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Master storyteller Niall de
Búrca, who is undoubtedly
one of Ireland's finest tradi-
tional storytellers, will be
performing in both Boyle and
Roscommon libraries. He
will be back in action again at
the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon
on October 3rd for the
Summer Stars Awards Cer-
mony. This event is for all the

There never has been a
better time to check in with
your local library, where
thanks to the new, All-Ireland
access library membership
card, you can access books,
DVDs and audios in any of the
330 branch libraries through-
out the county.
Library membership is free
of charge as are all events. For
a full overview of the services
and facilities that are avail-

Turner thanked the staff,
teachers, and parents for their
continued support of the Ros
Na nÓg Festival. Ros Na nÓg
is supported by the Creative
Ireland Programme, an all of
Government Five-Year Initia-
tive from 2017 to 2022, which
places creativity at the centre
of the public policy.
Further information is
available from www.creative-ireland.ie and www.ireland.ie

RWN to hold first fundraising dance



Society at the Civic,
Glynn's Photography

Roscommon Women's Network will host its first fundraising dance at Hester's Golden Eagle, Castlerea, at 10pm on Saturday, October 12.

The proceeds will help support the wide range of services offered by RWN, a non-profit community project and charity serving Roscommon county.

There's something for everyone at RWN: life coaches for life in general or for careers; QQI awards in retail and IT and basic computer courses; supports to access employment opportunities; volunteering opportunities; a listening ear and signposting to appropriate supports; printing and photocopying; low-cost counseling for individuals and couples; support services for the LGBT community; domestic violence resources and intervention; environmental awareness workshops — "Healthy Greener You"

and "Textile Upcycling" training and clubs; support groups; social groups on writing, self-confidence and political awareness; RWN also runs a charity shop.

"Whoever walks through our doors will receive help for whatever they need. If we don't provide direct services, we will find someone who does and offer information and referrals," said Nora Fahy, RWN manager.

Tickets for the dance are €10. Music is by local singer Carmel McLoughlin, and to keep the fun going throughout the night, there'll be raffles and finger food.

In addition to admittance to the dance and supporting a local charity, ticket holders will also have the opportunity to win three prizes.

The first is an overnight stay at the Wine Port Lodge in Glasson, Athlone; second is a €300

One for All voucher and third is a €100 SuperValu voucher.

"RWN would like to encourage everyone to come out and join in on the fun while supporting services that are making Roscommon county the best place to live and work," said Nora.

RWN board, staff, volunteers and trainees would like to take this opportunity to extend huge appreciation to the Wine Port Lodge, Glasson Athlone, Kelly Henry Medical Centre, Castlerea, Arran Chemical (Almac Group), Athlone and Har-mac Medical Products, Castlerea for their sponsorship, which has enabled this fundraiser to take place," said Nora.

Tickets are available by stopping by the RWN office in The Old Mill, Castlerea or through the volunteers and supporters who will be selling tickets at various venues around the county.

with an exciting line-up of events

ry's major expo-
of piano, fiddle,
concertina and ac-
on. Later in the
noon, the 'Flute
a' returns, which
this year features a
with legendary
mers Patsy Hanly
Kilrooskey, John
from Castleplun-
and Tommy Guihan
agna.

Special guest at this year's Flute Forum will be Catherine McEvoy, winner of this year's TG4 Gradham Ceoil recipient.

Later on Saturday evening, the Carty family accompanied by Frances Gaffney and Kate McHugh will perform, accompanied by Dylan Carlos from Castleplunkett and Kilrooskey's Ryan

Biesty, both recent winners at the All-Ireland Fleadh competitions in Drogheda.

Later on Sunday, the traditional Percy French recital takes place while the Joe Donoghue Memorial Open Fiddle competition commences at 3 p.m. The winner will receive a perpetual trophy and €200, sponsored by

the Donoghue family.

Throughout the Saturday there will be a 'session trail' in many of the various local hostellers in Strokestown as well as CD launches from the likes of Shane Meehan, Paraic MacDonnchadha, the group 'Carlos, Sweeney and McCartin' and 'The Dublin Lasies'.