

What is the Sliabh Luachra Music Trail (SLMT)?

The Sliabh Luachra Music Trail constitutes a major element of my Sliabh Luachra Music Residency for 2024-25.

The aim of the daytime events is to create a space for learning and where people of all ages can play together. The new book, *Tobar Luachmhar* (put together by myself, Pat Fleming and Paul De Grae), features tunes contributed by Timmy O'Connor, Emma O'Leary, and Mick Culloty. The regular use of this book over the next year will help to form a common Sliabh Luachra repertoire, which in turn will facilitate meaningful musical connections. I would like to stress that these events are open to people of all ages.

The evening concerts seek to highlight and present a selection of the fantastic musicians, singers, speakers and dancers who express the traditions of Sliabh Luachra.

Great credit is due to the County Councils of Kerry, Cork and Limerick, as well as the Arts Council, for creating the position of Sliabh Luachra Musician in Residence. Well done too to my predecessor in this role, Eoin Stan O'Sullivan, who was the first person to take on the role and operated in very challenging circumstances throughout the Covid period.

Thank you to all of the many people who have helped thus far to put this programme together. There are a few dates to be decided, so please keep an eye on the website, www.sliabhluchra.ie, or on the Facebook page, for updates throughout the year.

*Aidan Connolly, November 2024
(updated March 2025)*

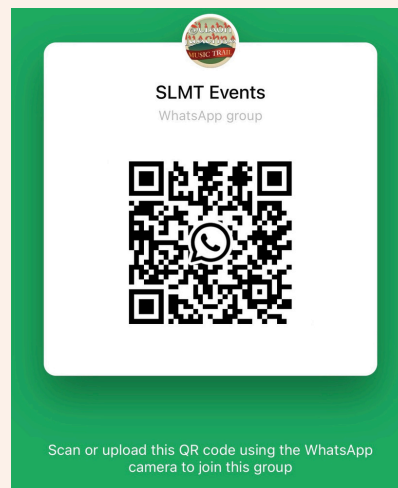
Contact & Information

To keep updated on the SLMT schedule please keep an eye on the website, available by scanning the QR code:

www.sliabhluchra.ie



To join the What's App group and get more up-to-date information please scan the QR code:



You can get in touch via email, at aidanconnollymusic@gmail.com

The Sliabh Luachra Music Trail, 2024-25



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What is the Programme of Events?

- 14th December 2024:** The Ivy Leaf, Castleisland, Co. Kerry
- 18th January 2025:** Tigh Cheoil, Ashford, Co. Limerick
- 7th February 2025:** Gathering Festival, INEC, Killarney, Co. Kerry
***SLuachra repertoire workshop only. 5pm in Green Room, Gleneagle Hotel.*
- 22nd March 2025:** Tournafulla Community Hall, Co. Limerick
- 5th April 2025:** Cultúrlann, Newmarket, Co. Cork
- 9th May 2025:** Scartaglin Heritage Centre, Co. Kerry (in partnership with *Handed Down*)
- 10th May 2025:** Dúchas Centre, Tralee, Co. Kerry
- 16th May 2025:** Scartaglin Heritage Centre, Co. Kerry (in partnership with *World Fiddle Day*)
- 14th June 2025:** Bruach na Carrage Heritage Centre, Rockchapel, Co. Cork
- 5th July 2025:** Ballydesmond Community Centre, Co. Cork
- 6th September 2025:** Tureencahill Community Centre, Co. Kerry
- 4th October 2025:** Scartaglin Heritage Centre, Co. Kerry
- 11th October 2025:** Cill na Martra, Co. Cork
- November 2025:** Final event of the series, TBD

What is the structure of the SLMT Saturday Events?

***Exact start times will vary. Keep an eye on the What's App group/Facebook page/Website for up-to-date information. The events are for all ages.*

Beginners/Intermediate Workshop (free)

We will cover tunes from the rich repertoire of Sliabh Luachra, by ear at a slow pace, with notes also provided. Participants must be able to play simple tunes their instrument and know the positions of the notes.

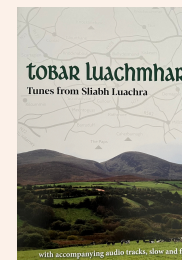
General Sliabh Luachra Repertoire (free of charge)

This is for all instruments, intermediate to advanced level. We will use the Tobar Luachmhar tune book as the basis for forming a common Sliabh Luachra repertoire. Tunes will be taught by ear with notes also provided. We will also learn some rarer tunes by ear.

Sliabh Luachra Music Trail Concert (€10 at the door)

The concert will feature a mixture of younger and senior musicians, singers, and other variety elements.

What is the Tobar Luachmhar tune book?



Tobar Luachmhar is a joint project put together by Aidan Connolly, Pat Fleming and Paul De Grae. It is a simply-presented collection of Sliabh Luachra tunes drawn from three sources: Emma O'Leary, Mick Culloty and Timmy O'Connor.

All three of these outstanding musicians have contributed tunes from their local area, with some compositions also included.



All the tunes are presented in staff notation, along with letters, and are accompanied by audio tracks accessible via the QR codes. If you pass your phone camera over these codes you will be brought to the tracks on Soundcloud. Here you can hear each tune played slowly and fast.

Its purpose is the help with the formation of a common repertoire of Sliabh Luachra music, meaning that learners, young and old, can come together to play tunes in common.

It is a non-profit publication. The books are sold at €15 each, and the funds raised will cover the cost of publication, and hopefully we will be in a position to begin work on Volume 2 towards the middle of next year.

It is available via the two websites listed below.

www.aidanconnollymusic.com

www.saibhreasceoil.com

