

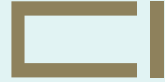
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# Cruinniú na nÓg 2022

Free creative activities for  
children and young adults





Cruinniú na nÓg, Creative Ireland's annual day of free creative activity for children and young adults, has gone from strength to strength since its launch in 2018. It is an event that is unique to Ireland and is the flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland's programme **Creative Youth** which aims to "give every child practical access to tuition, experience and participation in art, music, drama and coding by 2022".

This year, Fingal's programming features events and workshops in all of our libraries such as coding classes, storytelling, manga drawing, creative writing for teens and much more.

Following on from the success of the Story trail launched in Ardgillan Castle last year, a second Fingal Story trail will be created in Kenure Woods in Rush and will follow the story of the Lonely Beast by Dublin author Chris Judge.

Fingal Arts office have held an open commission and 4 projects have been awarded through this. These projects aim to creatively engage young people by providing access to arts practitioners of the highest standards and include projects in placemaking/architecture, music and interactive art. **Cruinniú na nÓg 2022** will be a day filled with happy memories for all of the families, children and young people that get involved.

## Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles



Join Sarah Sparkles for Toddler Time, giving babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers an interactive and exciting introduction to libraries.

With the help of Sarah's cheeky bird, Wally, the children discover the books in the library, learning how to listen, turn the pages, look at the pictures and share the adventures and emotions of the characters.

Parents and guardians must accompany their children for the duration of this event. No booking is required, simply call in on the day.

**Age: 0 – 4 years**

Blanchardstown Library

June 8th, 2022

11am – 12pm

**Please contact your local library.**



## Program and race autonomous cars with Coding Ireland

If you feel the need for speed, join Coding Ireland for a workshop like no other!

You will be split into teams and learn how to program robot cars to drive around a track. Each team can improve the code so their car will go faster without crashing off the track.

Participants will learn about coding, microcomputers, and how autonomous cars and sensors work.

**Age: 13–16 years**

Blanchardstown Library

June 11th 2022

11am – 1pm

**Booking essential, please contact your local library.**

## Creating characters with Shane Hegarty

Come and join us for an amazing event with author Shane Hegarty on Cruinniú na nÓg!

What are the ingredients for a great story? Can you come up with your own sweet idea? Using his brand new book *The Shop of Impossible Ice Creams* and his bestselling series *Boot*, Shane Hegarty will help young readers come up with their own fantastic ideas and hilarious characters in an interactive and fun talk.

**Age: 8 – 12 years**

Blanchardstown Library

June 11th 2022

11am – 12pm

**Booking essential, please contact your local library**

## Creativity, technology and stories – an interactive event with Amy Bond

Join children's author and librarian Amy Bond to explore creativity, writing and imagination.

In this workshop, Amy will share insights into her book *Morgana Mage in the Robotic Age*, and its inspiration and themes.

Learn about the power of creativity and imagination in shaping the world around us and driving technological advances. Participants will then explore creating their own inventions and how to shape a story around these.

**Age: 8 – 12 years**

Blanchardstown Library

June 11th 2022

1.00pm – 2.00pm

**Booking essential, please contact your local library**



## Computer Graphics & Coding in Scratch with cccSkerries

**Are you creative?**  
**Do you like computers?**



Then combine the two and learn how to design and animate your own graphics in Scratch!

Using the awesome graphics editor of the free online coding platform Scratch, you will learn how to create graphics and how use simple drag-and-drop code to animate them.

Work alongside Sabine of Creative Computing Classes Skerries and learn how to shape and reshape, change colours, and group objects... until you end up with your very own scene.

**Age: 8 - 11 years**

Baldoyle Library	June 11th 2022	11.00am – 12.30pm
Malahide Library	June 11th 2022	2.30pm – 4.00pm

**Booking essential, please contact your local library**



## Manga Art Class with John Carpenter

Join artist John Carpenter for a Manga art workshop. You will learn to create your own Manga characters during this beginner's workshop. It will be a fun and interactive workshop.

**All materials will be provided.**



Howth Library (Age - 8-12yrs)	June 11th 2022	11.30am – 12.30pm
Donabate Library (Age - 13+)	June 11th 2022	2.15 - 3.15pm

**Booking essential, please contact your local library**

## Puppetry workshop with Story Gate



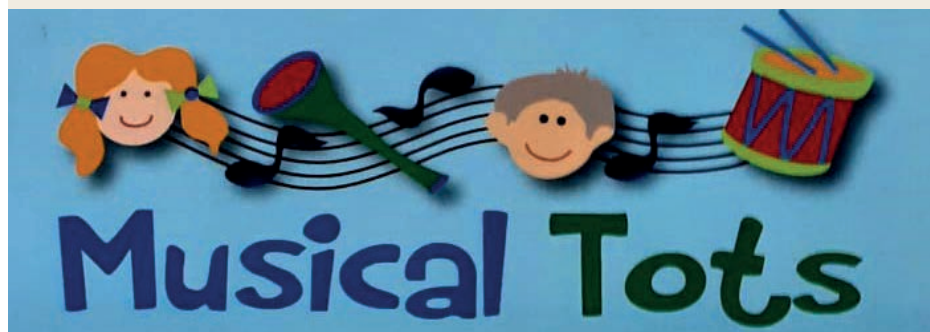
**Sock-puppet Adventure!** Have you ever wondered how a puppeteer brings his puppets to life?

Join puppeteer Michael Phelan and storyteller Simone Schuemmelfeder for this exciting sock-puppet workshop. Listen to stories and learn how to turn your (hopefully not smelly!) socks into amazing puppets.

**Age: 5 – 8 years**

Rush Library	June 11th 2022	11.30am – 12.30pm
Balbriggan Library	June 11th 2022	2.00 – 3.00pm

**Booking essential, please contact your local library**



## Musical Tots Workshop

Join Karen Donnellan from Musical Tots for a fun and lively musical workshop that your little one will love. Children learn tunes and rhymes before they learn to speak. Singing is invaluable in the development of children from a very young age. The focus of the class is learning through song, developing confidence and self-esteem through interaction; and motor skills through action and dancing songs.

**Age: 0-4 years**

Balbriggan Library	June 11th 2022	11.00am – 12.00pm
Malahide Library	June 11th 2022	2.00pm – 3.00pm

**Booking essential, please contact your local library**

## Creativity writing for Teens with Orlaith O'Sullivan

A writing workshop tailored to teens to help explore and celebrate creativity in a safe and fun writing circle with Orlaith.

Practical exercises to fire creative energy and a space to share and reflect. All teens are welcome & no experience is needed.

**Age: 13+**

Swords Library	June 11th 2022	11.00am – 12.30pm
Rush Library	June 11th 2022	2.00pm – 3.00pm

**Booking essential, please contact your local library**



## Under the Sea art workshop with artist Kim Jenkinson

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this 'Under the Sea' children's art workshop, where we will be creating a world of underwater sea creatures using fun printing and collaging processes.

**Age: 7 – 10 years**


Malahide Library	June 11th 2022	11.00am – 12.00pm
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**Booking essential, please contact your local library**



# Story Trail in Kenure Park, Rush from June 11th 2022





The Beasts are very rare and quiet, they like nothing better than tending their gardens, drinking tea and eating cake until one day one of the beasts felt very lonely indeed and decided to go and find some other beasts...

Follow the lonely beast through forests, up mountains, into dark caves and across the sea in search of some company. Based on *The Lonely Beast*, written and illustrated by Chris Judge, published by Andersen Press

The Kenure storytrail in Rush, the second in Fingal, aims to bring great kid's stories into the outdoors and provide an interactive story time for the whole family to enjoy.

Check out another storytrail at Ardgillan Castle where you can follow the story of the Ravenous Beast by Niamh Sharkey

## Alan Nolan

### Graphic Novel Workshops for Bright Side of Dyslexia



#### Comic Capers with Alan Nolan.

Ever wanted to be a comic creator? Join author, illustrator and comics fanatic Alan Nolan as he brings you on a tour of favourite comics from the Beano to superhero comics to manga. Jam-packed with loads of fun stories and draw-alongs, this 3-week course will teach you the basics of graphic novels, show you how to design your own characters and storylines, and help you to create your own comic strips! Each session will last just over an hour.

**Age: 8 – 13 years**

Blanchardstown Library	July 5th	11am – 12:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	July 12th	11am – 12:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	July 19th	11am – 12:30pm

**Booking essential, please contact your local library.**



### Circus explored with Fingal

Have you ever wondered how you could acquire some super-human/extra-ordinary skills? Or perhaps you lie in bed at night dreaming of patterns and counting numbers back and forth in multiple ways. Or maybe you have thought about how you could build and run your very own circus ... have you? If so, then this project most definitely is for YOU!

**Over 5000 beautiful juggling balls are currently being distributed all across Ireland. Sign up via [www.isacs.ie](http://www.isacs.ie) and get down to your local Fingal library to pick up your very own set.**



## Plyscape

Calling young people 14 – 18 years of age to work collaboratively with architects Laura Carroll and Ciaran Molumby in a workshop event to be delivered on June 11th at Mill Pond Park, Balbriggan. These architect-

led workshops will engage participants in methodologies that mirror the conventional architecture design processes of analysis, design, construction, and spatial experience to investigate and respond to the local built and natural environment.

The architects will showcase the transformative power of architecture as a creative expression, empowering young people to develop an interest in suburban design that will have a positive influence on planning policies in the future.

**Registration in advance is required –**  
Visit [www.fingalarts.ie](http://www.fingalarts.ie)

## Seachtain na nÓg Music week

In collaboration with the Irish Institute of music and song, Cruinniú Fingal and the Arts office launch a week of free workshops and activities for children, young people and families. Over the course of this week events suitable for all age groups from 0 to 18 will be delivered.

The Irish Institute of Music & Song is an innovative, ever-growing cultural centre that promotes musical learning and participation for all age groups and backgrounds. Their engagement with younger audiences is multifaceted through online and in-person workshops.

**All workshops require registration –**  
Visit: [www.irishinstituteofmusic.com/](http://www.irishinstituteofmusic.com/)





## Early years day - 12th June

### Sing To Your Baby

This class helps babies sleep, bond and develop.

### Let's Sing Together

Babies/Children up to age 4. Toddler and parent/guardian class to experience music, rhythm and singing together.

### Pre-Instrumental Sessions x 2

Our fun, friendly pre-instrumental classes give children a great head-start in musical learning.

**All workshops require registration –**

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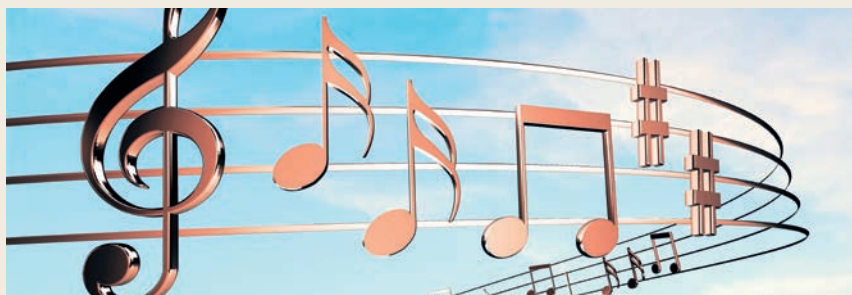
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## Primary school day - 13th June

On this day primary school children will be invited to try three different musical skills: Singing, Ukulele and Percussion. The sessions will cater for up to 30 young participants in each. The morning session will be for children from junior infants to 2nd class ages and the afternoon will cater for 3rd to 6th class. Workshops will be delivered by the highly skilled musicians of The Irish Institute of Music & Song - an innovative, ever-growing cultural centre that promotes musical learning and participation for all.

**All workshops require registration –**

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## Youth Day - 14th June

### **Percussion Workshop with Andy Dempsey**

Everyone is given a chance to play and be heard playing in this collaborative drum circle.

### **Ukulele Workshop with Sorcha Fenlon**

Ukulele is a hugely accessible instrument thanks to its size, simplicity and low cost. Our teaching methods lean on cognitive theory and group dynamics to get everybody playing together in no time.

### **Music Production Seminar with Hugh Clarke**

We often hear about technology, its relevance to modern artistic practice, the connection young creatives share with it and the accessibility it offers burgeoning music professionals. In this seminar, our demonstrator Hugh will demystify the process of producing modern pop music to the artists of the future.

### **Music as a Career Seminar with Sarah May Rogers**

Creative careers are essential to our wider community. Sarah is particularly qualified to demonstrate the characteristics of a true musician given her varied experience as a working/ touring musician, educator, businesswoman and artist.

**All workshops require registration -**  
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## Irish music day - 16th June

### **Bodhrán Building Workshop with Richard Molloy**

Bodhrán Building Workshop to teach young people to create their very own drums in a traditional style, working with their hands, learning about sound, craftsmanship and history.

### **Irish Music Seminar & Open Session with Sarah Rogers & Breda McCarthy**

Our resident traditional musicians will explore the history of our native music with participants and using their playing skill to communicate the nuances of the style.

**All workshops require registration -**  
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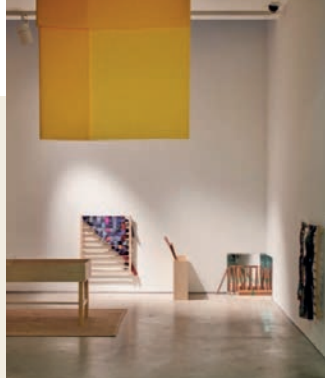
## Make Space

Children and their carers are invited to explore and spend time together in this beautiful sensory play space for children of 3 years and up designed to explore a variety of materials (wood, stone, sand, mirrors, modelling clay, fabric) and processes (weaving, plaiting, drawing, making, arranging). Created by art educator Anne Bradley, make space was originally designed as a response room for *Elemental*, a sculptural exhibition for children by artists Caoimhe Kilfeather and Karl Burke curated by Cleo Fagan of Superprojects.

Make Space will provide a contemplative, reflective place encouraging children and adults to explore a variety of natural materials considering their physical qualities: weight, texture, colour, sound. Participants are invited to consider how these everyday materials make up the natural and built environment around us. They are encouraged to manipulate and explore the characteristics of the materials through pouring, weaving, tracing, mark making, arranging.

The space also provides a place for relaxing, open-ended, intergenerational shared play and the opportunity for quiet, reflective conversation.

**No booking required. Link to information page [www.fingalarts.ie](http://www.fingalarts.ie)**



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## Daily Cloud

Illustrator Chris Judge will connect with ten schools in county Fingal to deliver creative workshops based on a personal project he initiated during the pandemic. Working with pupils and teachers, Chris will introduce participants to his Daily Cloud artworks as inspiration for creating their very own artworks. Using shapes, faces and characters inspired by life and imagination, participants will be invited to draw directly onto Chris' very own cloud photographs. Participants will be encouraged to take their own artwork home, or trade with another pupil, or send them as postcards to friends or family around the world. Hopefully many of the artworks will live on walls for years to come. Participants can expect to learn about Chris' work as a professional illustrator, and how this project came about initially in 2020.

**Link to information page [www.fingalarts.ie](http://www.fingalarts.ie)**



Fingal Arts Office is located within the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Dept. of Fingal County Council and operates a countywide arts service for children, young people, professional and amateur artists, community groups and arts companies. Working across policy specialisms of Youth & Education, Public Art, Professional Artists Supports and Community Arts Support, the Arts Office aims to enable all those in Fingal to access a wide range of arts and cultural experiences.

**[www.fingalarts.ie](http://www.fingalarts.ie)**

Fingal Library Service, which forms a fundamental part of the community and cultural infrastructure in the County operates through a network of ten branches and offers Mobile, Housebound, Local Studies and Archives services.

Fingal Libraries provides a wide range of traditional and digital services, offering 24-hour access to ebooks, emagazines, enewspapers and elearning courses. Libraries offer a varied programme of cultural and educational events from author visits and storytelling sessions to history lectures and genealogy courses.

**[www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries](http://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries)**

## Cá bhfuil mo leabharlann is cóngaraí? Where is my nearest library?

<b>Balbriggan</b>	01 870 4401	balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie
<b>Baldoyle</b>	01 890 6793	baldoylelibrary@fingal.ie
<b>Blanchardstown</b>	01 890 5560	blanchlibrary@fingal.ie
<b>Donabate</b>	01 890 5609	donabate.library@fingal.ie
<b>Garristown</b>	01 835 5020	garristownlibrary@fingal.ie
<b>Howth</b>	01 890 5026	Howth.library@fingal.ie
<b>Malahide</b>	01 870 4430	malahidelibrary@fingal.ie
<b>Rush</b>	01 870 8414	rushlibrary@fingal.ie
<b>Skerries</b>	01 890 5671	skerrieslibrary.library@fingal.ie
<b>Swords</b>	01 890 5582	swordslibrary@fingal.ie
<b>Mobile Library Service</b>	01 890 6719	mobile.libraries@fingal.ie
<b>Housebound Library Service</b>	01 860 4290	housebound.library@fingal.ie
<b>Local Studies and Archives</b>	01 890 4486	Local.Studies@fingal.ie

Tá Leabharlanna Fhine Gall ar na Meáin Shóisialta  
Fingal Libraries are on Social Media



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