

October - Deireadh Fómhair 2019

Blanchardstown Library – Leabharlann Bhaile Bhlainséir

To book any of the events listed below, please call 01 890 5563 or email blanchlibrary@fingal.ie

Adult events
Eachtraí do dhaoine fásta

**‘Irish Country Houses, Castles, and Gardens’
Celebrating Fingal Festival of History
Ag ceiliúradh Féile na Staire Fhine Gall**

Saturday, October 5th from 1:30pm - 3pm.

This talk, as part of the Fingal Festival of History, will be given by Brenda King of Blanchardstown Castleknock Historical Society.

All are welcome.

**Mindfulness with Rita O’Donovan
Aireachas le Rita O’Donovan**

Thursday, October 10th at 6:45pm

This workshop is an introduction to the practice and benefits of mindfulness by psychotherapist and mindfulness teacher Rita O’Donovan (Post Grad MBSR/MBCT). Mindfulness, simply put, is awareness; developing an awareness that comes through paying attention to doing what we are actually doing. Mindfulness practice offers us the tools to slow down, become aware of ourselves, our relationships, and the world around us. Being mindful in turn aids stress reduction and helps to alleviate the pressures of everyday life. There will be time for questions and answers at the end.

Booking essential. To book, call 01 890 5560 or email blanchlibrary@fingal.ie

**Introduction to Python Coding for Adults
Ag tosnú leis an gCódúchán Python do Dhaoine Fásta**

Saturday, October 5th from 2pm—4pm.

An introductory session for Adults interested in learning how to code. Participants will learn how to program using the Python coding system. Please contact blanchlibrary@fingal.ie or phone 01 8905560 to book your place.



Rediscovering the Confident You (Part 1)
Athaimsigh do Mhuinín (Cuid 1)

Monday, October 7th from 6:30pm — 7:45pm

This is a two-part seminar with Life Coach Jill Barret, who will examine the following topics: what does it mean to be assertive; reviewing your current interactions with others; exploring the role of self-esteem within self-confidence; and looking at tips for communicating assertively.

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Rediscovering the Confident You (Part 2)
Athaimsigh do Mhuinín (Cuid 2)

Monday, October 14th from 6:30pm - 7:45pm

The second part of this seminar, continuing on from the October 7th session.

The First Steps to starting up a Business
Ag cruthú do ghnólacht féin—na chéad chéimeanna

Tuesday, October 15th at 6:45pm

Thinking of starting your own business but finding it hard to know where to start? This practical seminar with Stiofán Nutty will show you how to go about it, and offer details of available supports to help you on your way. Please contact blanchlibrary@fingal.ie or phone 01 8905560 to book.

From Business Idea to Customer Experience
with Agnes Doyle

Ó Smaoineamh go Taithí le Agnes Doyle

Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:45pm – 7:45pm

To give your business idea the best chance of success you need to understand your customers, your competition, and the industry sector you will compete in. Market Research will help you develop your customer experience as well as developing your point of difference. Please contact blanchlibrary@fingal.ie or phone 01 8905560 to book your place.

Children's Events
Eachtraí do Pháistí

Unplugged Coding for Children & Parents
Códúchán gan Ríomhairí do Pháistí & Tuismitheoirí

Tuesday, October 8th at 4pm

Ages: 8 - 12 years

As part of EU Coding Week, Blanchardstown Library is holding this Tech-Free event. Learn the concept of Coding with Maker Advocate for DublinMaker.ie Vicky Twomey-Lee—without even using a computer! Children must be accompanied by a parent.

Booking Essential. Places Limited. Contact blanchlibrary@fingal.ie or phone 01 890 5563.

Little Red Riding Hood & Friends - Booster Cushion Theatre
Amharclannaíocht Booster Cushion

Saturday, October 12th at 11am

Ages: 4 - 8 years

'Little Red Riding Hood & Friends' is a comical retelling of the classic fairy-tale with lots of audience participation. Tradition is left far behind in this fast and funny show that uses lots of slapstick. Children will be captivated from the start.

Booking not required

Halloween Storytelling with Sarah Sparkles
Scéaltaí d'Oíche Shamhna le Sarah Sparkles

Tuesday, October 29th at 11.30am

Ages 4—10

Sarah Sparkles will take children on a magical Halloween adventure, into a story that they will help her to create. Using puppets, songs and magic, she encourages audience interaction and imagination as they build their very own unique story.

Booking not required

Parent and Toddler Group
Grúpa Páistí agus Tuismitheoirí

Every Wednesday from 10am - 1pm

This is an excellent social space for both parents and children. All are welcome to drop in at any time.

Booking not required

Sillybilly Events - Spooky Science Show
Eachtraí Sillbilly—Seó Eolaíocht Scanrúil

Wednesday, October 30th at 12pm

All Welcome

Chess and Board Games Club
Club Cluichí Cláir agus Ficheall

Every Wednesday at 4pm

All Welcome

Harry Potter Daily Prophet Workshop
Ceardlann Daily Prophet

Thursday, October 31st at 2pm

Ages 11+

Join Blanchardstown Library's answer to the Daily Prophet newsroom for one day only. News and magic come together in this Journalism workshop.

Booking Essential— visit <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/harry-potter-write-for-the-daily-prophet-journalism-workshop-tickets-72419758447?aff=affiliate1>

New Autism Friendly Libraries Project

Storytime with Clíodhna - Scéaltaí le Clíodhna

Saturday, October 5th at 10am Ages 0—6

Join Clíodhna as she weaves a gentle story that will delight children and adults alike!

Autism-Friendly Event—Booking Essential

Drumming Circle with Jabba Jabba Jembe

Drumadóireacht le Jabba Jabba Jembe

Saturday, October 19th at 10am Family event

Drumming can have profoundly positive effects on the mind and body. This interactive drum circle will allow the entire family to explore drumming in a fun and creative way.

Autism-Friendly Event—Booking Essential

RoboJam Robotics Workshop - Ceardlann Robataice

RoboJam

Saturday, November 9th at 10:30am Ages 7-12

Saturday, November 9th at 1:30pm Ages 7-12

Build and programme a robot and battle it against others. The best part? You'll get to take your robot home with you!

Autism-Friendly Event—Booking Essential

Bricks4Kidz Lego Workshop - Ceardlann Lego le Bricks4Kidz

Saturday, 16th November at 10am Ages 7—12

Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30pm Ages 7—12

This hugely successful Lego building workshop makes its highly anticipated return to Blanchardstown Library. Children will learn the principles of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths using Lego!

Autism Friendly Event—Booking Essential



Europe Direct Information Centre Ionad Eolas Europe Direct

If you have questions about the European Union, visit the Europe Direct Information Centre (located on the reference floor of the library). You can also freephone the Europe Direct Call Centre on 00 800 6789 1011 (free from a landline) to speak to an operator in any of the official European Languages. Visit www.europedirect.ie.

Citizens Dialogue on EU Environmental Policy Comhphlé Citizens maidir le Beartas Comhshaoil an AE

Thursday, October 3rd from 7pm—10pm

This event is aimed at young people between the ages of 18 and 25. Brian Synnott (Communication Advisor to the European Commissioner for the Environment) will be there to listen to the participants' views, concerns and ideas on the future of environmental policy in Europe. The Commission will inform participants about policy developments based on the feedback

received during the CITIZENV event.

Booking essential. To book, email barry.ocarroll@fingal.ie

3D Printing Workshops for Entrepreneurs

Cearclanna Priontála 3D d'Fhiontraithe

Saturday, October 12th & Saturday, October 19th from 10:30am—4pm

This two-part course run by Fab Labs will cover the basics of 3D printing for entrepreneurs.

The first class will focus on building and testing the 3D printer kits. The second class will cover the 3D design process itself and the actual printing of signs.

Booking essential. To book, email barry.ocarroll@fingal.ie

Series of Public Information Talks

Eachtraí faisnéise don phobal

Wednesday, October 9th at 10am: Making a Will

These talks will be hosted by Europe Direct Blanchardstown Library in cooperation with the Dublin 15 Citizens' Information Centre.

For further information or to register please call 0761 07 5040 or email

blanchardstown@citinfo.ie

Conference: Climate Emergency—This Generation's Inheritance

Comhdháil: Éigeandáil Aeráide - Oidhreacht na glúine seo

At the Castleknock Hotel

Tuesday, October 22nd at 9:30am

This conference aims to stimulate conversation and action by demonstrating the gravity of our climate emergency and its current and future consequences. Guests will include Documentary Film Maker, Peadar King; Assistant Professor of Journalism at DCU, David Robbins; Assistant Professor in the School of Law and Government at DCU, Diarmuid Torney; General Secretary of ICTU, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, Patricia King; and UN Youth Ambassador, Valery Molay.

Booking essential. To book, email barry.ocarroll@fingal.ie

Blanchardstown library Regular Events

Eachtraí Rialta

Conversation exchanges—Ciorcail Cómhrá:

(Informal and casual drop-in chat with no teacher)

Adult only, strictly over 18s

Spanish Conversation Group	Mondays at 6.30pm
English Conversation Group	Wednesdays at 6pm
French Conversation Group	Saturdays at 10am-12pm
Irish Conversation Group	Saturdays at 12pm

Baby Book Club—Club Leabhar Leanbh

Tuesday, October 15th from 11:30am - 12pm

This month, Ciara will lead another excellent story-telling session for children of pre-school age. Enjoy songs, stories and games with your toddler for half an hour on the third Tuesday of each month.

Booking is not required

eService Information Clinic—Seisiún Eolas ar na rSeirbhísí

Wednesday, October 16th from 2pm to 3pm

Our online services include free eBooks, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, comics, courses, and music—all free of charge! If you would like further information, or for assistance in downloading the Fingal Library App, call in during our information clinic with your Smartphone, tablet, laptop or Kindle Fire, and our eServices team will help you get set up.

LEO Business Advice Clinics—Comhairle Gnó le LEO

Thursday, 3rd, 17th & 31st October

Blanchardstown Europe Direct Information Centre and Work Matters – the library's Business, Enterprise and Employment Support Service—in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office in Fingal (LEO) are offering Business Advice clinics in Blanchardstown Library. **Booking is essential.**

For more information and to book an individual session go to:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Fingal> or phone 01 8900800.

Blanchardstown/Castleknock History Society—Cumann Stair Baile Bhlainséir agus Caisleán Cnucha

The local History Society meets regularly in the library. For further information, please call Aingeal at 085 749 1672, email a.mcmorrow.b.c.h.s@gmail.com or visit <https://blanchardstowncastleknockhistorysociety.wordpress.com/>

LifeRing

LifeRing is an international organisation of support groups for people who want to live free of alcohol or other addictive drugs. It provides an environment for interactive sharing and participation, and meets in the library on Saturdays from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. For further information please email

lifering.dublin@gmail.com