



## THE AGE OLD ART OF HAND WEAVING NATURAL WOOL ON A TRADITIONAL LOOM IN A RURAL IRISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY

Bréidín na Bóinne (Boyne Valley Tweed) is located in Ráth Chairn, County Meath, a rural Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) community in the valley of the River Boyne in Ireland's Ancient East. An area renowned for its deep cultural ties, where the Irish language thrives alongside a history steeped in storytelling and craftsmanship, visitors are welcome to explore the traditional art of craft weaving. Anna Ní Dhonnchú is a hand weaver who learned her craft from master weavers in Donegal. Her passion for the preservation of this ancient craft is inspiring as she shares her story and the history of tweed and weaving in Ireland.

Experience Anna demonstrate the inner workings of a hand Loom, sharing insights into the ancient artistry inspired by the 5000-year-old megalithic stones of Four Knocks tomb. Get hands on as Anna guides you through the creation of your own tweed masterpiece on a mini loom. Appreciate the intricacy of the design and the sheer craftsmanship involved in every unique piece.

Visit Anna's showroom with opportunity to purchase some of her exquisite handwoven creations. Leave with a new found appreciation of traditional eco-friendly practices and a perhaps cúpla focal (a few Irish words) to share with friends.

### Highlights include:

- **Anna Ní Dhonnchú** | master weaver | Irish speaker | former teacher | inspiring
- **Location** | Anna's family home | Ráth Chairn, Co. Meath | Gaeltacht area (Irish speaking)
- **Design** | megalithic carvings | chevron & lozenge designs | 5000 year old Four Knocks tomb
- **Personal Story** | a new venture | a skill learned in Donegal | from the masters of weaving
- **Traditional Art** | the history of weaving | hand loom | powered by pedals | preservation
- **Irish Language** | learn a few words | Irish heritage | tradition | culture | have the craic (fun)



We are actively continuing and preserving traditional weaving craft tradition and producing handwoven, eco-friendly and sustainable products.

## EXPERIENCES

Experience	Short Description	Experience Type	Min/Max	Duration	Public Price Per Person
A Weavers Scéal  (A Weavers Story)	Discover the age old craft of traditional weaving with opportunity to weave your own piece of 'Bréidín' Irish Tweed on a simple frame mini-loom. Learn some Irish words in the Gaeltacht (Irish speaking area)	Private group	2 - 8	2 hours	€50

### Experience Inclusions

- Access to Anna's weaving workshop at her home: see traditional hand weaver at work
- Demonstration and guided weaving on a simple frame mini loom
- Take home your piece of 'Bréidín' Irish Tweed
- All materials included
- Photo opportunity at the hand loom
- Opportunity to browse and buy some unique handwoven Irish tweed products: throws, knee rugs, blankets, wraps and scarves
- Learn some Irish words to share with friends

### Note:

- As this experience is in a Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) area, the experience can be delivered in Irish, English or both.
- Private experiences are subject to minimum numbers or the equivalent in charges





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<b>Contact Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Ní Dhonnchú</li> <li>• <b>M:</b> +353 (0) 86 0805222</li> <li>• <b>E:</b> breidinnaboinne@gmail.com</li> <li>• <b>www.instagram.com/breidin_na_boinne/</b></li> </ul>
<b>Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private group bookings available every Thursday of May, June and July, 2.30pm - 4.30pm, subject to availability</li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eircode – C15DX81</li> </ul>
<b>Parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna’s home is located down a small country road</li> <li>• Parking available on site for up to 3 cars or 1 small coach</li> </ul>
<b>Customer Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Accessibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The workshop is separate to the main house and is easily accessible</li> <li>– The immersive element of the experience will be in the sun room- there is one step to access the sun room</li> <li>– The showroom is located in the main house and there is a small step to enter the house</li> <li>– There is a small bathroom for visitors - this is not wheelchair accessible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Languages:</b> Irish and English</li> <li>• <b>Showroom/Shop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Visitors are welcome to visit Anna’s showroom by prior appointment to view/purchase her unique selection of handwoven Irish tweed products</li> <li>– Email or phone to arrange a suitable time in advance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Our Sustainable Ethos</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are actively continuing and preserving traditional weaving craft tradition and producing handwoven, eco-friendly and sustainable products.</li> <li>• Living in a Gaeltacht area we are proud Irish speakers and endeavour to share the language with our visitors</li> </ul>



## EXPERIENCE DESCRIPTION

### A Weavers Scéal (A Weavers Story)

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