WELCOME

Programmer's Note:

Spark. Challenge. Provoke - This year's programme has been designed to SPARK creativity and ideas, CHALLENGE the next generation of film fans and PROVOKE discussion. There's a broad range of films screening this year that tackle some difficult subjects and themes and the programme is designed in collaboration with our Generation Council, a group of film lovers aged between 17-25 years. We're excited to start some conversations.

Charlene Lydon – Festival Programmer

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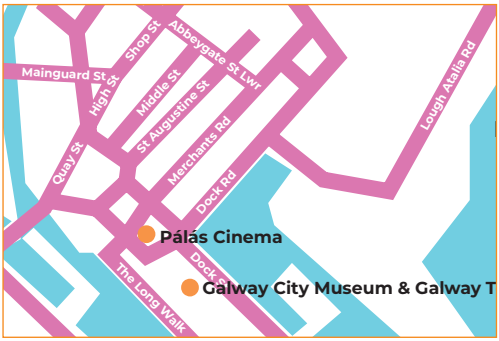

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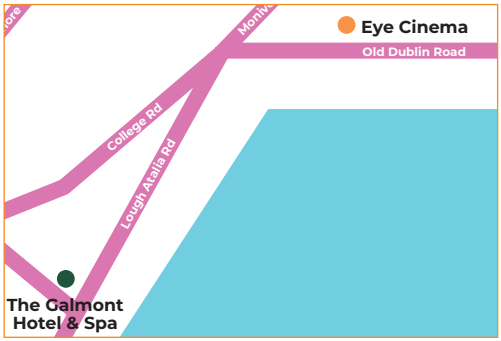

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GENERATION Fleadh strives to ensure that our events are accessible and comfortable for all and are in line with the Galway Film Fleadh sustainability policy. For more information, please visit our website or email us on generation@filmfleadh.ie.

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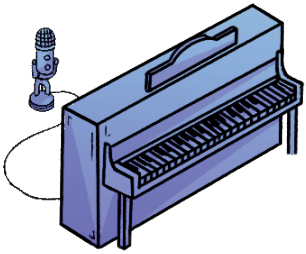
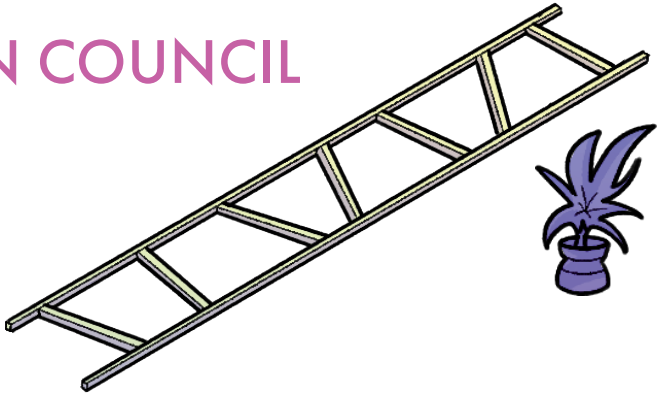




Generation Fleadh 2026 brings you a celebration of the power and imagination that is held in our young voices in film. The Generation Council will engage young people in the art of film through workshops, screenings, and discussions, creating a space where new and emerging talent can be uplifted and nurtured. We will also showcase some of Ireland's most talented youth filmmakers.

We invite you all to witness the future of film in motion and to support this generation's bold, curious and unapologetic minds. Generation Fleadh welcomes everyone, even if you have never attended a film festival, we hope to see you down at ours!

Gen Council 2026

PROGRAMME

Opening Film: A Talent For Murder

04/11/2026 @ 18:30 | Pálás 1 | 106′ | Suspense, Writing, History

Following its world premiere at TIFF, A Talent for Murder arrives to open this year's GENERATION Fleadh! Starring Academy Award winner Helen Mirren as renowned writer, Patricia Highsmith, and Alden Ehrenreich as a New York publisher who is eager to persuade Highsmith to write one final instalment of the Ripley series, this suspenseful thriller is not one to miss!

Director: Anton Corbijn

The Talented Mr Ripley

04/11/2026 @ 20:45 | Pálás 1 | 139′ | Suspense, Mystery

To accompany our opening film, which deconstructs suspense writing and the mind of Patricia Highsmith, we're screening the adaptation of her most famous book, The Talented Mr Ripley. One of the most beloved thrillers ever made, this sumptuous adaptation stars Matt Damon, Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Cate Blanchett.

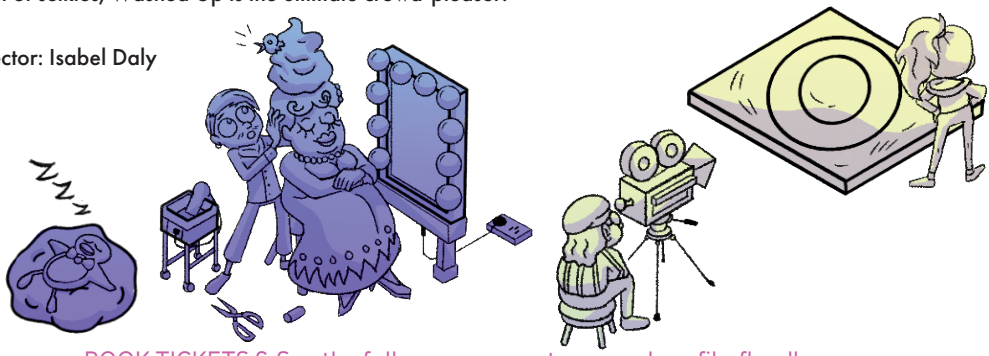
Director: Anthony Minghella

Washed Up

05/11/2026 @ 20:00 | Pálás 1 | 81′ | Romance, fantasy, LGBTQIA+

Making her feature-length debut, director Isabel Daly delivers a queer romantic-comedy that follows Morwenna (Anna Ivankovic), a struggling young artist in Cornwall dealing with a recent breakup and the need to sell her late grandfather's seaside home. Drawing inspiration from romcoms and the ancient myth of selkies, Washed Up is the ultimate crowd-pleaser!

Director: Isabel Daly



PROGRAMME

Little Miss Sunshine

06/11/2026 @ 18:00 | Pálás 1 | 101'
Family, Road trip, Coming-of-Age

Join us for a special screening of Little Miss Sunshine, a hilarious and heartwarming coming-of-age journey about finding your voice amidst the chaos. Featuring an unforgettable cast; Steve Carell, Toni Collete, Greg Kinnear, Abigail Breslin, Paul Dano, and Alan Arkin, Little Miss Sunshine is a story of a glorious dysfunctional family as they all head on a chaotic cross-country adventure!

Directors: Jonathan Dayton & Valerie Faris

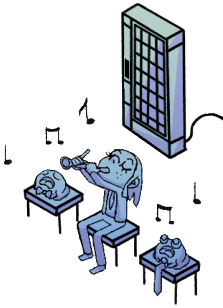
Josephine

06/11/2026 @ 20:15 | Pálás 1 | 110' | Irish Premiere
Sexual Assault, Trauma, Family, Child Trauma
This film has distressing themes and is not suitable for anyone under the age of 16

After witnessing a violent crime in Golden Gate Park, 8-year-old Josephine struggles to come to terms with the world around her. Faced with the evils of society for the first time, Josephine begins lashing out against those around her, with her parents helpless to console her. Starring Channing Tatum and Gemma Chan, Josephine portrays a thought-provoking and vital exploration of emotional trauma.

Director: Beth De Araujo

This screening will be followed by a discussion about depicting trauma on screen with Adolescent and Adult Psychotherapist, Martha McKeon Lynch.



Edie Arnold Is A Loser

07/11/2026 @ 17:30 | Pálás 1 | 73' |
Music, Punk, Friendship, First Love, Alternative Culture

A timid Roman Catholic high school outcast makes waves when she accidentally becomes a drummer for a secret, rebellious punk rock band. This award-winning SXSW indie comedy is bursting with lightning-fast, deadpan humour with brillant debut performances by Adi Madden Cabrera and McKenna Tuckett.

Directors: Kade Atwood & Megan Rico

PROGRAMME

Mulholland Drive

07/11/2026 @ 20:00 | Pálás 1 | 147'
Movies, Identity, Mystery, Murder, LGBTQIA+
This film is not suitable for viewers under 16.

From the wonderfully abstract mind of David Lynch comes Mulholland Drive, a twisted and world-bending journey into Hollywood's deep underworld. After arriving in Los Angeles to kickstart her career, a hopeful young actress comes across an amnesia-stricken woman. The pair work together to find her identity, unravelling a mystery beyond dreams and reality that has astounded audiences for 25 years.

Director: David Lynch

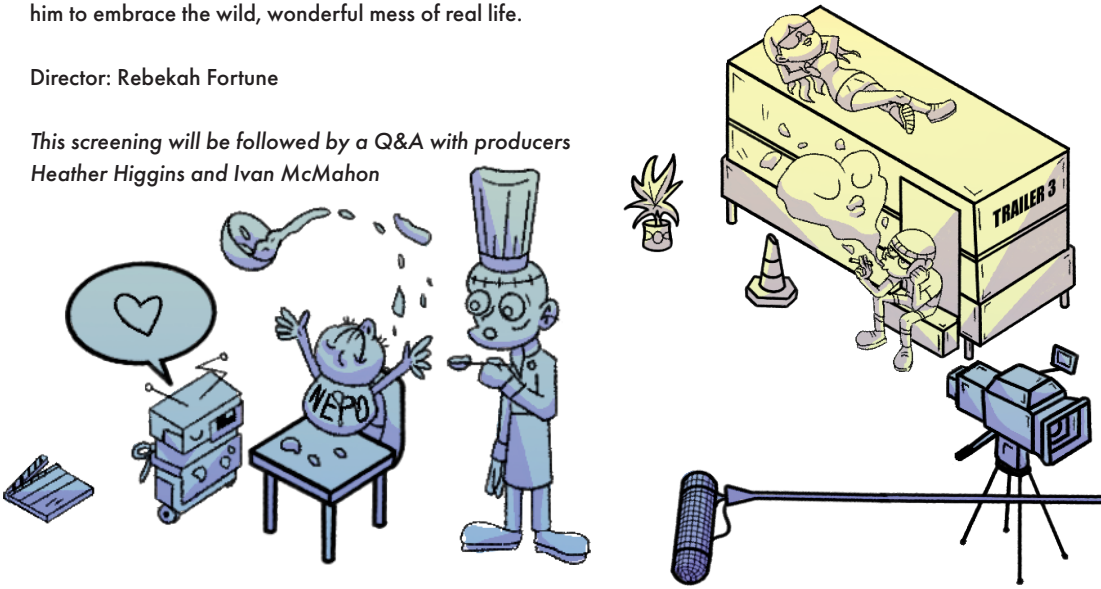
Closing Film: Learning To Breathe Under Water

08/11/2026 @ 18:00 | Pálás 1 | 96'
Coming-of-age, Family, Fantasy, Grief

Winner of the Audience Award at the 2026 Galway Film Fleadh, this film, shot in Galway, is a joyous, soulful look at grief, family and friendship. Leo is 8. His best friend is a giant shark that his dad, an artist, built in their roof. Leo escapes to fantasy worlds to process his peculiar reality until a spirited au pair challenges him to embrace the wild, wonderful mess of real life.

Director: Rebekah Fortune

This screening will be followed by a Q&A with producers Heather Higgins and Ivan McMahon



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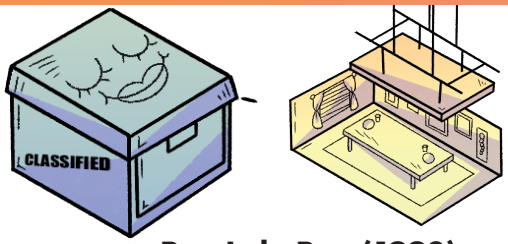

Film Corner Clubs presents Run Lola Run (1998): How Many Ways Can You Tell a Story?

04/11/2026 @ 10:30 | Eye Cinema

Winner of the prestigious Audience Award at the 1999 Sundance Film Festival (and multiple further awards internationally), Run Lola Run (1998) is a critically acclaimed fast-paced German avant-garde thriller written and directed by Tom Tykwer. The film will be introduced by Dr Tony Tracy, University of Galway, who will discuss key ideas in film language while inviting those present to explore how filmmakers use narrative structure, point of view, time, choice and chance to shape a story. This event is part of the Creative Europe Funded Film Corner Clubs project [https://www.thefilmcorner.eu/] developing digital film education resources for use in online and on-site locations.honour his undeniable, revered influence on world cinema!.

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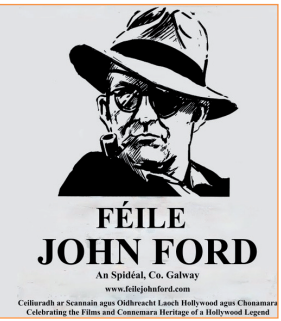
Production Design Masterclass with Deirdre Bolger

08/11/2026 @ 13:30 | TBC

We are thrilled to announce that in partnership with National Talent Academies we will have Deirdre Bolger who will present a 2-hour workshop introducing the practical and creative sides of Production Design and give us the lowdown on how the Art Department works with the rest of the crew to bring scenes to life in intricate detail. From breaking down the script, to the final on-screen visuals, Deirdre will take us through the process from start to finish, showcasing some interesting props along the way!

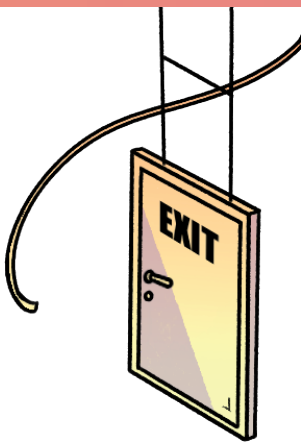


Directed By John Ford

08/11/2026 @ 14:00 | Pálás 1

Féile John Ford and GENERATION Fleadh presents an illustrated appreciation of John Ford's life and work. Ford, one of the most celebrated directors in cinematic history, often returned to Galway to visit An Spidéal, the ancestral home of both his parents, where he found stories and inspiration that would influence his work. Being located at the heart of John Ford's ancestral heritage, we want to celebrate and honour his undeniable, revered influence on world cinema!.

GENERATION SHORTS



We are proud to showcase young talent with three shorts programmes, chosen by our Generation Council from dozens of submissions.

PROGRAMME 1:
Animation
5/11/2026 @ 18.00 | Pálás

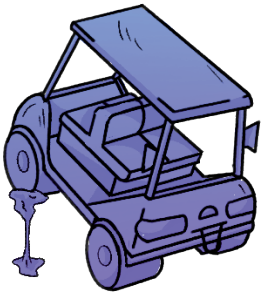
We have selected five excellent international animated shorts, bursting with style and vibrant visual storytelling.

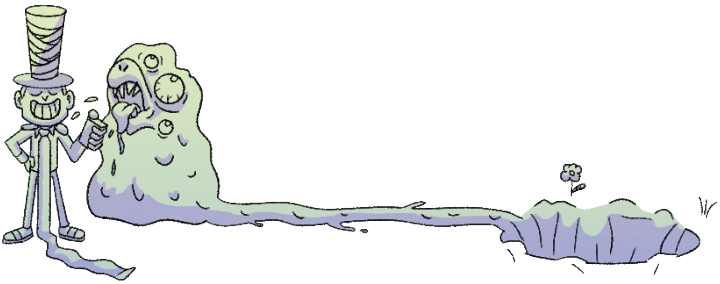
PROGRAMME 2:
Irish Shorts
7/11/2026 @ 15.30 | Pálás

This is a selection of shorts from a broad range of young film-maker, the next batch of up-and-coming Irish talent.

PROGRAMME 3:
GENERATION Shorts
8/11/2026 @ 16.00 | Pálás

This selection of Irish and international shorts represents the most highly rated shorts, as voted by our Generation Council panel.





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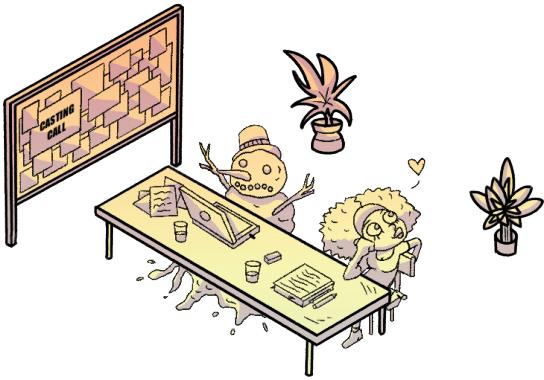
SCHOOLS & GEN BEYOND

Schools

GENERATION Fleadh is pleased and proud to work with schools from Galway City and County to provide films and workshops across a range of subjects. This year we will screen French, German and Spanish films in collaboration with our friends in the IFI and we will also screen some Fleadh Faves including Generation Award winner Comparsa, Irish language documentary, Gealtra, and award-winning The Lost Children of Tuam. We will also host a very special Script-To-Screen session with screenwriter Malcolm Campbell.

GEN Beyond:

As with previous years GENERATION Fleadh will host GEN Beyond, a special screening event in County Galway. This year we'll be visiting Clifden and bringing screenings of two of the biggest hits of the Fleadh.



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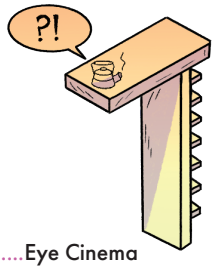

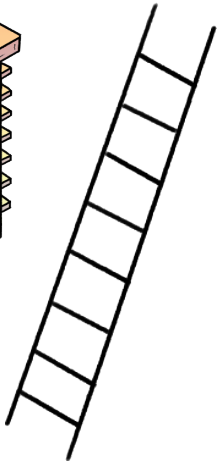

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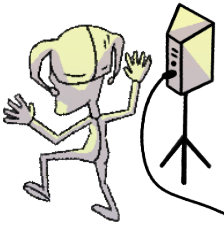

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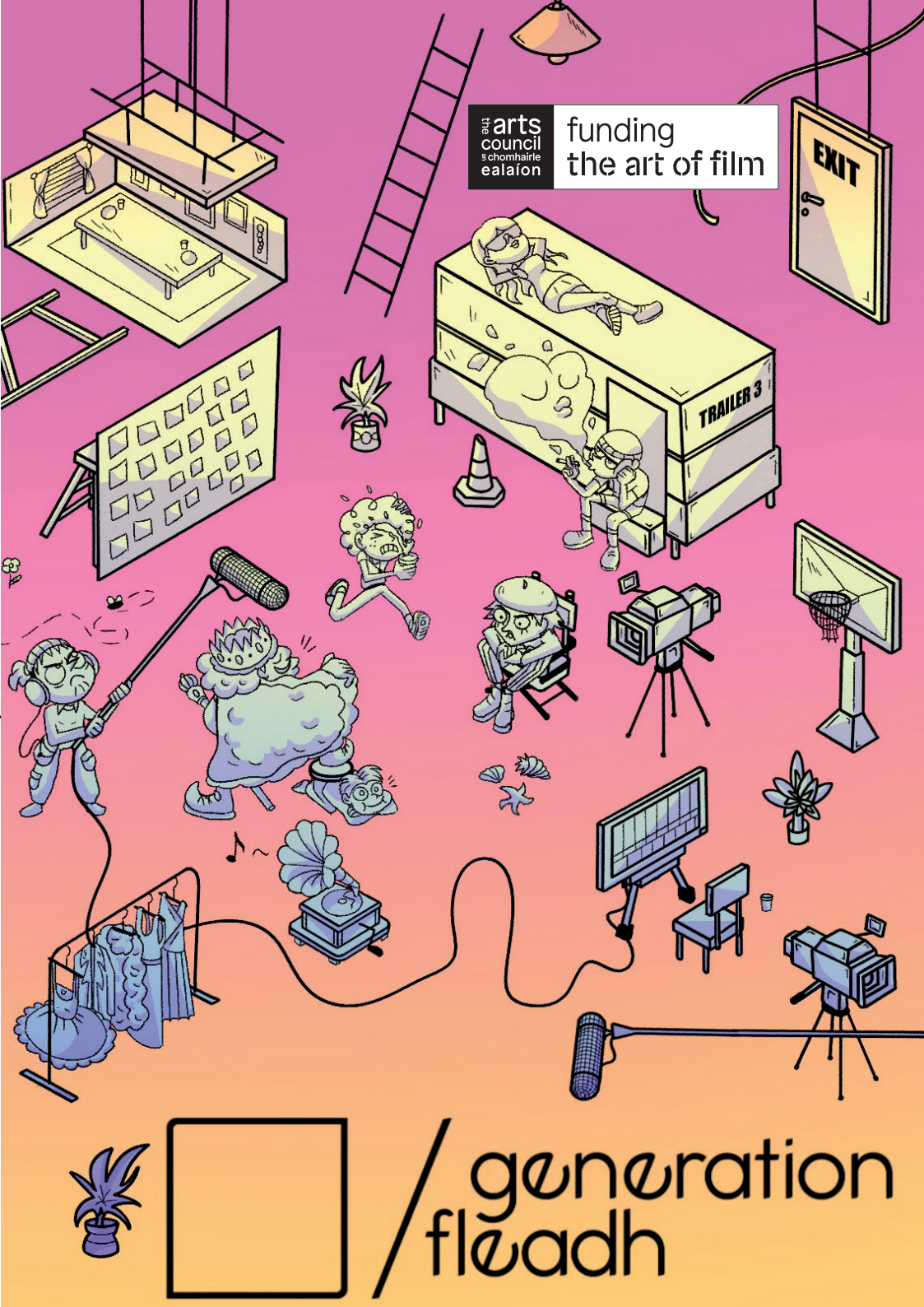
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