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SCOIL CHOIS CLAI

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8 - 10 Sept
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Scoil Chois Claí is a three-day political festival structured around workshops, lectures and debates, in English and Irish, with the added ceol traidisiúnta, craic and (for those who indulge) creamy pints of stout. The main focus of the festival is climate breakdown, alternatives to capitalism, imperialism and the rise of the far right. Speakers include trade union and community activists, researchers, academics and veterans of the left from Ireland and further afield.

Scoil Chois Claí 2023 is the second school organised by LeftBloc, a collaborative political education project that brings together ecosocialist activists from political parties, social movements, community campaigns and trade unions

to encourage new efforts in working-class self-education. It is organised with the comradely support of the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Trademark Belfast and a number of other trade unions and progressive institutions.

‘Scoileanna chois claí’ or ‘hedge schools’ were a network of informal, roadside schools that emerged, out of sight of Crown authorities beneath the sunny side of a hedge following the collapse of the Gaelic world during the colonial period and ensuing Penal Laws. With communities taking education into their own hands, these hedge schools offered instruction through Irish in subjects such as Maths, Philosophy, Latin and Greek. Robert Peel, the British Prime Minister, famously said of the schools’ impact:

“I do not wish to see children in Ireland educated like ... the young peasants of Kerry who run about in rags with a Cicero or Virgil under their arms.”

**FÁILTE GO
SCOIL CHOIS
CLAÍ 2023!**

SAFETY AND RESPECT

A chairde, we want to create the best atmosphere on the island for the weekend and ask everyone to respect both local islanders and other festival goers. We expect all participants to:

- Be in session and on time.
- Treat your hosts in the hotel, B&Bs and campsite with the respect they deserve.
- Respect the bar's last call.
- Keep noise levels to a minimum on the campsite and walking back to your accommodation at night.
- Leave no rubbish behind (The Belfast Cleaning Society, a unionised worker's cooperative, will be on hand to remind you!).

The festival also has a zero-tolerance policy for inappropriate behaviour, including any form of intimidation or harassment. If anyone has a problem or a complaint, please contact our safeguarding officers:

ANNA NÍ NUALLÁIN

Mise Fosta

00353 89 952 4829

ALICE MCLARNON

Trademark - Anti-Sectarian Unit

00 44 7745 119583

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

For minor medical issues, there is a first aid kit and first aider as part of the LeftBloc team situated in Óstan Inis Oírr. For more serious medical emergencies, the island's health centre is located at Comhar Caomhán Teo. Contact details:

DOCHTÚIR / DOCTOR:

003539975976

ALTRA / NURSE:

00353872662957

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Comhar Caomhán / Co-op

003539975008

Post Office (Baile an tSéipéil)

003539975001

Bicycle hire:

003539975049 or 75033;

Email: rothaiinisoirr@gmail.com

Craft Shop

003539975979

Email: cleasteo@gmail.com

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FRIDAY

12:00PM | An Choláiste
Registration

6:00PM | An Choláiste
**Militarisation
and the Drive
to War**
Clare Daly

SATURDAY

10:00am | An Choláiste
**Cuba's Life Task:
Combatting
Climate Change**
Helen Yaffe

**11:00AM BREAK / SOS
MOVE TO ÁRAS EANNA**

11:30AM | Seomra 1
**Dúshlan Uí
Chonghaile**
**Aindrias Ó
Cathasaigh**

11:30AM | Theatre

**Eco-Communism
is the Middle Term:
An Anti-Imperialist
Response to the
Land Question**
Kai Heron

11:30AM | Seomra 2

**Economic Democracy
Social and Worker
Ownership in Practice**
**Alice McLarnon,
Clem Bradley,
Chloe Ní Mháille**

12:30 LUNCH / LÓN

2:00PM | Seomra 1

**A left economics
for a time of crisis**
Joe Guinan

2:00PM | Theatre

**The EU's Deadly
Border Regime**
Niamh Ní Bhriain

2:00PM | Seomra 2

**The Rise of the Far Right
and the International
Trade Union Response**
**Cristina Facabien
Rodrigo Barras**

3:00PM SOS / BREAK

3:30PM | Seomra 1
An Ghaeilge agus
an Eite Chlé

**Órla Nic Oirc,
Ben Ó Ceallaigh,
Aindrias Ó
Cathasaigh**

3:30PM | Theatre
Allende
Revolutionary Democrat
**Victor
Figueroa Clark**

3:30PM | Seomra 2
Peadar O Donnell
Irish Marxist
Conor McCabe

**4:30PM MOVE TO
AN CHOLÁISTE**

5:00PM | An Choláiste
The State of Capitalism
Costas Lapavitsas

SUNDAY

10AM | An Choláiste
A united, independent
and sovereign Ireland?
**Amy Moran,
Seán Fearon,
Seán Byers**

11:00AM SOS / BREAK

11:30AM | An Choláiste
Nationalism
and the Far Right
**Bernadette
McAliskey**

FINISH



We will witness another sustained challenge to this most peculiar economic order. The challenge may not succeed, the forces ranged against it are immense. But it is becoming ever clearer that because getting beyond capitalism is the best hope for our species, the attempt will be made"

DAVID SCHWEICKART

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Travel

We recommend that participants travel to the island of Inis Óírr (Inisheer) via Doolin, County Clare.

Route 1 : Dublin - Doolin – Inis Óírr (Recommended)

Buses and trains from central Dublin take you to Galway. From there, take the 350 Bus Éireann to Doolin. Buses run five times a day between Galway and Doolin. All services run direct with no transfers required, and take on average 1h 55m. The schedules can be found here.

**Bus - <https://buseireann.ie/>
Rail - <https://www.irishrail.ie/>**

If you are driving, take the M4 out of Dublin, follow signs for Sligo/Westport/Galway/N5/N6. Keep left at the fork to continue on M6, following signs for Galway/Athlone. At junction 18, exit onto M18 towards Limerick. At junction 16, exit toward R458/ Loughrea/Gort and follow signs for Doolin.

Route Planner:
<https://bit.ly/3Af1L3u>

Ferries leave from Doolin, County Clare to Inis Óírr. The journey takes 15 minutes

and you can purchase tickets online **www.doolinferries.com** or at the ferry terminal. Phone: **+353 65 7074 455.**

The ferry timetable for the weekend is provided below:

Doolin to Inis Óírr:

10:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm

Inis Óírr to Doolin:

11:30am, 1:45pm, 4:45am

Route 2 : Dublin - Ros a Mhíl (Rossaveal) – Inis Óírr

If you decide to take the ferry from Ros a Mhíl (Rossaveal) County Galway, you can buy tickets online

www.aranislandferries.com or at the ferry terminal, phone: **+353 91 568903**

This ferry only has two sailings a day, **10:30am** or **13:00pm** on Fridays. We recommend the early ferry on the Friday as the late ferry will mean you miss the opening session with Clare Daly. Return times for the Sunday are **8:45am, 11:30am and 16:30pm.**

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Arrival

Scoil Chois Cláí kicks off at 6:00pm on 8 September at **Coláiste Ghobnait**. As detailed in the programme, the weekend's sessions will move between **the Coláiste** and **Áras Éanna**. It's a ten-minute dander between venues and local transport on the 'Wanderly Wagon' is available for those who require it.

You are expected to be on the island before the festival begins. When you arrive on the island, go straight to the registration desk at **Coláiste Ghobnait main hall (signposted)**, where you will be welcomed by some very nice people, receive your welcome pack and directions to your accommodation. Your ID will have a group number which indicates where to need to be during each session. The venue is too small for a free-for-all so please stick to your assigned group and make sure that you attend all sessions. All sessions will be recorded and available online after the festival. There should be no one wandering around the island when sessions are taking place.

Food

Breakfast:

Accommodation in the hotels and the various B & Bs provide breakfast both mornings. Those who are camping should bring some breakfast snacks or go to one of the nearby seasonal cafés (you could try fishing and/or foraging if that's your thing).

Lunch:

Tea, coffee, biccies and lunch on the Saturday will be provided free of charge at Áras Éanna.

Dinner:

There are two hotels on the island (Óstan Inis Oírr and Tigh Ruairí) that serve reasonably priced food from a limited menu (vegetarian and vegan options available), where you will be able to get Friday and Saturday night dinner at your own expense.

Chip Van:

In respect of traditional working-class cuisine, there will be also be a chipper.

Teach Tábhairne / Pub

In addition to the two hotel bars there is the famous Tigh Ned Seafood Pub.

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