**Taste Ards and North Down Trade Opportunities 2025 - External Food Festivals, Trade Events & Taste AND Showcase Events**

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| **Event** | **Dates and Times** | **Places** | **Places Allocated/Approved by** | **Eligibility** |
| **Garden Show Ireland**  Antrim Castle & Gardens, Antrim BT41 4LH | Friday 13 to Sunday 15 June (10am to 6pm) | Up to 4 | Food NI/Antrim & Newtownabbey BC | Must be a Taste AND member.  No hot food vendors. |
| **Creative Peninsula Twilight Market**  Conway Square, Newtownards | Friday 1 August  (5pm-8pm) | 5 | AND Community & Culture | Must be fully field to fork /glass.  Taste AND member are a priority. |
| **Hillsborough Palace Food Festival\***  Hillsborough Palace and Demesne.  Hillsborough BT26 6AG | Friday 8 to Sunday 10 August | Up to 4 | Food NI | Must be a Taste AND member.  No hot food vendors. No alcohol. |
| **Donaghadee Festival/Ulster Fry Championship**  Donaghadee BT21 0HE | Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 August | 10 Indoor  4 Outdoor | Donaghadee Community Development Association | In order:   1. Donaghadee-based business. 2. Taste AND member. 3. AND registered business 4. Product gap |
| **Bangor Chilli Festival**  Bangor Walled Garden, BT20 4BN | Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September (11am-5pm) | 15 | AND Tourism | In order:   1. Taste AND member. 2. AND Registered business 3. Chilli related or complementary   No alcohol vending. |
| **Taste Ards & North Down** Producer Showcase & Expo  Castle Park, Bangor BT20 4BN | Saturday 27 September and Sunday 28 September  (11am-5pm) | 36 | AND Tourism | Exclusively Taste AND members. |
| **Eat Ireland in a Day/Blas na hÉireann**  Dingle, County Kerry V92 FD83 | Friday 3 October to Sunday 5 October (11am to 5pm) | Up to 4 | Blas na hÉireann | Must be a Blas finalist from 2023. 2024 or 2025.  No hot food vendors. |
| **Samhain Food & Culture Festival\***  Kells, County Meath A82 DX47 | Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 November 2025 (10am-5pm) | 4 | Boyne Valley Flavours | Must be a Taste AND Member and meet Boyne Valley Flavours event trade terms.  No alcohol. No hot food vending. |

\*Dates are still to be confirmed and may move by one week.

Costs Per Trader Event

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| **Event** | **Dates and Times** | **Event Organiser Pitch Costs** | **Taste AND Members** | **Deposit Scheme** |
| **Garden Show Ireland**  Antrim Castle & Gardens, Antrim BT41 4LH | Friday 13 to Sunday 15 June (10am to 6pm) | From £540 | £150 | Deposit Scheme (50% returned) |
| **Creative Peninsula Twilight Market**  Conway Square, Newtownards | Friday 1 August  (5pm-8pm) | £60 | £30 | Single Fee. No Deposit. |
| **Hillsborough Palace Food Festival\***  Hillsborough Palace and Demesne.  Hillsborough BT26 6AG | Friday 8 to Sunday 10 August | £475 | £150 | Deposit Scheme (50% returned) |
| **Donaghadee Festival/Ulster Fry Championship**  Donaghadee BT21 0HE | Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 August | £35 PER DAY | £50 For Two Days | Single Fee. No Deposit. |
| **Bangor Chilli Festival**  Bangor Walled Garden, BT20 4BN | Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September (11am-5pm) | £120 | £120 | Deposit Scheme (50% returned) |
| **Taste Ards & North Down**  **Producer Showcase & Expo**  Castle Park, Bangor BT20 4BN | Saturday 27 September and Sunday 28 September  (11am-5pm) | £120 | £120 | At least 50% returned. |
| **Eat Ireland in a Day/Blas na hÉireann**  Dingle, County Kerry V92 FD83 | Friday 3 October to Sunday 5 October (11am to 5pm) | €295 | Free to Blas Finalists | Non-Applicable. |
| **Samhain Food & Culture Festival\***  Kells, County Meath A82 DX47 | Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 November 2025 (10am-5pm) | €265 | £120 | Non-Applicable. |