are welcome, no ticket required

ADULT CAKE DECORATING CLASS

Venue: Presentation Secondary School, Listowel

Time: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Details: Join **Kayla** from Love and Frosting Co. and learn how to decorate and creative cakes using various techniques. Decorate a 6" gluten free starry moon cake.

Bookings: €40.00 per ticket, prebooking essential on www.eventbrite

2025 SAMHAIN FOOD GROWERS' SEMINAR

Venue: St John's Theatre, Listowel

Time: 2.00pm

Details: Food Growers seminar ,hosted by Sari Houlihan in discussion with Billy Jo O'Connor of Leigh Farm, Ian McGrigor, Paudie Hanafin, Thomas O'Connor of Manna Foods and Lisa Fingleton Organic Farming.

Bookings: €10.00 per ticket, prebooking essential on www.eventbrite.ie



2025 LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR AFTERNOON TRAIL

Departs: Outside Lizzie's Little Kitchen, Church Street

Time: 3.00pm-5.00pm

Details: An engaging, educational and enticing walk around the culinary town of Listowel, visiting local restaurants and food outlets to sample a variety of locally prepared foods.

Bookings: €20.00 per ticket. All participants must be over 18 years of age. Prebooking essential on www.eventbrite.ie



30th ANNIVERSARY LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR BLACK TIE GALA DINNER

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square

Time: 7.00pm

Details: Join us for an evening of great fun and great food at the 5 Course Food Fair Gala Award Dinner with Celebrity Chef Kevin Dundon. Drinks reception and culinary delights presented by The Listowel Arms Hotel.

Presentation of the 2025 Listowel Food Fair Awards:

- 2025 Listowel Food Fair 'Lifetime Achievement Award'
- 2025 Listowel Food Fair 'Local Food Hero Award'
- 2025 Listowel Food Fair 'Best Emerging Artisan Food Producer Award'
- 2025 Listowel Food Fair 'Sheila Broderick Best Cheese Award'
- 2025 Listowel Food Fair 'Food Influencer and Digital Storyteller of the Year Award'
- 2025 Listowel Food Fair 'Food Book of the Year Award'

Bookings: Tickets €100 Limited places available so reservations are essential. Tickets available on www.eventbrite.ie also available at The Listowel Arms Hotel. Telephone 068 21500 for direct booking.





Sunday, 9th November

FOOD FAIR HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS

Venue: St. Mary's Church, The Square

Time: 11.30am



LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR FOOD & CRAFT HALL

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square

Time: 11.00am-4.00pm

Details: Get ready for the forthcoming festive season with a fabulous selection of Irish Artisan Foods, Irish Craft, Fine Art and Gifts available at the 2025 Listowel

Bookings: All are welcome, no ticket required

LIVE JAZZ LUNCH AT LISTOWEL ARMS HOTEL

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square

Time: 12.30pm-3.00pm

Details: Enjoy an Autumnal Menu accompanied by live jazz with West Coast Sounds, featuring the magic voice of Linda Galvin and Moss O'Shea on sax.

Bookings: Limited capacity so prebooking is essential on 068 21500



Monday, 10th November

LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR FRANK HAYES MEMORIAL FARMING SEMINAR

Venue: The Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square

Time: 7.30pm

Details: This year's speakers and topics are as follows:

Pat Murphy CEO Kerry Dairy Ireland

"Kerry Dairy Ireland - A new era."

Olga Mulvey, Category Controller, Kerry Dairy Ireland,
"Grass Fed Momentum: Unlocking the trends shaping dairy"

Minister for Agriculture Martin Heydon T.D.

"Challenges & Opportunities facing the farming community at this time, including the agri budget, nitrates derogation, mercosur, TB eradication & generational renewal"

Bookings: All are welcome, no ticket required

Thank You

The Listowel Food Fair would like to recognise and support our valued sponsors for whom without their continued support we would not be in a position to present such a diverse programme of events.

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Local Food Business Contacts

The Listowel Arms Hotel - 068 21500

Mags Deli - 068 22332

Texaco Spar Listowel - 068 57556

Lizzy's Little Kitchen - 087 390 7133

Eabha Jones - 068 57430

Allo's Restaurant & Bistro - 068 22880

John Griffin Butchers - 068 22030

Jumbo's Family Restaurant - 068 22150

Lynch's Bakery & Coffee Shop - 068 21099

John R's Foodhall - 068 21249

Garvey's Supervalu Market Street Kitchen Listowel - 068 21385

Gapo's Restaurant - 068 23144

Thyme Out Café, Listowel Garden Centre - 083 057 5181

The Maid of Erin - 068 21321

Catch of the Day - Fish Shop Listowel 068 24987

Mr. Kebab - 068 22227

Mamma Mia - 068 22184

Dough Mamma - 087 447 1943

Royal China - 068 24428

Indian Curry Club / Chicken Club - 068 23806

Nanjing Listowel - 068 57960

Allie's Coffee Shop

Christy's The Well Bar - 087 8264544

Pad Thai Restaurant - 068 69811

The Horseshoe Bar - 068 21083

Insomnia Coffee Company - 068 21086



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