

Impact Report - Straw Workshop Series



Project Name: Straw work workshops

Delivery Organisation: Maeve Collins

Location: Ennistymon, Co.Clare

Dates Delivered: September - October 2025

Target Group (age range): 5-15 years

Project Purpose

Brief summary:

This workshop series was designed to engage young people with Irish heritage and our ancestral creativity in a tangible, fun and explorative way. Straw has been used in Ireland to

create costumes and hats for many decades. Our intention with these workshops is to create a deeper sense of belonging, community and empowerment for young people as leaders in their own living heritage, custom and tradition in our rural community.

Participation Overview

- **Total sessions delivered:** 4 x 2 hour sessions
- **Total young people engaged:** 26
- **Average attendance rate:** 12
- **Number of facilitators/partners involved:** 3

Outcomes & Impact - Facilitators Observations

The children and young people at Wild Earth are a vibrant and playful bunch. They are confident, expressive, artistic and resilient. It was a pleasure to see them gain insight and practice in working with straw as a medium. They soon became comfortable working with the material and were able to support one another to create hats and straw skirts.

Creative Outputs / Achievements

The young people have physically produced :

- **Mummers hats**
- **Straw skirts**

Photo Highlights



Caption: Workshop in progress



Caption: A finished hat with creative flare



