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[CULTURENIGHT.IE/DUBLIN](https://culturenight.ie/dublin)

CULTURE NIGHT FINGAL 2024

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS OFFICE WELCOMES YOU TO CULTURE NIGHT FINGAL 2024. JOIN US FOR THE NINETEENTH EDITION OF CULTURE NIGHT ON FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER. THIS ANNUAL NATIONAL EVENT CELEBRATES CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND THE ARTS. FOR ONE SPECTACULAR NIGHT AUDIENCES CAN IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN A DIVERSE RANGE OF ART AND CULTURAL EVENTS IN FINGAL. TAKING PLACE ACROSS SEVENTEEN LOCATIONS, THE PROGRAMME WILL FEATURE OVER FORTY UNIQUE ACTIVITIES.

Fingal's finest heritage properties, arts centres and cultural organisations will extend their opening hours for an eclectic programme specifically designed for Culture Night. Fingal Arts Office is delighted to present an exhibition and music performance at the newly restored Carnegie Library, featuring a model and visuals of the Swords Cultural Quarter designed by architects O'Donnell + Tuomey and the Swords Youth Choir who will showcase their musical talents.

Fingal Libraries will host an evening of family friendly events at Malahide, Balbriggan and Blanchardstown libraries. For those interested in genealogy there will be an opportunity to meet a professional genealogist who will answer your family history questions at Fingal Local Studies and Archives in Swords.

Or why not enjoy an electrifying night at The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre with the legendary John Robb. Draíocht and Asha Ari will showcase an impressive lineup of multidisciplinary performers from D15. Explore Ardgillan Castle and its new art gallery, both resident and exhibiting artists will be available to discuss their artwork.

There will be live music performances, exhibitions and other cultural offerings at the Hub and St. Georges' Square, presented by Our Balbriggan.

A visit to Newbridge House and Farm is a must for a tour of the historic traditional working farm with buildings dating back to the 18th century. Visitors can experience the rich heritage of Malahide Castle or the iconic model railway collection at the Casino Model Railway Museum. And don't miss your chance to meet astronomers at DIAS Dunsink observatory, which has been home to many of Ireland's most famous scientists, including Sir Rowan Hamilton.

Culture Night in Fingal promises to be a captivating evening of cultural discovery, exciting entertainment and artistic encounters.

Sarah O'Neill
County Arts Officer

All the events are free, booking is not required unless specified by the venue.

ARDGILLAN CASTLE BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.ardgillancastle.ie
EMAIL: eventardgillan@fingal.ie
BOOKING: [Eventbrite link](#)
TEL: 01 849 2212

ARTS, CRAFTS, MUSIC AND TOURS 6PM - 9PM

Ardgillan Castle will open its doors to visitors who can explore the castle and meet the Ardgillan collective of artists who have residencies in this prestigious heritage property. HMK Art Club will host an exciting Cabaret Life Drawing event in the Drawing Room – pre-booking essential. Ardgillan Art Gallery will also be open with a new and interesting exhibition by Blaine O'Donnell. Enjoy poetry readings in the Library and some live music performances dotted throughout the building – quite the festival feeling!



BALBRIGGAN LIBRARY

GEORGE'S SQUARE, BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.fingal.ie/libraries-events
 EMAIL: balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie
 TEL: 01 870 4401
 BOOKING: Via Balbriggan Library

ESERVICES CLINIC

5:30PM - 7:30PM

Fingal Libraries provide a wide range of free e-services including e-books, audiobooks, online newspapers and databases. You can learn how to access and use these services on your tablet or smart phone at the Balbriggan Library e-services clinics.

All welcome.



VIRTUAL REALITY SHOWCASE SESSIONS

5:30PM TO 7:30PM

Would you like to experience incredible immersive worlds on an Oculus Virtual Reality (VR) device? The Balbriggan Library VR champions will show you how to use this exciting technology.

Suitable for ages 13+. Please note that Meta VR systems are not toys and must not be used by children under 13s.

For further information please go to: <https://www.meta.com/ie/quest/safety-center/>

Booking required.



COLOURING & ACTIVITY PAGES FOR KIDS

5:30PM – 7:30PM

Kids can enjoy fun colouring & activity pages in the library.

Suitable for all ages.

BALBRIGGAN GOSPEL CHOIR

6:30PM – 7:15PM

Balbriggan Gospel Choir was founded in 2018 with the aim of bringing people together and to connect through the medium of music. Their repertoire consists of well-known popular songs in their own Balbriggan gospel style. Under the expert tutelage of Musical Director Dave Flood, their performance on Culture Night in Balbriggan Library promises to be a very memorable and enjoyable experience.

All welcome!



MY LITTLE ALBUM OF BALBRIGGAN WITH TARSILA KRÜSE

6PM – 7PM

Inspired by Tarsila's book with Juliette Saumande, My Little Album of Ireland, children will make their own little albums (small, folded zines), which they can fill up with their favourite things about their wonderful town - Balbriggan. The workshop is a wonderful way to capture memories and get creative together, while using a cúpla focail too!



Suitable for children aged 6 – 12 years.

Booking required.

HISTORY OF THE BALBRIGGAN COURTHOUSES WITH LOCAL HISTORIAN DAVID SORSENSON

6:45PM – 7:45PM

Balbriggan Courthouse has been a dominant feature of George's Square for more than 170 years. However, to date very little information on its history has been placed in the public domain. David's presentation traces several courthouses in Balbriggan, with emphasis on the current building, looking at how and why it came to be built on its present site. A sample of some of the court cases held in the building, both minor and serious, will be examined.



Suitable for adults. Booking required.

BLANCHARDSTOWN LIBRARY

THE CIVIC CENTRE, BLANCHARDSTOWN CENTRE, DUBLIN 15

WEB: www.fingal.ie/libraries-events
EMAIL: blanchlibrary@fingal.ie
TEL: 01 890 5560

SUMMER STARS AWARDS CEREMONY

5.45PM – 7PM

After an amazing Summer of reading, children can collect their Summer Stars certificates in Blanchardstown library!

WAFFLES THE WONDERFUL MAGIC SHOW

5.45PM - 6.45PM

Celebrate the end of summer stars with Ireland's favourite female magician. Waffles tricks are goofy and fun and she is sure to bring a smile to all. Laugh at Waffles mind reading bear. Smile as she brings a Dad up for a rope trick. Hoot and howl as kids make things appear and disappear. The show finishes with a few dance numbers.



BALLOON MODELLING WITH ESMERALDA

6PM - 8PM

Balloon modelling fun for children of all ages with Esmerelda.

Suitable for all ages.

MAKERSPACE TOURS

6PM - 8PM

Drop into the Blanchardstown Library Makerspace for a tour of the space and equipment.

Suitable for all ages.

LEGO EXHIBITION

5.45PM - 6.45PM

Local members of the Irish LEGO User Group will be displaying their LEGO models - both official sets and custom builds. A great opportunity for all fans of LEGO, both adults and kids alike, to come see some fantastic brick creations. There will be city buildings, historical scenes, model cars and more all made from little plastic pieces!

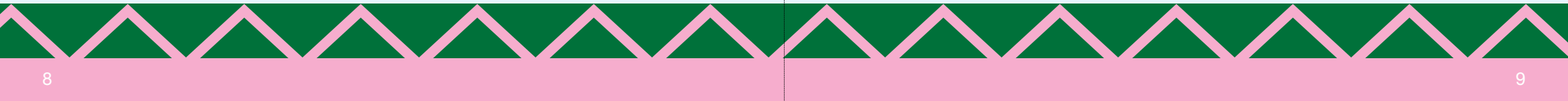
Suitable for all ages.

CHILDVISION EXHIBITION

6PM – 8.30PM

ChildVision National Education Centre for Blind children will be showcasing books in alternative formats such as tactile and braille books. There will also be fun games and activities such as braille your name, a smell station, and puzzles to be solved!

Suitable for all ages.



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

6.30PM – 8.30PM

Come join us for an epic adventure at our ‘Dungeons and Dragons’ event! Grab your dice, create a character, and delve into a world of fantasy and imagination. Whether you’re a seasoned player or a newbie, all are welcome to embark on quests, battle monsters, and explore magical realms. Meet fellow adventurers, forge alliances, and let your creativity soar in this tabletop role-playing game experience. Don’t miss out on the chance to roll some dice and have a fantastic time! There will be sessions for children and teens, and a sensory-friendly session.

AGES: 8 – 12 YEARS

BOOKING REQUIRED: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/dungeons-and-dragons-tickets-988999011667?aff=oddtcreator>

AGES: 12 – 16 YEARS

BOOKING REQUIRED: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/dungeons-and-dragons-tickets-988999011667?aff=oddtcreator>

SENSORY FRIENDLY SESSION AGES: 8 – 16 YEARS

BOOKING REQUIRED: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/dungeons-and-dragons-sensory-friendly-tickets-989004979517?aff=oddtcreator>



CRAOBH SLÍ DHÁLA

7PM - 7.45PM

Join us for some fantastic traditional Irish music with Craobh Slí Dhála - a branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann based in Dublin 15. Music for life - Bígí linn!

BLANCHARDSTOWN BRASS BAND

8PM – 8.45PM

BBB are back to close out the evening for us here in Blanchardstown Library, as is our tradition. One of the oldest bands in Ireland, the Blanchardstown Brass Band is committed to fostering an interest in brass music in the youth of the community. We are delighted to welcome them back for what is sure to be a beautiful session.



CARNEGIE LIBRARY

NORTH ST., TOWNPARKS, SWORDS, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.fingalarts.ie

SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER EXHIBITION

5PM - 7.30PM

Visit the Carnegie Library on Culture Night for a glimpse of the vision and plans for the Swords Cultural Quarter! Designed by architects O'Donnell + Tuomey, the largest new addition to the Cultural Quarter will be a facility that will house a library space along with production and presentation facilities for artistic, cultural and community needs opening to the public in 2027. The exhibition at the Carnegie will include visuals, 3D renders and a model of this new, exciting architectural project.



SWORDS YOUTH CHOIR PERFORMANCE

7PM - 7.30PM

Swords Youth Choir (SYC) is a vibrant and diverse community choir featuring mixed voices from secondary school students, ages 13 to 18. Established to celebrate the rich tapestry of talent within our youth, SYC brings together young singers from various backgrounds and the evening promises to be a delightful showcase of youthful energy and musical excellence.



OUR BALBRIGGAN

GEORGES SQUARE, BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.balbriggan.ie

CEISTEANNA AGUS STAIR

4.00PM – 8.30PM OUR BALBRIGGAN HUB

Visit the Our Balbriggan Hub for this fascinating collaborative exhibition which focuses on the old Irish alphabet and script fonts, curated by Elizabeth Comerford, Murielle Celis and presented by the Sceal Arts Collective. The exhibition will comprise of a series of panels displayed in the windows of the Our Balbriggan Hub. Continuing inside, visitors can explore a collection of prints and a selection of new work created using various print techniques such as wood carving, laser and Gelli print, reflecting on memory loss and the old Cló Gaelic script. In addition to this the Hub will feature a photography exhibition with a focus on young (under 25) local talent.

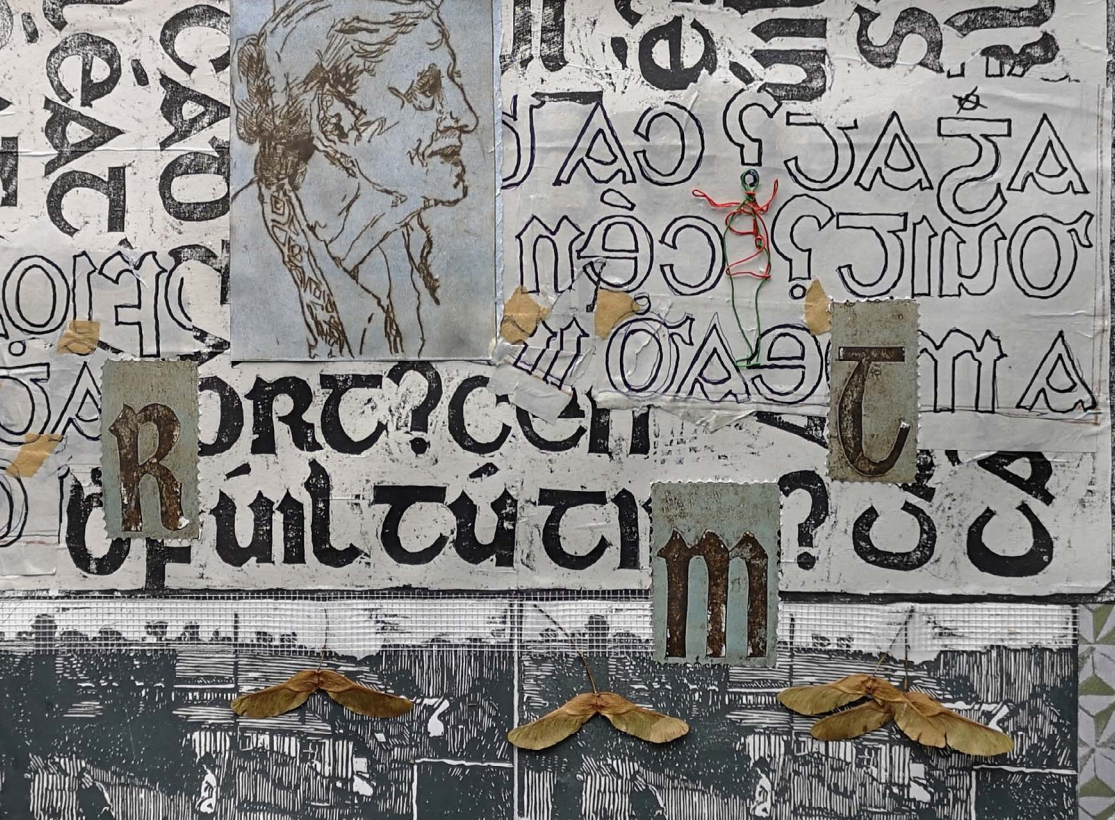
ROOTS OF REUSE

6.00PM THE LARK CONCERT HALL, CHURCH STREET, BALBRIGGAN

Join us for this innovative exhibition curated by Shane Hoey, Leia Mocan and presented by the Sceal Arts Collective, which aims to shine a spotlight on environmental consciousness within the art community. Hosted by The Lark Concert Hall, it features artists who have integrated eco-friendly practices into their work, encouraging a dialogue on sustainability through creativity. By highlighting the transformation of discarded materials into compelling art, the show underscores the potential for waste to be reimagined and repurposed, aligning with broader goals of environmental stewardship.

In addition to these featured events, a full programme of activities is planned to take place across multiple venues and outdoor spaces for the evening in Balbriggan.

For more information follow [@ourbalbriggan](https://twitter.com/ourbalbriggan) [@scealcollective](https://twitter.com/scealcollective)



CASINO MODEL RAILWAY MUSEUM

MALAHIDE, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.modelrailwaymuseum.ie
BOOKING: events@malahidecastleandgardens.ie

GUIDED TOUR

5PM – 7PM

Embark on a captivating journey through the rich tapestry of Irish railway history at the Casino Model Railway Museum this Culture Night! We're thrilled to invite you to an exclusive guided tour that offers a rare glimpse into the incredible world of Cyril Fry's meticulously handcrafted model railways. This tour is more than just a walk through a museum; it's an immersive experience that brings to life the golden age of Irish railways in stunning miniature form. Perfect for train enthusiasts of all ages, families looking for an interactive and educational outing and History buffs interested in Irish railways and transportation.



DIAS DUNSINK OBSERVATORY

DUNSINK LANE, CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

WEB: www.dunsink.dias.ie/culturenight
BOOKING: Tickets are valid for one-hour visits
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/culture-night-dias-dunsink-observatory-tickets-948094063867>

SELF-GUIDED ASTRONOMY TOURS

6PM & 8PM

Join us for a night among the stars and expand your mind with cosmic insights from the astronomers of DIAS Dunsink Observatory! Dunsink is Ireland's oldest astronomical observatory and was once the home of one of Ireland's greatest mathematicians, Sir William Rowan Hamilton. Nowadays, DIAS astrophysicists study explosions on the Sun, search for new stars and planets, and search the universe for exotic astronomical objects. The programme includes a self-guided tour of the 18th century observatory and the Victorian engineering of the South Telescope built by Grubb of Dublin. **Suitable for all ages.**



DRAÍOCHT

BLANCHARDSTOWN, DUBLIN 15

WEB: www.draiocht.ie
TEL: 01 885 2622
BOOKING: Via Draíocht for all events

SHORTS FOR WEE ONES

4.30PM - 5.20PM

Who needs a spoken language to tell a story when they are as visual as these are? Sheep, sunflowers, bears, magical rocks, giant turnips, a basketball-playing T-Rex and a rockpool full of marvellous undersea creatures all invite us into their worlds for a whole host of adventures! Curated especially for the youngest age group, these short films are some of the best examples from around the world that will appeal most to those at the start of their engagement with film.

Suitable for 3 – 7 years.

SHORTS FOR MIDDLE ONES

6PM – 7PM

This collection of short films for those aged eight and above is a mix of animation styles and content that promises something for everyone. Sometimes chaotic, sometimes very serious, there is no predicting where we will head next. Variety is the key, and no two films will feel or look the same. Curated especially for ages 8 – 12 years, these short films are some of the best examples from around the world that will appeal most to those at the start of their engagement with film.

Suitable for 8 – 12 years.



YOUTH THEATRE CULTURE

6.30PM - 7.30PM

Join D15 Youth Theatre members and Facilitators and let them introduce you to Draíocht, to Youth Theatre and to what it is they do here on Tuesday nights. Have you ever wanted to dip your toe into the Youth Theatre workshop waters - well now you can. So come along and experience Youth Theatre Culture in this fun and relaxed workshop. All welcome. And if you enjoy this, then come along to Youth Theatre Auditions on Sunday 6th of October.

Suitable for ages 14 – 18 years.



BLANCHARDSTOWN RESONANCE 2

8PM – 9PM

Curator Asha Ari brings back Blanchardstown Resonance to the Main Stage, after the success of the first show in March 2024. Blanchardstown Resonance 2 will once again showcase some of the most talented singers, bands and artists from Blanchardstown and Dublin 15. The show features performances from a diverse lineup, including James Shannon, Asha Ari, Shauna Harris and more. The event will offer a unique blend of hip hop, R&B, and poetry, and will be a homage to how Blanchardstown has helped shape artistic expression.

Suitable for ages 14+.



FINGAL LOCAL STUDIES AND ARCHIVES

46 NORTH ST., TOWNPARKS, SWORDS, CO. DUBLIN

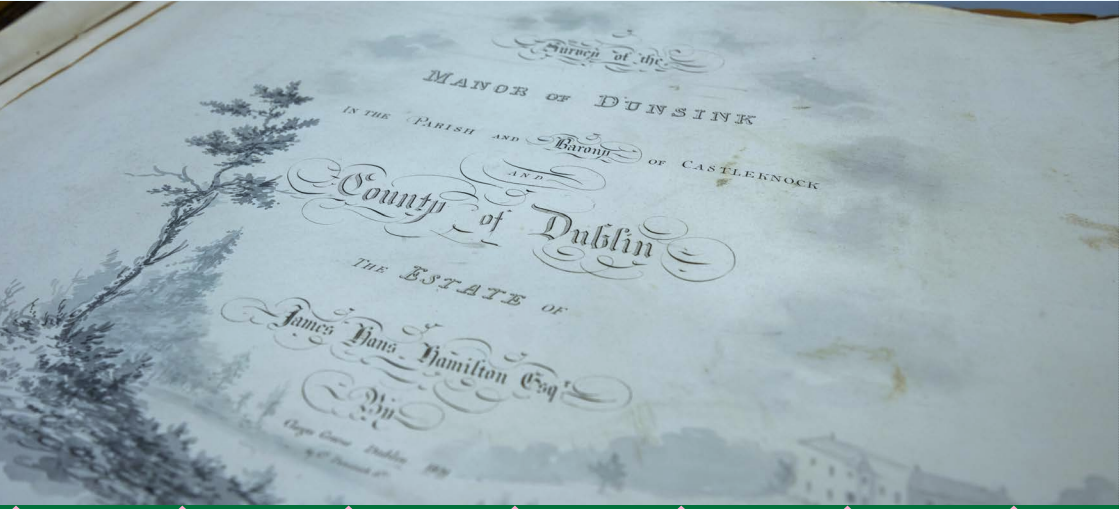
WEB: www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries
 TEL: 01 870 4486

OPEN NIGHT & GENEALOGY ADVICE CLINIC

6PM – 8PM

Go behind the scenes of Fingal Local Studies & Archives and view a variety of interesting and unusual items from our collections including historic maps from turnpike and estate collections, 18th century directories, 1916 medals and more! Find out what resources are available in the branch for local and family history and pick up free publications from our previous exhibitions. Our staff will be present to answer questions and guide visitors through the displays. Professional genealogist Claire Bradley will also be on hand to answer your family history questions and point you to the right resources. This service is provided on a first-come-first-serve basis and no appointment is necessary.

Suitable for all ages.



IRISH INSTITUTE OF MUSIC & SONG

CHURCH STREET, BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.irishinstituteofmusic.com www.lark.ie
 EMAIL: info@iims.ie
 TEL: 01 699 4990

MUSIC AND ART

5PM - 8PM

The Irish Institute of Music & Song (IIMS) campus has expanded further. It is now home to Ireland's newest and most technologically advanced building "The Lark Concert Hall" which received the prestigious Royal Institute of Architects Ireland award for Ireland's New Favourite Building of the Year 2024. This incredible venue in north Dublin is a must-visit on your Culture Night calendar! Guests will be shown around the fantastic IIMS and as they tour the extensive campus, they will be treated to various musical performances including Irish traditional music, choir ensembles, African drumming and more. The Lark Concert Hall, in partnership with Balbriggan's Scéal Collective, will host and present the 'Roots of Reuse' exhibition and video screening. Tours will conclude near the La-La Café & Restaurant. Reservations are required for the La-La. **Suitable for ages 7+.**



LUSK COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTRE

CHURCH ROAD, LUSK, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.facebook.com/luskcommunityculturalcentre
INSTA: www.instagram.com/luskculture/
BOOKING: Eventbrite link
TEL: 085 852 2517

GAVIN FOX PERFORMS LIVE

8PM – 9.30PM

The Lusk Cultural Centre will host an evening with local musician and songwriter Gavin Fox. We will celebrate Culture Night by showcasing his exceptional work which spans alternative folk, Americana and rock. It will be a warm and intimate acoustic performance featuring songs from Gavin's first album Awakened and new music from his upcoming second album Illuminate (release date 4th October), as well as some cover versions.

Suitable for all ages, bring the family!

MALAHIDE CASTLE & GARDENS

MALAHIDE DEMESNE, MALAHIDE, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie
BOOKING: events@malahidecastleandgardens.ie

GUIDED CASTLE TOURS

5PM, 5.30PM, 6PM & 6.30PM

Experience the rich heritage of Malahide Castle on Culture Night! Join us for an unforgettable evening with four exclusive guided tours. Built over 800 years ago, Malahide Castle is steeped in history and has been home to the Talbot family for centuries, passed down from generation to generation.

Our family-friendly tours will take you through the grand halls and intimate rooms of the castle, revealing fascinating stories and secrets from its long and storied past. This is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the history of one of Ireland's oldest castles.



MALAHIDE LIBRARY

MAIN STREET, MALAHIDE, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.fingal.i/libraries-events
EMAIL: malahidelibrary@fingal.ie
BOOKING: Via Malahide Library
TEL: 01 870 4430

REUBEN THE ENTERTAINER

6PM - 7PM

In this hilarious high-energy Comedy Variety Show, Reuben will have everyone in stitches with his magic, puppets, funny toys, daft voices and bendy body! Don't miss this fully interactive fun.

Suitable for all ages, even the adults! Booking required.



HELENA THE STORYTELLER

7PM - 8PM

Join Helena the Storyteller for this lively, interactive storytelling experience! From creepy ghost stories, monsters and Leprechauns to much loved fairytales with a twist, these stories will be bursting with fun for children and grown-ups alike!

Suitable for 5 years +. Booking required.



LIBRARY TOUR

6PM – 8PM

Pop along to Malahide Library, take a selfie in the Selfie Station dressed up as your favourite book character using the props. Explore the virtual world through our VR headsets. See what eServices we have to offer!

All welcome!

ART EXHIBITION BY ANKITA

6PM - 8PM

Ankita's artworks are a fusion of ancient art and styles. Mesmerised by Ireland's natural beauty she started incorporating Irish landscapes in her ancient art style paintings. For Ankita, painting Dot Mandalas is a form of meditation, which she does freehand, without any lines or grids.

All ages welcome!



MAGIC WAND FACE PAINT

6PM - 8PM

Would you or your little one like to be the tiger who came to tea? Or join the rainbow fairies? Transform into your favourite character for the evening with Magic Wand Face Painting!

All ages welcome.



NEWBRIDGE HOUSE & FARM

HEARSE ROAD, DONABATE, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com
TEL: 01 895 82 82

FAMILY CULTURAL FARM TOUR

5PM - 6PM

Enjoy a tour of Newbridge’s historic traditional working farm with buildings and history dating back to the 18th century. We host a wide variety of farm animals from Kerry cows to guinea pigs, scenic walled gardens and glass houses, and rustic farm machinery and tools on display across the site. Enjoy the scenery, animals, and engage in local history this Culture Night at Newbridge House & Farm. No booking required.



SKERRIES MILLS

TOWNPARKS, SKERRIES, CO. DUBLIN

WEB: www.skerriemills.ie
TEL: 01 849 5208
BOOKING: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/culture-night-tour-at-skerries-mills-tickets-1001263164077>

HERITAGE TOURS

5.30PM & 6.30PM

On Culture Night, Skerries Mills welcomes heritage enthusiasts for a free 45-minute tour of three National Monuments on-site. Learn how wind and water were harnessed by our ancestors. Skerries Mills is one of a few sites in Europe showcasing two Sail Mills and a Watermill. The Skerries collection has been fully restored and are accessible by guided tour only. We will have two free tours running in the evening. Access is not suitable for wheelchair users or prams. Only suitable for children aged 8 years and over.



THE SÉAMUS ENNIS ARTS CENTRE

MAIN STREET, NAUL, DUBLIN, K32 AY27

WEB: www.tseac.ie
TEL: 01 802 0898
BOOKING: <https://tseac.ticketsolve.com/shows/873645854/events>

AN AUDIENCE WITH JOHN ROBB

8.30PM - 10.30PM

Get ready for an electrifying evening! Join us at the intimate TSEAC theatre for an exclusive encounter with the legendary John Robb. As he takes to the stage, John will delve into captivating conversations, sharing insights from his multifaceted career as a TV personality, best-selling author, musician, and more. But that's not all! Brace yourself for an enthralling twist: John will interview Niall McGuirk, founding member of the Dublin gig collective 'Hope Collective.' Don't miss this Culture Night celebration - it's bound to be unforgettable!

Suitable for adults.



TWIST OF IRISH

SWORDS CASTLE, MAIN STREET, SWORDS &
ST. SYLVESTER'S GAA CLUB, CHURCH STREET, MALAHIDE

WEB: www.twistofirish.com
EMAIL: twistofirish@gmail.com
TEL: 086 882 2024 / 086 601 0919
BOOKING: twistofirish@gmail.com

IRISH MUSIC AND DANCE

6PM - 7.30PM SWORDS
8.30PM - 10.30PM MALAHIDE

The Twist of Irish Experience offers a unique interactive session and a memorable opportunity to immerse in Irish culture and enjoy the lively and energetic style of Irish music and dancing that promises entertainment and enjoyment for all. Our musicians and dancers will provide an interactive session where everyone can get involved with songs, music, and dancing. **Suitable for all ages.**



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For full details of the national programme visit
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