



kerry bicycle festival | 15th - 23rd Sept, 2012 www.kerrybicyclefestival.org

WELCOME TO THE 5TH KERRY BICYCLE FESTIVAL. WE'RE GEARING **UP FOR A GOOD ONE.**

What is the Festival?

Cycling is fast, trendy, planet-friendly, and healthy - a means of transport as well as a hobby. The Kerry Bicycle Festival, Ireland's longest running bicycle festival, is a local, community oriented, fun-filled festival with mass appeal.

The festival was established with one simple objective in mind - to get as many people on bicycles as possible. We do this by organising diverse and engaging events in four key areas.

- » Arts & Culture
- » Sustainability
- » Lifestyle
- » Education & Awareness

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Our mission...

This one objective, to get people on bicycles, has grown into our five point mission statement.

- » Raise the profile of cycling culture. making it more accessible and attractive.
- » Highlight cycling as a **healthy**, pleasurable activity.
- » Promote cycling as an **environmentally** sustainable and cost effective mode of people who cycle, the transport.
- » Promote cycling as a fun, exhilarating recreational activity.
- » Promote Kerry as a destination for cycle tourism.

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Why does it matter?

The Kerry Bicycle Festival is all about getting people on bikes. While this may initially seem like a trivial exercise, it is actually an effective way of tackling some of the major issues facing our society today, including: health (childhood obesity/coronary problems), energy security, pollution, traffic congestion etc.

In addition, the more safer our roads become for cyclists, and bicycle-friendly towns are cleaner, healthier. quieter and safer.



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DID YOU KNOW...

This year the festival coincides with the following worthy events.

- » World Car Free Day
- » Culture Night
- » European Mobility Week
- » The Chain Gang Sportive

FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

















Please cycle safely | consider other road users | wear appropriate clothing

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SAT 15TH

CYCLE TO SURF TIME: 10 AM **TRALEE SQUARE -BANNA RETURN**

Cycle to Banna and give surfing a try! Fully instructed lesson, all equipment provided. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. We won't be put off by the rain, so bring a rain coat! Special festival rate of €12

Booking advisable. 087 9675223 / treasa@ kerrybicyclefestival.org

OFFICIAL LAUNCH TIME: 2 PM TRALEE LIBRARY

The festival and the photography exhibition, Monumental Motion. will be formally launched by H.E. the Danish Ambassador to Ireland Mr. Niels Pultz. See Pages 8/9 for more details.

ART TRAIL TIME: 2.30 PM STARTING FROM TRALEE LIBRARY

After the launch, cycle the Urban Art Trail of works about, by, and for the love of, bicycles. See pages 8/9 for more details.

STRETCHING FOR **CYCLISTS**

TIME: 3 - 4.30 PM **ROSE GARDEN/ TOWNPARK**

Combat the tight back muscles and stressed out knees and hips common in cyclists with these preparatory and restorative stretches. Wear something comfortable! Mats provided, or, bring your own.

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CYCLING SHORTS TIME: 7 - 8.30 PM WINDMILL AUDITORIUM, **BLENNERVILLE**

A selection of bicycle inspired short films.

All events free unless otherwise stated.

SUN 16TH

ST. BRENDAN'S **WAY CYCLE**

TIME: 10.40 AM

MEETING AT ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH

A Camino-inspired cycle will visit some of the most important places related to St Brendan's life. These include Wethers' Well (Tobar Na Molt), the magnificent Ardfert Cathedral, and the impressive Brendan monument at Fenit Harbour. The 50 KM cycle is being held in conjunction with the Saint Brendan Heritage Committee.

PICNIC CYCLE TIME: 2 - 5PM TRALEE SQUARE -FENIT RETURN

Our annual picnic cycle to Fenit. This year our cycle coincides with the Fenit Regatta. The Beach Cafe will have their infamous brownies to the ready!



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MON 17TH

MULTICULTURAL CYCLE

TIME: 6 - 8 PM GREENVIEW LANGUAGE CENTRE

A cycle that encourages non-locals and locals to come together for international food and an introductory cycle around Tralee town and environs. Bring a tasty ethnic dish and your peddling feet.

TUES 18TH

TOUR DE ROMANCE

TIME: 6 - 10 PM MEETING AT TRALEE SQUARE

Get back in the saddle with the Tour de Romance; speed-dating with a difference. 30 singles will cycle from restaurant to restaurant to enjoy a fun four course meal and maybe a little flirting. Who knew meals on wheels could be so romantic? €25/30 places (15 guys, 15 girls) Register early by emailing info@ kerrybicyclefestival.org



WED 19TH

PUBLIC DISCUSSION TIME: 8 - 10 PM CARLTON HOTEL

Transition Kerry is hosting its September public meeting on the theme of sustainable transport. The guest speaker will be Thomas Rogers, who is Programme co-ordinator of a successful Smarter Travel Dungarvan initiative - GO Dunvarvan. www.transitionkerry.org

THURS 20TH

DAWN CYCLE TIME: 6.30 - 8.30 AM **MEETING AT TRALEE SQUARE**

Fancy a spin before work/school? Share the dawn with fellow cyclists.

HISTORY CYCLE TIME: 6.00 - 7.30 PM **MEETING AT TRALEE SQUARE**

How extraordinary that the History Cycle will take place just days before the 400th anniversary of the Charter of Tralee! Come share historian Gerald O'Carroll's enthusiasm for Tralee history.

KIDS BICYCLE SHORT FILMS

TIME:4 PM TRALEE LIBRARY

A selection of bicycleinspired short films for kids.

FRI 21ST

CULTURE NIGHT TIME: 8 PM **BABYTAG. MARKET** PLACE (BEHIND PENNEYS)

Kerry Bicycle Festival will be celebrating Culture Night Tralee by taking part in the Urban Art Trail and experiencing the Secret Tralee Trail from the saddle. Help us Draw the Town in our own special way...with our bicycles!

Lots of other Culture Night events will take place from 7 - 11. See page 9 for more information about Culture Night or visit www.culturetralee.com



SAT 22ND

TINY TRIKING -BIKES AND TRIKES

TIME: 10 - 12 PM TRALEE WETLANDS

Children, parents, bicycles and tricycles are invited to our cycle-track for some fun for smallies! Parents can relax with a coffee and watch the kids have cycle fun including storytelling and facepainting. (Parents must remain

present to supervise)

THE BIG CYCLE TIME: 3 PM TRALEE SQUARE-**BLENNERVILLE**

'If there are nine million bicycles in Bejing, surely we can get a thousand here in Tralee'.

- Jimmy Deenihan, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht, at the launch of the Kerry Bicycle Festival 2011.

The challenge has been set. Can we get a 1,000 bicycles in the Square for a cycle of grand proportions? Join us! It's car free day so no excuses.



BICYCLE HIJINKS

TIME: 1-5.30 PM TRALEE SQUARE

Music, merriment and festival fun including: > The Slow Bicycle Race

- > Garda versus Postman Race*
- > My Lovely Bicycle
- > Cycling info stalls
- > Bike doctors

Rumour has it that Captain Gathering will be in town to liven things up!

* Odds offered by Broddy Burke on Pembroke Street.

SUN 23RD

BIODIVERSITY CYCLE

TIME: 2 - 4 PM MEETING AT TRALEE WETLANDS

This event is open to adults and children alike. It is an opportunity to get out and explore our local environment by bicycle. This exploration will be led by Niamh Ni Dhuill and Cathy Eastman from Gortbrack farm. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. We'll be cycling out hail, rain or shine so dress accordingly!

DINGLE HARVEST PICNIC

MEETING: 11.30 AM MARINA

Join us for a fun cycle, fancy dress optional. before descending on the townpark for an afternoon of activities in conjunction with Dingle Tidy Towns and Transition Towns.

CYCLE MAPPING TIME: 5 PM TRALEE SQUARE

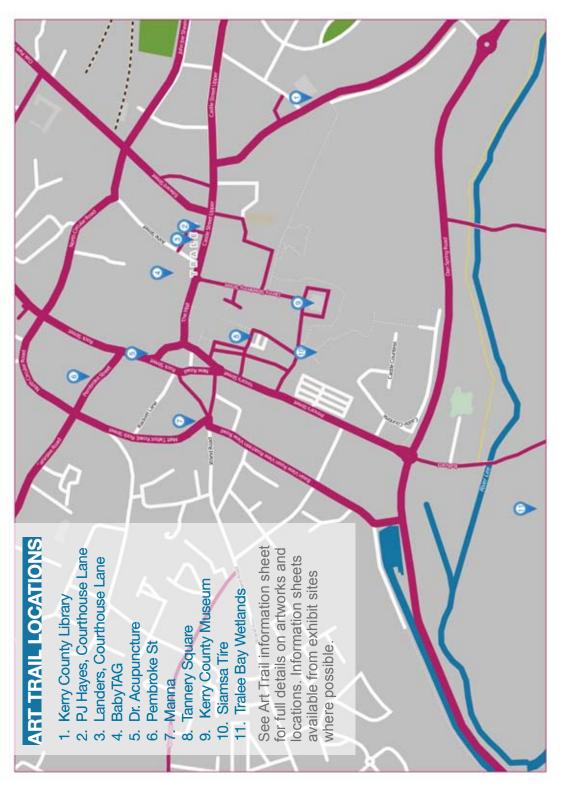
The final event of the festival is one we hope to leave a mark with. Join us in mapping Tralee's cycle facilities and infastructure, by bike of course. The collected data will be added to OpenStreetMap which is an open collaborative mapping project. Bring a GPS enabled phone if you have one.



FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE SAT 15TH **SUN 16TH** SAT 22ND SUN 23RD **CYCLE TO** ST. BRENDAN'S **MON 17TH TUES 18TH WED 19TH THURS 20TH FRI 21ST TINY TRIKING BIODIVERSITY** SURF **WAY CYCLE** - BIKES AND CYCLE **TIME: 10 AM TIME: 10.40 AM TRIKES TIME: 2 - 4 PM MULTI-TOUR DE PUBLIC** DAWN CYCLE **CULTURE** TRALEE SQUARE **MEETING AT** TIME: 10 - 12 PM **MEETING AT** CULTURAL **ROMANCE** DISCUSSION **NIGHT** TIME: 630-830 AM - BANNA RETURN ST. BRENDAN'S **TRALEE** TRALEE WET-**CYCLE BICYCLE TIME: 6 - 10 PM TIME: 8 - 10 PM** MFFTING AT **CHURCH WETLANDS** LANDS **TIME: 6 - 8 PM MEETING AT CARLTON HOTEL** TRALEE SQUARE **EVENTS** LAUNCH/ **MEETING AT** TRALEE SQUARE TIME:8PM **ART TRAIL** PICNIC CYCLE **GREENVIEW MEETING AT HISTORY MEETING: 2 PM THE BIG DINGLE FUN LANGUAGE TIME: 2 - 5 PM** BABYTAG. **CYCLE** TRALEE LIBRARY CYCLE TIME: 11.30 - 5 PM CENTRE TRALEE SQUARE MARKET PLACE **TIME: 6 - 7.30 PM** TIME: 3 PM **MARINA** - FENIT RETURN (BEHIND PENNEYS) **MEETING AT STRETCHING** TRALEE SQUARE-**SQUARE** TRALEE SQUARE **FOR CYCLISTS BLENNERVILLE** Lots of other TIME: 3 - 4.30 PM Culture Night **TOWNPARK BICYCLE** events will take CYCLE (ROSE GARDEN) SHORT FILMS **BICYCLE** place in Tralee **MAPPING** FOR KIDS **HIJINKS** from 7 - 11. Visit **CYCLING** TIME: 5 PM **TIME: 1-5.30 PM** TIME: 4 PM culturetralee.com TRALEE SQUARE SHORTS TRALEE SQUARE TRALEE LIBRARY for details **TIME: 7 - 8.30 PM WINDMILL**







///////////////////////VISUAL ARTS 2012

BICYCLE ART TRAIL

This year the Kerry Bicycle Festival has brought the art exhibition outdoors so you can see it while you cycle.

We've taken a number of vacant retail spaces, shop windows, public buildings and outdoor sites in Tralee and recycled them; activating, animating and generally transforming them from their existing redundant form, and prior use, into temporary sites for creative intervention creating an Urban Art Trail.

Starting at Tralee Library and ending at the Wetlands Centre, the trail winds through town. There's photography, video, interactive (and bouncy!) sculpture, so cycle the route and see some great art about, by, and for the love of, bicycles. See map (left) for route details.

MONUMENTAL MOTION EXHIBITION

THE EXHIBITION IS RUN IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WILL BE LAUNCHED BY H.E. THE DANISH AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND, MR. NIELS PULTZ.

"Cities and nations are often defined by the monuments they erect. Denmark and Copenhagen are no exception. One of the greatest monuments is our bicycle culture and the vast network of bicycle infrastructure that we have erected as living legacy of sustainable living.

Each and every day in Copenhagen, hundreds of thousands of citizens go about their daily lives on bicycles. For four years, photographer and urban mobility expert Mikael Colville-Andersen documented this living monument in motion.

The result is 50 photographs - chosen out of over 10,000 - that tell a story of how the bicycle plays an integral role in Copenhagen life. With this photographic series, Mikael Colville-Andersen hopes to highlight the variety of ways that Copenhageners of all age and wage brackets use the bicycle in their daily lives." - Danish Foreign Ministry

CULTURE NIGHT

On Friday September 21st 2012, locals and visitors across the island of Ireland will enjoy the unique experience of Culture Night, a free night of entertainment, discovery and adventure taking place in a record 34 towns, cities, counties and islands in Ireland. Culture Night Tralee offers a whole range of events and activities this year. The Kerry Bicycle Festival will be celebrating by taking part in the Urban Art Trail and experiencing the Secret Tralee Trail from the saddle. Join us at 8.00 PM at Babytag, Market Place (behind Penneys) and help us *Draw the Town* in our own special way...with our bicycles.

For other Culture Night Tralee events check out their website

www.culturetralee.com





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Visit www.ballygarryhouse.com for Kerry Bicycle Festival Rates.



Manor West Hotel Tel: + 353 66 7194500 www.manorwesthotel.ie info@manorwesthotel.ie

Double/ Twin: €55 p.p.s B & B

Triple: €40 p.p.s B & B | Single: €65 B & B



Grand Hotel Tel: + 353 66 7121499 www.grandhoteltralee.com info@grandhoteltralee.com

September 16th & 17th | €50.00 p.p.s B & B

September 18th – 22nd | €70.00 p.p.s B & B

Finnegan's Hostel

Finnegan's Hostel Tel: + 353 66 7127610 www.finneganshostel.com

» €8 per night dorm room.

» €15 per night private room.



BALLYROE HEIGHTS HOTEL

Ballyroe Heights Hotel Tel: + 353 66 7126796 www.ballvroe.com info@ballvroe.com

- » Double/Twin: €40 p.p.s B & B » Single: €55 B & B

Carlton Hotel Tralee Tel: + 353 66 7199100 www.carlton.ie info@carlton.ie

September 16th & 17th | €40 p.p.s. B & B

Tralee - Moving in the right direction

This year the **town of Tralee** participates in **European Mobility Week** for the first time. Kerry Bicycle Festival is part of a week long series of activities planned to highlight alternatives to car use.

The Week culminates with the In Town Without My Car! event, on World Car Free Day, Saturday 22nd September.





The Chain Gang Sportives

Kerry's Premier Cycle Challenges

Saturday September 15th 2012

The Chain Gang Cycling Club brings you a set of classic challenge cycles to test the legs and thrill the senses, taking riders over the most scenic terrain offered by the Dingle Peninsula:

The Conor Pass Challenge

- A classic 110km route takes this sportive cycle over the Conor Pass; Ireland's Highest Mountain Pass.

The Blasket Blast

- A spectacular and challenging 150km route taking in the entirety of the Dingle Peninsula.

Entry Fee:

- Online: €25 or €20 if holding current Cycling Ireland membership
- On the Day: €30

Sign On: from 8:00 a.m.

Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

Start Location: Kerins O'Rahilly's G.A.A. Grounds, Strand Road,

Take the challenge this September!

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