

Coole Park Programme 2008

Cultural and Heritage Events at Coole Park

This year once again, the Friends of Coole in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Services, Galway County Council, Galway Rural Development, Galway Education Centre, Fáilte Ireland West and the community of Gort will host the official launch of the Cultural and Heritage Winter Programme at Coole Park. The 2008 Winter Programme Brochure will be available on the day from Coole Park and also it will be widely available locally.

Coole Park serves as a focus for the area for both adults and children alike. The haven that is Coole Park Reserve, on the doorstep of Gort serving both Counties Galway and Clare, is a marvelous educational facility for both children and adults. The Cultural and Heritage Winter Programme 2008 continues this tradition.

The Coole Park Cultural Programme aims to provide a series of high quality multi-disciplinary arts and heritage events to as wide and inclusive local audience as possible in a site that has national and international cultural status. The programme events in Spring and Winter yearly endeavours to showcase locally based artists and lectures on locally based topics. The programme was initiated in 2005 on a pilot basis and its success to date is largely due to the strong partnership of agencies and active community involvement in its organisation, delivery and support.

The Coole Park biannual series of cultural events continues with a feast of culture for the upcoming Winter Programme 2008. The programme aims to integrate arts, culture, heritage and education with a series of events for adults, young people and families. Dance, Drama, Genealogy, Heritage, Music, Poetry, Puppets and Storytelling features in this exciting new programme of events taking place between now and December. The programme has something for all ages.

The 2008 Winter Programme at the Visitor Centre, Coole Park, Gort, will soon be underway, so check it out and keep your nights free to come to Coole Park – remember admission to all events is FREE.

Contact Coole Park Visitor Centre to receive a programme after the launch on the 21st October 2008 or for details on any of the events please contact **091 631804**.

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