

County Cavan's Flagship Sustainability and Innovation Festival.

**Connecting people,
places and ideas for a
more sustainable future.**



Cavan Eco Féile



Cavan

Comhairle Contae an Chabháin
Cavan County Council



Friday 23rd-Sunday 25th October 2026

- CAVAN TOWN -

Cavan Eco Féile is supported by the Decarbonising Zone (DZ) Demonstrator Fund, funded by the Department of Climate, Energy, and the Environment under the Government of Ireland.



Bringing together local communities, businesses, education providers, government agencies and industry leaders showcasing County Cavan's ambition for the future delivering:

Climate Action and Leadership

Digital Transformation and Innovation

Stronger Local Economies

Stronger, More Resilient Communities



FRIDAY 23RD & SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER - ECO FUN

Time: 11am-6pm

Venue: Multi-Storey Car Park, Cavan Town
Free Events

Discover, experience and enjoy our Digital and Innovation Zone, Eco Féile Challenge Zone

- Eco Féile Challenge Zone
- Climate Action & Decarbonisation Zone
- Created in Cavan Artisan Food & Local Produce
- EcoFun Zone
- Environmental Themed Circus Shows
- Mr Maths
- Humanoid Robot
- Magic Shows



FRIDAY 23RD, SATURDAY 24TH & SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER - ECO FESTIVAL

Venue: Eco Féile Stage Tesco Carpark
Free Events

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

9pm-11pm: Spirit of Smokie

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

7pm-9pm: Groev

9pm-11pm: Highstool Prophets

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

8pm-10pm: The Tumbling Paddies



Spirit of Smokie



Highstool Prophets



The Tumbling Paddies



FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER - ECO FUTURES

Business, Innovation and Digital Futures

Moderator: Sarah Carey, Irish Independent
Columnist and Broadcaster

Time: 8:30am-9:45am

Venue: Cavan Digital Hub, Kilmore Business
Park, Dublin Road, Cavan, H12PDH2.

**Business Breakfast: Cavan and the Regional
Economy Investment, Growth and
Competitiveness.**

Showcasing our local business leaders and
industry stakeholders who are shaping our
future through leadership in sustainability,
innovation and economic development.

Bríd O'Connell [Guaranteed Irish] | Anthony
Doherty [Kingspan] | Dara O'Reilly [Mannok] |
Martin Tormey [Goodbody] | Neil Phair [Cavan
Dublin Business Network] | Eoin Doyle [Cavan
County Council]

Time: 10am-11am

Venue: Cavan Digital Hub, Kilmore Business
Park, Dublin Road, Cavan, H12PDH2.

**National Broadband Plan - County Cavan
Closing Event**

Celebrating a fully connected county. Ministe-
rial Closing event showcasing significance of
digitisation and transformation within Cavan's
commercial and business sectors.

Time: 10am-5pm
Venue: Cavan Town

**Vision for Cavan 2036:
Exhibition & Panel Sessions**

Why Cavan 2036? Leading Voices sharing their ambition and views for the future of Cavan.

Time: 10am-5pm
Venue: Former Ulster Bank, 17 Main Street, Cavan, H12 XT65.

Exhibition demonstrating how today's investments and partnerships are shaping the County Cavan of 2036.

Time: 12pm -3pm
Venue: Town Hall Arts Centre, Town Hall Street, Cavan, H12 WV82

Eco Futures; Business Innovation and Digital Futures

Moderator: Sarah Carey, Irish Independent Journalist and Broadcaster

CAVAN 2036

Panel 1: 12noon-12:45pm
Connectivity and Sustainability - AI and Connectivity will Regional Ireland be a winner?

Alan Hanamy [CEO KTL] | Sabahat Khan [CIO LGMA] | John O'Shanahan [MD LEANBPI]

Panel 2: 12:45pm-1:30pm

Sustainability, Climate and Business

- Can we grow and get to net zero?

Kevin Lunney [Mannok] | Anthony Doherty [Kingspan] | Dr Tara Shine [Climate Scientist and Advocate]

Panel 3: 2pm-2:45pm

Cavan 2036 What will our Towns and Villages Look Like?

Professor Brian Caulfield [Trinity College Dublin] | Andrew Doyle [Tesco] | Paddy Connaughton [Cavan County Council] | Caroline Brady [Cavan County Council] | Breda Maher [Climate Action Regional Office - CARO]

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER - ECO SPORT

Time: 5pm-7pm

Venue: Eco Féile Stage Tesco Carpark

Celebrating our U-13 GAA Boys and Girls Championship Finalists, alongside launch of Cavan County Council, Cavan GAA and CARO Eco Féile initiative.

Youth Climate Ambassador Pledge and Medal Presentation to Cavan U-13 County Finalists
Presentation of medals and Climate Ambassador Pledge, based on the principles of the GAA Green Club programme.

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

- ECO ART

Time: 6pm-8pm

Venue: Urney Church of Ireland

The Sleeping Giant by Tom Meskell with artist facilitators Andrea Mulhern, Caroline Clarke and Emma Leddy and schools, afterschools and community groups across Cavan.

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

- ECO CULTURE

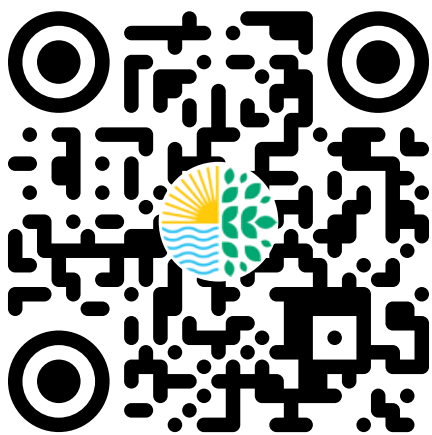
Time: 2:30pm-8pm

Venue: Cavan Courthouse

Gulliver's Travels 300th year Celebration and Cavan's Connections for Cultúr 2026.

Embark on an imaginative journey to Lilliput through music, poetry, theatre, visual art, literature, and creative activities for all ages at this free family event. Discover a spectacular illuminated Sleeping Giant created by local artists and communities across County Cavan.

Marking the 200th anniversary year of Cavan Courthouse, experience a spectacular digital projection mapping artwork, transforming Cavan Courthouse into a cinematic canvas. As darkness falls, a magical Dark Skies Lantern Parade will weave through the streets of Cavan Town to the Tesco Car Park for late night music.



ECOFUN

Venue: Cavan Multi Storey Car Park

JOIN US FOR ECOFÉILE SMART MOVES, SMART PLANET - FAMILY FUN

EcoFéile, together with our partners in Active Travel, Cavan Sports Partnership, Climate Action, Road Safety and the Environment, is delighted to bring a weekend packed with fun, interactive and educational activities for young explorers!

Children aged 6 to 9 years can enjoy a variety of hands-on games, exciting challenges and engaging learning experiences designed to inspire curiosity about the world around them. Come along, get involved, and enjoy a weekend of learning through play! Booking is essential. See ecofeile.ie

Date: Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th October

Time: 11am-5pm

WALKING FOR ALL - WALK SESSIONS

Visit the Walking for All Information Stand, in Cavan Multi Storey Carpark, and meet Gemma, Cavan's Walking for All Officer. Find out how Walking for All is supporting communities across Cavan to establish welcoming, accessible walking groups led by trained Walk

Leaders. Come along to learn more, register to join an existing walking group, or find out how you can become a trained Walk Leader and start a group in your own community. Gemma will lead two walks each day.

Date: Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th October

Time: 10am & 12:30pm

Registration is required to take part in the walks. See ecofeile.ie

CUILCAGH MOUNTAIN - GUIDED PEATLAND WALK

Join Peatland Officer Roisin Black and Bryan, Senior Technical Officer with Ulster Wildlife, for a guided walk on Cuilcagh and discover the vital work taking place to restore peatlands and support nature's recovery.

Places are limited and booking is essential. Booking via <https://cuilcagh-lakelands-geopark.honne.io/public/activity/7c492478-daf5-4449-a43c-60f44993ac2e/book>

GEO PARK 25 - CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AS A GEOPARK

For 25 years, Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark has been uncovering the remarkable stories hidden within our landscape.

Discover the full Geopark programme at <https://cuilcaghlakelands.org/event/geopark-25-celebrating-25-years-as-a-geopark/>

GUIDED TOUR OF FAIRGREEN COMMUNITY GARDENS

As part of EcoFéile, Cavan Tidy Towns warmly invites you to join us for a guided tour of Fairgreen Community Gardens. Booking is essential. See ecofeile.ie

Date: Thursday, 23rd October 2026

Time: 10am-12pm

Venue: Fairgreen Community Gardens, Cavan

ART COMPETITION – CREATIVE MINDS, SUSTAINABLE FUTURES, INSPIRING CHANGE THROUGH ART

An Art Competition open to students and young people currently enrolled in National School, Secondary School and Further Education across Cavan, which provides an opportunity to express their Vision for Cavan 2036 through art, while demonstrating their creativity and understanding of climate and environmental themes.

Entries will be exhibited to the public in the former Ulster Bank, Main Street, Cavan, on Friday 23rd October from 10am-5pm.

UNDERSTANDING IRELAND'S WEATHER & CLIMATE – JOANNA DONNELLY

Join renowned meteorologist Joanna Donnelly for an engaging and insightful talk on Ireland's weather and climate as part of EcoFeile. The event will also mark the official launch of Children's Storytelling Initiative and Storybook showcasing their 'Vision for Cavan 2036'. Booking is essential. See ecofeile.ie

Friday 23rd October 2026

Time: 3pm-4pm

Johnston Central Library, Events Space



Joanna Donnelly

ECO FÉILE BULKY WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Cavan County Council will host a special Eco Féile Bulky Waste Recycling Event at Corranure Civic Amenity, with 50% off the regular price of recycling bulky domestic items. Recycling facilities for small electrical items, batteries and vapes will be available on the Ground Floor of the Multi-Storey Car Park – both take place on Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th October.

OUR SPEAKERS

Sabahat Khan

Sabahat “Saab” Khan is the Assistant Chief Executive and CIO at the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA). He is overseeing the Digital, ICT, and Cybersecurity department, leading initiatives to enhance local government services through digital transformation. With a focus on innovation and efficiency, Sabahat drives digital advancements and improves service delivery. Sabahat is part of the LGMA executive team, responsible for delivering on corporate objectives and implementing policy and strategy across the Agency.

Alan Hanamy

Alan Hanamy graduated with a degree in Manufacturing and Computer Engineering, UCG, before going on to hold various engineering management roles with American Multinationals for 12 years. He joined KTL – a leading service provider to the telecoms & power industries in the UK and Ireland – as Operations Manager in 2000 and was appointed CEO in 2007. KTL employs over 700 people, and its clients include ESB Networks, BT, Vodafone, and Three.

Dara O'Reilly, CEO, Mannok

A qualified Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Consultant, Dara commenced working with the Quinn Group in 2000, following his training as an accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Dublin and subsequently a period as Internal Auditor with Aer Lingus. He became Group Finance Director of Quinn Group in 2003, a position he held until leaving the company in 2011. In 2014, Dara returned to head up the finance function of Mannok as Chief Financial Officer. He was appointed Chief Executive Officer in 2024.

Neil Phair Cavan-Dublin Network

Neil founded the Cavan-Dublin Network in 2018 to create a platform to connect Cavan people living and working in the Greater Dublin Area. Neil is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Advisor and runs his own tax advisory practice, Phair & Co. Tax Advisors.

Dr Tara Shine, Climate Scientist and Advocate

Dr Tara Shine is an environmental scientist, climate change expert, author and broadcaster with more than 20 years' experience advising governments, world leaders and international organisations on climate change and

sustainable development. She is an accomplished science communicator and television presenter. She is the author of How to Save Your Planet One Object at a Time.

Anthony Doherty, Kingspan

Anthony Doherty is Head of Corporate Affairs at the Kingspan Group and is responsible for the group's stakeholder engagement globally. Prior to this, Anthony held a number of roles in Kingspan's legal function, having previously worked in the tech sector, investment banking and in legal practice

Kevin Lunney, Mannok

Kevin Lunney is Director of Operations at Mannok and a Fellow of the Irish Academy of Engineering. He leads operational strategy and innovation, with a particular focus on driving Mannok's decarbonisation ambitions and transition to lower-carbon manufacturing.

Martin Tormey, Goodbody

Martin Tormey, CEO of Goodbody (part of the AIB Group) is a Cavan native with over 30 years' experience in financial services, investment and capital markets. He is a strong advocate for Irish enterprise, investment, and regional ambition

Bríd O'Connell, Guaranteed Irish

Bríd O'Connell is CEO of Guaranteed Irish, where she champions innovation, local supply chains, and the global reach of Irish business. Committed to Ireland's economic and social development, she helps enterprises grow, scale, and succeed internationally. Under her leadership, Guaranteed Irish has strengthened collaboration, trust, and global partnerships. Guaranteed Irish - Supporting Business That Supports Ireland.

Andrew Doyle, Tesco

Andrew Doyle is an experienced commercial real estate and asset management professional currently serving as a Development Executive at Tesco Ireland. I have a strong background in commercial surveying and transaction services—including previous roles at Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Savills. His current role is to assist with Tesco's large store development and build a long term property pipeline. He has a Master's in Management from the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School and an MSc in Real Estate from the Dublin Institute of Technology

Professor Brian Caulfield

Prof Caulfield is Professor in Transportation and Director of the Trinity Centre for Transport Research. His research addresses global issues such as the environmental impacts of transport and methods to reduce the carbon impacts of transport.

Jenny Fisher - CEO, NBI Deployment

Jenny Fisher is the Chief Executive Officer of NBI Deployment, leading the delivery of Ireland's largest rural infrastructure investment since rural electrification. Jenny joined NBI in 2020, bringing over two decades of leadership and advisory experience on complex, high-profile projects within highly regulated and publicly accountable sectors.

Breda Maher

Breda Maher is a Regional Coordinator with the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO), supporting local authorities across the region in advancing climate action, sustainability and resilience. She works collaboratively with local government partners and stakeholders to strengthen capacity, foster collaboration and develop practical, evidence-based solutions to climate challenges. Through her work, Breda helps bridge the gap between national climate policy and local implementation, enabling local authorities to lead meaningful and lasting change within their communities.

Eoin Doyle, Chief Executive, Cavan County Council

Eoin Doyle was appointed Chief Executive of Cavan County Council in July 2024. He has over three decades of experience in local government including 16 years as Director of Services in Cavan and previous service in Offaly, Carlow and Galway County Councils. Eoin has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in various sectors such as Housing, Cultural Services, Human Resources, Economic and Community Development. His qualifications include a B. Comm from NUI Galway, a M.B.A. from Dublin City University. He was enrolled as a barrister with the Honorable Society of Kings Inns in 2016. Eoin's leadership focus is to continue the positive development of County Cavan, with a focus on improving the county as a place to live, work, and visit.

Paddy Connaughton

Paddy Connaughton is Director of Services with Cavan County Council, with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure, Economic Development and Enterprise,

Climate Action, Environment and Water Services. A Chartered Engineer and Fellow of Engineers Ireland, he has worked in local government for over 25 years. Paddy has a particular interest in economic development, infrastructure and building partnerships between local government, business and communities to support Cavan's long-term growth and development.

John O'Shanahan

John O'Shanahan is the Founder and Managing Director of LeanBPI, a specialist consultancy helping small businesses improve how they operate through lean thinking, digitalisation, and practical AI adoption.

Founded over 12 years ago, LeanBPI works with business owners to simplify processes, remove waste, and implement digital solutions that solve real operational problems. The consultancy focuses on helping small businesses adopt technology in ways that are practical, affordable, and aligned with how their businesses actually work.

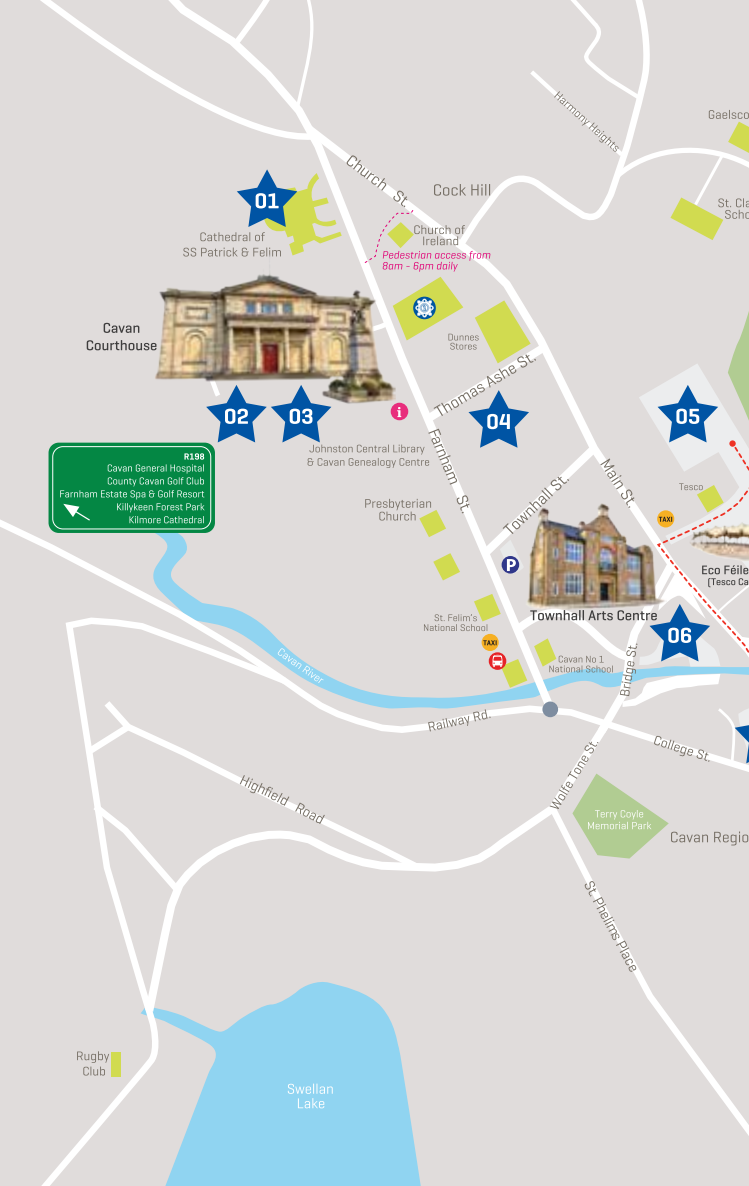
Daniel Peeters

Daniel Peeters is the founder of Cavan Connects, County Cavan's digital inclusion and community connectivity initiative based at the Townhall Digital Suite in Cavan. He leads the delivery of the Cavan Digital Strategy, working for Cavan County Council to roll out high-speed broadband, expand the county's network of Broadband Connection Points, and build the digital skills and confidence of communities, businesses, and schools across Cavan.

Caroline Brady

Caroline Brady has almost 30 years of service in Cavan County Council, spanning a diverse range of departments including Community and Enterprise, Planning, Housing, and Corporate Services. Caroline has also held previous roles at regional level, including Director of the Border Regional Authority and Programme Manager for the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan.

In her current role as Economic Development Officer with responsibility for Town Regeneration, Caroline works closely with public, private, and community stakeholders to drive sustainable economic growth and enhance the vitality of Cavan's towns. Passionate about place-making and regional development, she is committed to positioning Cavan as an attractive destination to invest, live, work, and visit.



Sabahat Khan



Alan Hanamy



Cavan Eco Féile

- ★01 Cathedral Carpark [163]
- ★02 Courthouse Carpark [350]
- ★03 Lynton House Carpark [250]
- ★04 HSE, Thomas Ashe Street Carpark [40]
- ★05 Main Street Carpark South [111]
- ★06 Bridge Street Carpark [52]
- ★07 James Connolly Street Carpark [68]

TOTAL 1034

Over 1,000 additional public retail parking spaces
within 10 minutes' walk of Kingspan Breffni Park

N3 to DUBLIN
 Breffni Retail Park
 Lakeland Retail Park
 Crystal Retail Park
 Cavan Crystal Hotel
 Hotel Kilmore



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An Roinn Cultúir,
Cumarsáide agus Spóirt
Department of Culture,
Communications and Sport



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Difig Fiontair Áitiúil
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