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you're welcome here, kind stranger.

The Eighth Leeds Gathering Festival
is a celebration of Irish music & arts,
from the 1st to the 24th of November
2012. We've tried our very best to bring
you the finest examples of traditional
& contemporary Irish arts, we're sure
you'll enjoy it...

1-24 Nov The Leeds Gathering

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The Leeds Gathering

November 2012

Bringing the best in Irish, Celtic & Folk Music & Arts to Leeds

Please note: all details are correct as of 1st October 2012.
The Irish Arts Foundation reserves the right to amend any programme details.

Previews

Fri 26th October

7.30pm In partnership with **Saltaire Live**
Altan in Concert plus support
One of Irish music's legendary line-ups, **Altan** are back, touring with a brand new album on which the band have re-discovered the roots and the passion that have taken them to the very forefront of traditional music worldwide.
Led by fiery fiddles and the exquisite vocals of **Mairéad ní Mhaonaigh**, **Altan** capture the very essence and excitement of Irish music. This is traditional music taken to the highest levels by some of its finest players, but still firmly in touch with its roots.
www.altan.ie

Tickets: £13.50 | www.saltairelive.co.uk
Victoria Hall, **SALTAIRE BD18 3JS**

Thu 1st November

8.00pm
Damien O’Kane in Concert
Damien O’Kane is earning a growing reputation for being a creative and exciting musician and singer. His banjo playing in particular has led him to being regarded as one of the finest Irish players on the scene today and he is winning accolades as a singer, focusing on songs from his native Northern Ireland.

Best known for his work with **Shona Kipling** and **Flook**, he has recently been a full-time member of **Kate Rusby’s band**.
www.damienokane.co.uk
“An outstanding banjo player and superb vocals”
SUNDAY EXPRESS

Tickets: £12.50 | Tel 0113 220 8008
www.theatreleeds.com
Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre
Northern Ballet, Quarry Hill
LEEDS LS2 7PA

Launch

Thu 8th November

8.00pm All welcome
The Official Launch Event
The Leeds Gathering will be officially launched on **Thursday 8th November** in the **O’Meara Lounge** at the **Leeds Irish Centre**. Guest speakers include **Fabian Hamilton (MP Leeds North East)**, **London-based Irish actor Donal Cox** and a representative of the **Embassy of Ireland**. There is also live Irish traditional music and refreshments will be provided.

Leeds Irish Centre, O’Meara Lounge
York Road LEEDS LS9 9NT



John Doyle
Otley Courthouse
Fri 23rd Nov

Altan
Saltaire Live
Fri 26th Oct

Damian O’Kane
Stanley & Audrey
Burton Theatre
Thu 1st Nov

Fri 9th November

8.00pm
Leeds Gathering Showcase Concert
Featuring **Inu, Dónal Cox & Karen Tweed, Tom McElvogue, Des Hurley & Chris O’Malley**
We begin the evening with a performance from **Inu**. Formed by the Bath Folk Festival Director, **Marrick Baxter**, their music is a tapestry of tunes and songs from Celtic, British, Western and Eastern European traditions woven into a journey in which the audience are invited. They have played many festivals across the UK and never fail to win over their audiences.

We follow this with a performance from **Dónal Cox**. Dónal trained as an actor at the **Abbey Theatre, Dublin**. He subsequently worked with that company and with the **Dublin Gate Theatre**. On **RTÉ** he has appeared in classical and modern drama and presented programmes in Irish. In the UK he has played leading and featured roles on TV for the major channels and has numerous screen credits in feature films. Most recently seen on TV in the **Ricky Gervais** series ‘Life’s Too Short’ and the film ‘Round Ireland with a Fridge’.

www.donalcocoxactor.com
To conclude the evening we have a performance of traditional Irish music from **Karen Tweed** (piano accordion), **Tom McElvogue** (flute), **Des Hurley** (fiddle) & **Chris O’Malley** (piano/guitar).

This line-up is already garnering considerable interest amongst other musicians in the field of Irish Traditional Music. **Kevin Crawford** of **Lunasa** noted that ‘a line up of musicians of this calibre and this experience has been a long time coming, returning to the roots of the music that Irish emigrants brought with them many years ago’. Adding to this sentiment, **Michael McGoldrick** said ‘individually, these musicians are at the top of their game, collectively, the sound is a return to the old style that we all grew up with over here.’
www.karentweed.com | www.tommcelvogue.com
Tickets: £10/£8 in advance, £11/£9 on the door.
Tel: 0113 275 1080 | www.heartcentre.org.uk
HEART Headingley Enterprise & Arts Centre
Bennet Road Headingley, LEEDS LS6 3HN

Sat 10th November

11.15am Free Event
Yorkshire Farmers Market
This popular monthly event features a dancing display from the **Tierney School of Irish Dance**.
www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk
The Rose Garden (outside the Arc) **North Lane Headingley, LEEDS LS6 3HU**

2.00pm Free Event
Traditional Irish Music Session
Featuring the musicians from **Inu**, led by Bath Folk Festival Director, **Marrick Baxter**. The relaxed environment of the **Grove Inn** is the perfect setting for a session. Bring your instrument or just join the friendly atmosphere.

The Grove, Back Row, Holbeck Urban Village
LEEDS LS11 5PL

Mon 12th November

9.00pm Free Event
Traditional Irish Music & Ballad Session
Featuring songs and craic from local musicians and singers.
The Harp, Cromwell Street, Lincoln Green
LEEDS LS9 7SS

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Tue 13th November

12.15pm–3.00pm
Tuesday Irish Elders Club
Includes bingo and refreshments. This Tuesday features music from Irish Arts musicians **Gerry Brownridge** and **Kevin Mullowney**.
Contact the Irish Centre for details on how to join.
Tel: 0113 248 0887
www.theleedsirishcentre.co.uk
Leeds Irish Centre, York Road, LEEDS LS9 9NT

Wed 14th November

10.30am–12.30pm
Irish Elders Coffee Morning
A regular event this time featuring live Irish music.
For information contact **Leeds Irish Health @Homes**. Tel 0113 262 5614 | www.lihh.org
Patterdale Community Resource Centre
Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre
LEEDS LS11 6ER

Thu 15th November

8.30pm–10.15pm Free event
Community Ceili
A ceili is great fun, good exercise and a fantastic way to meet new people. This evening features a caller, **Roy Atkinson** to show you the moves and a live ceili band to dance along to. Bring your own drinks and refreshments.
St Peters Church Hall, Hough Lane, Bramley
LEEDS LS13 3JF

Fri 16th November

12.15pm–2.30pm
Over 55’s Day Club
New people are always welcome to join the relaxed Irish environment at the **Montague Burton Resource Centre**. Lunch is provided and to celebrate the **Leeds Gathering Festival** this week it features a showcase of traditional Irish music.
For information contact **Leeds Irish Health @Homes**. Tel 0113 262 5614 | www.lihh.org
Montague Burton Resource Centre
Roundhay Road, near St. Aidan’s Church
LEEDS LS8 5RU

Sat 17th November

2.00pm Free Event
Album Launch from Karen Ryan & Pete Quinn followed by a **Traditional Irish Music Session**
We are delighted to host the launch of the long-awaited solo album, ‘The Coast Road’, by highly-regarded fiddler, music teacher and promoter of traditional Irish music, **Karen Ryan**, founder-member of the renowned traditional Irish music group, **The London Lasses** and **Pete Quinn**. We follow this with a traditional Irish music session featuring flautist **Deirdre Havlin** — bring your instrument or just join the friendly atmosphere.
www.karenryan.net
The Grove, Back Row, Holbeck Urban Village
LEEDS LS11 5PL



Sat 17th November

8.30pm
Cronin
Cronin is the new project of Irish/Leeds brothers **Johnny & Mick Cronin** who were the driving force behind Irish Mod pop rockers **The Aftermath** with whom they achieved three top twenty singles and a place in the **Hot Press** best 250 Irish albums ever list. With this new project they will be making music with no specific genre as they float from soul to electro to brooding Gothic tones. The music will be made with collaborations with friends and heroes such as **Terry Edwards (Tindersticks)**, **Steve Wickham (The Waterboys)** & **Shane MacGowan (The Pogues)** already making contributions to an album that is due in early 2013. Expect some very special guests to turn up on the night.
theaftermathband@gmail.com
Tickets on the door: £5.00
The Grove, Back Row, Holbeck Urban Village
LEEDS LS11 5PL

Fri 23rd November

8.00pm In partnership with **Saltairelive**
John Doyle and Kris Drever in Concert
www.saltairelive.co.uk
John Doyle is one of the most influential and important musicians in Irish music today. He was a founding member of Irish American supergroup **Solas** in the 1990s and recently served as band leader for the **Joan Baez band**. As a guitarist, he is unparalleled for his harmonic and rhythmic genius. His instrumental prowess contributed to his 2010 **GRAMMY** nomination for Best Traditional World Music album for his collaboration with fiddler **Liz Carroll** on **Double Play**. In recent years **Doyle** has emerged as an important singer of Irish music as well; his 2010 collaboration, **Exiles Return**, with **Karan Casey** won him critical acclaim and solidified his reputation as a world class interpreter of traditional songs.

Singer / guitarist **Kris Drever**, from **Orkney**, is much-loved both in his own right and as a member of award winning trio **Lau**. His voice has a simple, but beguiling quality which transports the listener, backed by an accomplished, fluid guitar style. In his own words, “I like either to do songs that haven’t been covered much before, or standards that are open to a different interpretation. I try to steer clear of that kind of typical folk-singer sound.” **Kris** joins **John** for a very rare duo show, a Scot and an Irishman coming together to draw songs from their own traditions and beyond — two guitars, two voices and more talent than any two people deserve to have all to themselves.
www.johndoylemusic.com | www.krisdrever.com
Tickets: £12.50 | Box Office 01943 467466
Otley Courthouse, Courthouse Street
OTLEY LS21 3AN
www.otleycourthouse.org.uk

Sat 24th November

8.00pm Free Event
The Last Dance for Emigration?
William Trevor’s The Ballroom of Romance
(BBC/RTE, 1982, 50mins)
As an evocation of one pivotal evening in the life of **Bridie (Brenda Fricker)**, isolated, unmarried and at a rural Irish dance-hall, **The Ballroom of Romance** stands out for audiences in Ireland and Britain thirty years after its first broadcast. From his own short story (1972) **Trevor’s** script is brought to the screen with artful brevity and lasting pathos by director **Pat O’Connor**. The assembled cast (**Niall Tóibín, Brid Brennan, John Kavanagh** and **Cyril Cusack**) is faultless, the sound-track captures the quiet desperation and, shot on location in **Ballycroy, Co. Mayo**, this authentic production rightly won two **Jacob’s TV** awards and a **BAFTA**. The screening will feature an introductory lecture ‘The Last Dance for Emigration? **William Trevor’s Screen Fictions**’ from Professor **Lance Pettitt**, Director of the Centre for Irish Studies, **St Mary’s University College, London**.

Seven Arts, Harrogate Road, LEEDS LS7 3PD
www.sevenleeds.co.uk