



Nuachtlitir Uimhir 6 - Eanáir 2026

This is the January 2026 newsletter of Craobh Chualann.

Beannachtaí na hAthbhliana! Happy New Year! This is the year that Comhaltas will turn 75 years old. Members of our committee were at the Dublin County Board in the Mansion House to honour the occasion. Watch this space for events during the year.



Dates for Term 2

Reminder! No class this Friday 23rd due to Tradfest.

January 9th, 16th, 30th

February 6th, 13th, 27th

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

April 17th 24th

May 8th, 15th

Christmas Party and Raffle

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas party and bought raffle tickets. It was a great night and we managed to raise 400 Euro for the Dun Laoghaire Lions Club.



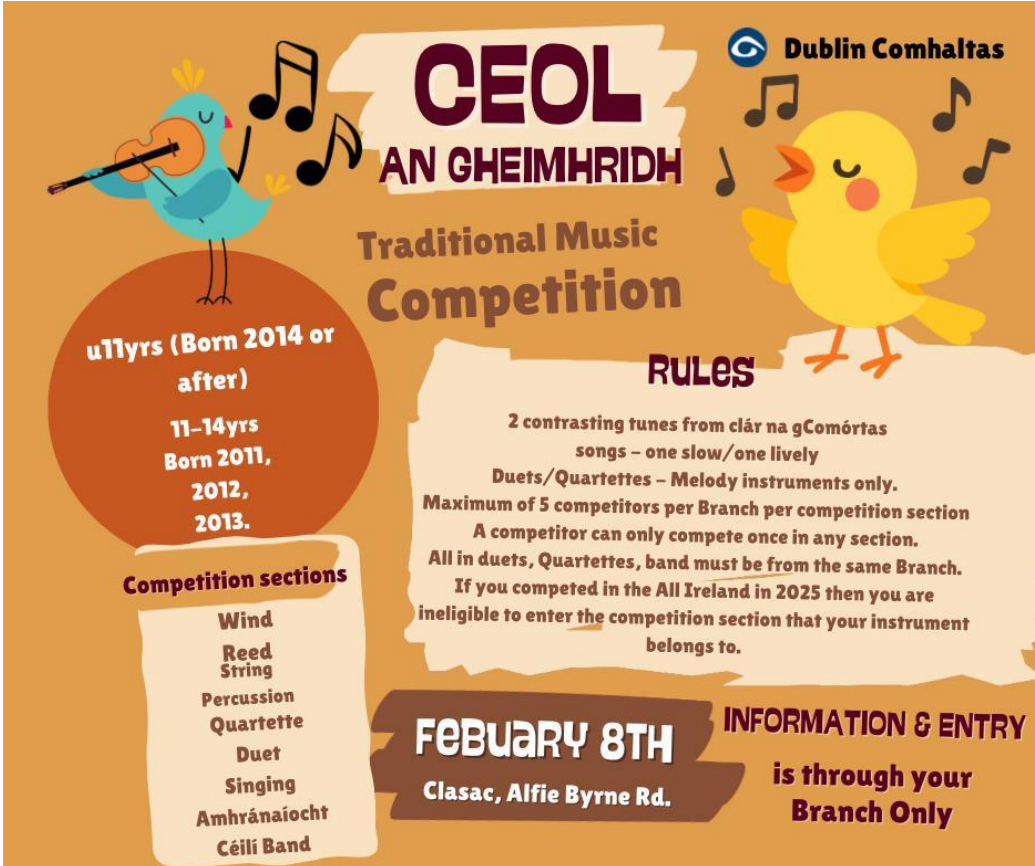
Tradfest

We are really excited for all the great events happening during Tradfest from the 21st - 25th of January. You can find the lineup and more information on www.tradfest.com or by clicking on their social media links below. There are plenty of free events happening. Good luck to our present and past teachers who are performing!



Ceol an Gheimhridh

Good luck to our students performing in the competition on Sunday 8th of February. Everyone is welcome along if you want to support them in this family friendly event, see you there!



The poster is for the 'CEOL AN GHEIMHRIDH' Traditional Music Competition, organized by Dublin Comhaltas. It features a blue bird playing a violin and a yellow chick singing. The text is arranged in a collage style with various fonts and colors. Key information includes the date (February 8th), location (Clasac, Alfie Byrne Rd.), and rules for competitors. The competition is open to children born in 2011, 2012, or 2013. It lists various competition sections like Wind, Reed, String, Percussion, Quartette, Duet, Singing, Amhránaíocht, and Céili Band. Rules specify that competitors must play 2 contrasting tunes from the 'clár na gComórtas' songs, one slow and one lively, and that duets/quartettes must use melody instruments only. A maximum of 5 competitors per branch per section is allowed, and competitors can only compete once in any section. All participants must be from the same branch. Those who competed in the All Ireland in 2025 are ineligible to enter the competition section their instrument belongs to. Entry information states that registration is through the branch only.

CEOL AN GHEIMHRIDH
Traditional Music Competition

Dublin Comhaltas

u11yrs (Born 2014 or after)
11-14yrs
Born 2011, 2012, 2013.

Competition sections

- Wind
- Reed
- String
- Percussion
- Quartette
- Duet
- Singing
- Amhránaíocht
- Céili Band

RULES

- 2 contrasting tunes from clár na gComórtas songs – one slow/one lively
- Duets/Quartettes – Melody instruments only.
- Maximum of 5 competitors per Branch per competition section
- A competitor can only compete once in any section.
- All in duets, Quartettes, band must be from the same Branch.
- If you competed in the All Ireland in 2025 then you are ineligible to enter the competition section that your instrument belongs to.

FEBRUARY 8TH
Clasac, Alfie Byrne Rd.

INFORMATION & ENTRY
is through your Branch Only

Scrúdú Ceol Tíre (SCT) deadline

The deadline for the SCT exam registration is the **31st of January**. The SCT (Scrúdú Ceol Tíre) programme is a graded series of exams designed to take you, as a musician, from basic proficiency in tune-playing through to a mastery of the tradition. You can find more information and register for the exams at <https://comhaltas.ie/education/student-exams-sct/> or ask your teacher for more details.

Other upcoming events

- **1st of February Teacht an Earraigh**

Craobh Naithí are hosting a spring St Brigid's day event at Ballyboden St Enda's GAA club at 7pm, you can find more information in the poster below.

- **Dublin Fleadh**

May 9th and 10th 2026 in Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige in Churchtown.

- **Leinster Fleadh**

June 26th to 28th 2026 in Portlaoise Co. Laois

- **All Ireland Fleadh**

August 2nd to 9th in Belfast



Go raibh maith agaibh and looking forward to a wonderful 2026!

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