



# **Fómhar/Geimhreadh i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2023**

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## **Autumn/Winter in Fingal Libraries 2023**

So much to see ... so much to do!



**Céard atá ar siúl i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall!**  
**What's on in Fingal Libraries!**

# Cur tús le do Fhómhar le turas chuig an leabharlann

## Your autumn starts with a trip to the library

Check out the free talks, workshops and services in Fingal Libraries that can inspire, motivate and support you in 2023.

### Autumn Events at a Glance

Event	Location	Start Time
<b>Saturday, 2nd September</b>		
T-Shirt Upcycling - Combine creativity and sustainability with textiles!	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
<b>Thursday, 7th September</b>		
Read & Respond: a Creative Writing Workshop with Rebecca, 4-week workshop beginning on...	Skerries Library	4:00pm
Sensory Slime workshop with Messy Adventures	Swords Library	6:30pm
<b>Tuesday, 12th September</b>		
Career Advice Sessions with Jill Barrett, 4-week workshop beginning on...	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
<b>Saturday, 16th September</b>		
An Introduction to 3D Printing	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Design a Phone Stand	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
<b>Saturday, 23rd September</b>		
Design a Remote Controlled Buggy	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
An Introduction to 3D Printing	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
<b>Monday, 25th September</b>		
Fingal Makerspace Monthly Meetup	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm
<b>Wednesday, 27th September</b>		
Assistive Technologies for Supporting Wellbeing with Louise Edmonds	Skerries Library	11:00am
<b>Friday, 29th September</b>		
Biodiversity - Garden in Tune with Nature	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
<b>Saturday, 30th September</b>		
Sensory Music Workshop with Musical Tots	Malahide Library	11:00am
Build Your Own Stereo Speaker	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
An Intro to Music Programming using Sonic Pi	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
<b>Wednesday, 4th October</b>		
Fusion 360 for Beginners, 3-week course beginning on...	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm

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Tai Chi Taster Class for Beginners with Mario McCormick	Rush Library	2:00pm
Irish Astrology Talk with David Moore	Malahide Library	6:30pm
<b>Friday, 6th October</b>		
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Assistive Technologies for Supporting Wellbeing with Louise Edmonds	Malahide Library	11:00am
<b>Saturday, 7th October</b>		
Tai Chi Taster Class for Beginners with Mario McCormick	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Space talk for kids with Niamh Shaw	Malahide Library	11:30am
Space talk for kids with Niamh Shaw	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
Big Bear Planetarium	Blanchardstown Library	12:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 10th October</b>		
Career Advice Sessions with Jill Barrett, 4-week course beginning on...	Balbriggan Library	6:30pm
<b>Saturday, 14th October</b>		
Big Bear Planetarium	Malahide Library	2:00pm
<b>Thursday, 19th October</b>		
Sensory Slime workshop with Messy Adventures	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
<b>Monday, 23rd October</b>		
Fingal Makerspace Monthly Meetup	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm
<b>Wednesday, 25th October</b>		
Halloween Storytime with Sarah Sparkles	Rush Library	3:30pm
<b>Thursday, 26th October</b>		
Halloween Storytime with Sarah Sparkles	Garristown Library	3:30pm
<b>Tuesday, 31st October</b>		
I Scream, You Scream, we All Scream for Halloween!!!	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
<b>Wednesday, 1st November</b>		
I Scream, You Scream, we All Scream for Halloween!!!	Donabate Library	3:00pm
<b>Thursday, 2nd November</b>		
Bodhrán Beats le Irish Institute of Music & Song	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Bodhrán Beats le Irish Institute of Music & Song	Rush Library	2:30pm
<b>Friday, 3rd November</b>		
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<b>Tuesday, 14th November</b>		
Sensory Slime workshop with Messy Adventures	Malahide Library	3:30pm
<b>Wednesday, 15th November</b>		
Maths Detective Workshop with the Rediscovery Centre	Malahide Library	3:30pm
CSI - Forensic science Workshop with Anyone4Science	Swords Library	4:15pm
<b>Thursday, 16th November</b>		
Engineering Workshop with the Rediscovery Centre	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
<b>Friday, 17th November</b>		
Scéalaíocht idirghníomhach & spraoi le Muireann	Donabate Library	10:00am
<b>Tuesday, 21st November</b>		
Speaking Out : a Public Speaking Workshop with Sheila Ryder	Balbriggan Library	4:00pm
<b>Thursday, 30th November</b>		
Sustainable Christmas gift wrapping ideas with Aga Hutchinson	Rush Library	5:30pm
Winter/Christmas Crafts with Aida, starting on...	Balbriggan Library	6:00pm
<b>Monday, 4th December</b>		
Sustainable Christmas gift wrapping ideas with Aga Hutchinson	Howth Library	4:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 5th December</b>		
Christmas Crackers with Custard Pie Theatre	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm
<b>Wednesday, 6th December</b>		
Sustainable Christmas flower arrangement with Aga Hutchinson	Donabate Library	2:30pm
<b>Friday, 8th December</b>		
Sustainable Christmas flower arrangement with Aga Hutchinson	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
<b>Tuesday 12th December</b>		
Christmas Crackers with Custard Pie Theatre	Malahide Library	3:30pm

# Am Scríbhneoireachta

Ceiliúradh ar Chruthaitheacht & Scríbhneoireacht i bhFine Gall

## The Write Time

A Celebration of Creativity & Writing in Fingal



The Write Time Festival 2023 is packed with a range of events to inspire you to write, discover the craft of writing short stories, meet published, working authors and explore your options for getting published. We have a fantastic, diverse group of facilitators with most of the events taking place in your local library and some online via zoom. Scan the QR code to view the full programme of events or pick up The Write Time brochure at your nearest Fingal library.





## **CULTURE NIGHT / OÍCHE CHULTÚIR AT FINGAL LIBRARIES FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Culture Night celebrates culture and creativity in Ireland by connecting people to cultural activities locally and nationally. Audiences of all ages can enjoy a variety of cultural events including story-telling, music, dance at Malahide and Blanchardstown Library, and a tour of Fingal Local Studies and Archives in Swords. Scan the QR code to view the full programme of events or pick up the brochure at your nearest Fingal Library.



# FÉILE NA STAIRÉ FHINE GALL



# FINGAL FESTIVAL OF HISTORY



Welcome to Fingal's seventh annual Festival of History which will run from Monday 2nd to Thursday 12th October 2023 throughout our library branches and Swords Castle. Scan the QR code to view the full programme of events or pick up the Festival of History brochure at your nearest Fingal library.





## Autumn/Winter Events for Children

### Sensory Slime Workshop

with Messy Adventures

Join Messy Adventures to make your very own slime. Each child will experiment with different colours, textures, ingredients and even scents. Making slime is fun as well as an educational science experiment. We will finish the workshop by talking about how playing with slime can be used to help us relax. Suitable for ages 7+.



<b>Swords Library</b>	Thursday, 7th September	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Thursday, 19th October	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Malahide Library</b>	Tuesday, 14th November	3:30pm – 4:30pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

### Sensory Music Workshop

with Musical Tots

Join Karen Donnellan for a sensory friendly, music workshop. This workshop is a fun, developmental, music activity for children, specifically children with additional needs. As music stimulates both hemispheres of the brain, it can help to promote and encourage communication. There'll be singing, dancing, playing instruments and listening to songs. Suitable for all ages.



<b>Malahide Library</b>	Saturday, 30th September	11:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Saturday, 4th November	11:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Swords Library</b>	Thursday, 9th November	6:30pm – 7:30pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

### Read & Respond: a Creative Writing Workshop

with Rebecca

Together in this four-week workshop we will delve into the world of mythology and legend. Reading tales from Greek and Roman mythology, we will respond creatively by writing our own original stories. No previous experience is required. Suitable for ages 8 – 12 years.



<b>Skerries Library</b>	Thursday, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th September	4:00pm – 5:00pm
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**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**



## Autumn/Winter Events for Children

### **Bodhrán Beats** le Irish Institute of Music & Song / **Bodhrán Beats** with the Irish Institute of Music & Song

Faigh amach rún rithimí traidisiúnta na hÉireann leis an gceardlann idirghníomhach spráúil teaghlaigh seo ar an mbodhrán! Oiriúnach do leanaí agus do dhaoine fásta. Beidh bodhráin ar fáil. Áirithint riachtanach.

Discover the secret of traditional Irish rhythms with this fun interactive family workshop on the bodhrán! Suitable for children and adults. Bodhráns provided. Booking essential.



<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Thursday, 2nd November	11:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Rush Library</b>	Thursday, 2nd November	2:30pm – 3:30pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

### **Scéalaíocht idirghníomhach & spraoi** le Muireann / **Interactive Storytime fun** with Muireann

Tar ag spraoi le údar Muireann Ní Chíobháin údar. Beidh bogadh, boladh agus siamsíocht sa cheardlann bríomhar dátheangach seo.

Come have fun with author Muireann Ní Chíobháin. There will be movement and lots of fun in this lively bilingual workshop. Suitable for ages: 0 – 4 years.



<b>Donabate Library</b>	Friday, 17th November	10:00am – 10:30am
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**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**  
**Muireann will also facilitate an event with a local school in Donabate.**

### **Speaking Out : a Public Speaking Workshop** with Sheila Ryder

With practice everyone can get more comfortable and confident speaking in public. Sheila Ryder, Performance poet, FETAC Certified trainer, and Storytelling Practitioner will introduce you to practical tips and ways of thinking that will help and give you a chance to practice in a safe encouraging environment. Suitable for ages 13+.



<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Tuesday, 21st November	4:00pm – 5:00pm
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**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## Autumn/Winter Events for Adults

### Assistive Technologies for Supporting Wellbeing with Louise Edmonds

As part of Positive Ageing Week, this talk will highlight some of the latest information on assistive technology, up and coming devices plus gadgets that can support people to live independently in their own home. There will be the opportunity to discuss the many types of technology supports available, ranging from panic buttons, video door entry, smart systems, security devices and much more.



<b>Skerries Library</b>	Wednesday, 27th September	11:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Malahide Library</b>	Friday, 6th October	11:00am – 12:00pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

### Biodiversity - Garden in Tune with Nature with Aoife Munn

Join Aoife Munn for a talk on how to create a sustainable and natural planting scheme that will transform even the smallest of outdoor spaces into a haven full of colour and life.



<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Friday, 29th September	2:00pm – 3:00pm
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**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

### Tai Chi Taster Class for Beginners with Mario McCormick

Tai Chi is a low impact, slow motion exercise. Mario McCormick who has 20 years with master Charles Thackberry will guide you through the graceful movements of this Chinese practice, and chat about the related health benefits. Warm comfortable clothing is recommended. This event is brought to you as part of Positive Ageing Week which runs from the 1st to 7th October.



<b>Rush Library</b>	Thursday, 5th October	2:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Baldoyle Library</b>	Friday, 6th October	11:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Saturday, 7th October	11:00am – 12:00pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**



## Career Advice Sessions

with Jill Barrett

Join career expert Jill Barrett for a four part workshop, to help you enhance your career. Create a winning CV that will stand out from the rest, get job hunting tips that will help find the right job for you. Jill will provide some fantastic interview tips, helping you master the S.T.A.R.R. interview technique and if you feel like you need to diversify or change your career, Jill will help point you in the right direction to get the career you want. The course is sponsored by Europe Direct Blanchardstown.



<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Tuesday, 12th, 19th, 26th September, 3rd October	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Tuesday, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st October	6:30pm – 7:30pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## 12 Weeks to Better Mental Health

with Rita O'Donovan

This course will offer a warm and welcoming opportunity to people who are drawn to exploring the art of building resilience for the care of a healthy mind. Learning new ways to refresh and reshape our understanding from habitual patterns and ways of thinking. Each class will offer participants a relaxed informal space to explore and experience directly, varied techniques and skills. It will be lead by Rita O'Donovan post grad MBSR/MBSR, Mindfulness Stress Reduction Coach and Cognitive Therapist. Participants will need to attend all 12 sessions. The course is sponsored by Europe Direct Blanchardstown as part of our EU Mental Health Strategy initiatives.



<b>Malahide Library</b>	Monday, 25th September	6:00pm – 7:50pm
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Wednesday, 27th September	6:00pm – 7:50pm

**Registration will open on Eventbrite in the coming weeks.**



## Europe Direct Regional Soapbox Competition November 2023

The annual Europe Direct Regional Soapbox competition will take place in October at Blanchardstown Library. Participants will be invited to deliver a 3-minute speech on a topical theme. The regional winners will receive a prize and go through the national final with a chance of winning a trip to the European Parliament in Brussels. To find out more about this event, email: [europedirect@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:europedirect@fingalcoco.ie)

## Christmas Concert December 2023

Europe Direct Blanchardstown will host the annual Christmas Concert featuring seasonal favourites from around Europe. To find out more about this event, email: [europedirect@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:europedirect@fingalcoco.ie)

## Creative Art with Prosper Fingal

Earlier this year, Malahide Library continued their Inclusive Creativity partnership with Prosper Fingal.

Prosper Fingal supports adults with an intellectual disability. The workshops gave participants an opportunity to express their creativity and interact with others in a supportive and friendly environment.

Coming into the Autumn months, Malahide Library will continue these Inclusive Creativity sessions by hosting two art sessions with artist John Carpenter and members of Prosper Fingal. The art created during these workshops will be put on display in the library for Culture Night and the following weeks.



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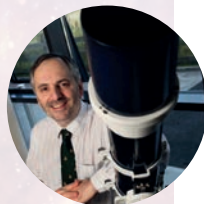
# SPACE WEEK

Our Planet • Our Space • Our Time

4th – 10th October

## Irish Astrology Talk with David Moore

Join Ireland's best known astronomer David Moore as he takes us on a whistle-stop tour of the Universe, from The Big Bang to exploring galaxies, planets and much more. It will be an excellent evening which will lead you wanting to know more.



<b>Malahide Library</b>	Thursday, 5th October	6:30pm – 7:30pm
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**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## Space talk for kids with Niamh Shaw

Explorer Niamh Shaw is coming to Fingal Libraries! And she wants to share her adventures with you for Space week. Niamh will share stories of her biggest space adventures (zero gravity flight, witnessing NASA and Russian space launches, and simulated Mars mission), including her latest Mars science mission in the Kalahari Desert in Botswana. It's going to be out of this world!! Suitable for ages 7+.



<b>Malahide Library</b>	Saturday, 7th October	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Saturday, 7th October	2:00pm – 3:00pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## Big Bear Planetarium

Discover the many fascinating facts about the universe in the Big Bear Planetarium. This state-of-the art dome uses 360-degree computer simulations to bring the wonders of the universe to you. The Big Bear Planetarium is a fully interactive learning environment operated by a qualified Astro Officer. Suitable for ages 4+.



<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Saturday, 7th October	12:00pm – 2:00pm
<b>Malahide Library</b>	Saturday, 14th October	2:00pm – 4:00pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

# Oíche Shamhna

## HALLOWEEN STORYTIME WITH SARAH SPARKLES



Join Sarah Sparkles for a special Halloween story time. Help create stories, using actual magic, about witches who can perform magic and ghosts that can make things disappear but are NOT spooky or scary! Suitable for ages 4+.

<b>Rush Library</b>	Wednesday, 25th October	3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Garristown Library</b>	Thursday, 26th October	3:30pm – 4:30pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR HALLOWEEN!!!

Join storyteller Pat Ryan in your local library for some spooky stories, funny folk, and tall tales. Suitable for ages 5+.



<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Tuesday, 31st October	2:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Wednesday, 1st November	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Skerries Library</b>	Friday, 3rd November	11:00am – 12:00pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## HALLOWEEN STORYTIME WITH LIBRARY STAFF

<b>Garristown Library</b>	Wednesday, 18th October	3:45pm – 4:45pm Ages: 3 – 7 years
<b>Swords Library</b>	Tuesday, 24th October	3:30pm – 4:30pm Ages: 4 – 8 years
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Tuesday, 24th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 4 – 7 years
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Thursday, 26th October	3:30pm – 4:30pm Ages: 4 – 8 years
<b>Baldoyle Library</b>	Thursday 26th October	5:00pm – 6:00pm Ages: 4 – 10 years

**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**

# Halloween

## SPOOKY HALLOWEEN ARTS AND CRAFTS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Make some spooky Halloween decorations with your favourite library staff. All materials supplied.

Malahide Library	Wednesday, 18th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 4 – 7 years
	Wednesday, 25th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 8 – 11 years
Swords Library	Monday, 23rd October	3.30pm – 4.30pm Ages: 6 – 10 years
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 24th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 8 – 12 years
Garristown Library	Tuesday, 24th October	3:30pm – 4:30pm Ages: 5 – 12 years
	Tuesday, 31st October	2:30pm – 3:30pm Ages: 5 – 12 years
Rush Library	Tuesday, 24th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 5 – 8 years
	Thursday, 26th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 5 – 8 years
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 25th October	3:30pm – 4:30pm Ages: 4 – 8 years
Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 25th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 6 – 10 years
Donabate Library	Thursday, 26th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 8 – 12 years
Howth Library	Tuesday, 31st October	3:30pm – 4:30pm Ages: 8 – 11 years

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

# #FINGAL InclusionWeek

13th – 19th November

## Mental Health Podcasts

with Psychotherapist Amber Roche

Psychotherapist Amber Roche, linked to the new EU strategy on mental Health will be joining Barry O'Carroll for a series of talks on mental health as part of Fingal's Inclusion Week. Topics will include mental health for people with autism, mental health for parents of children with autism, mental health for adults with ADHD, mental health for migrants/refugees and understanding the therapeutic process. These podcasts are to be released in November. Watch our social media pages for more details.



show racism  
the red card



Immigrant  
Council of  
Ireland

## Show Racism the Red Card

As part of Fingal Inclusion Week, the Immigrant Council of Ireland will facilitate workshops on respect for human and cultural diversity in Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Blanchardstown Libraries. Classes from local schools will be invited along to these workshops.

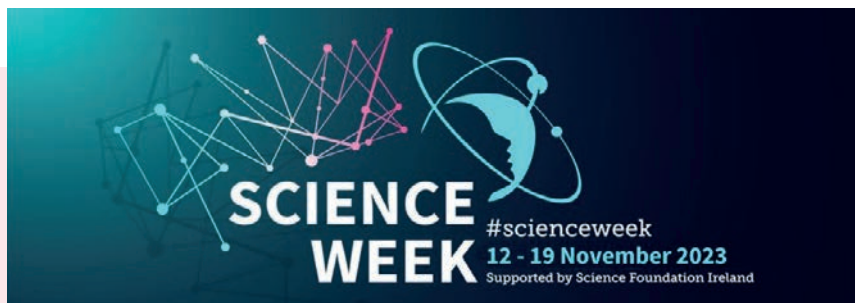
The intercultural training covers the following topics:

- Respect of human and cultural diversity
- Stereotypes and its impact
- Understanding racism
- The notion of discrimination

It is an interactive workshop where participants will be invited to reflect through group exercises, videos and discussions. The workshop is a safe and non-judgmental platform where attendees are welcomed to share their conclusions and ask questions.

# #InviteIncludeInvolve





## Maths Detective Workshop with the Rediscovery Centre

This workshop presents the five curriculum strands (numbers, algebra, shapes and space, measures and data) to students in a fun and interactive way while practicing maths skills to solve mysteries, puzzles, and crime! The activities are linked to the primary maths curriculum. Suitable for ages 9+.



**Malahide Library**

Wednesday, 15th November

3:30pm – 5:00pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## CSI - Forensic Science Workshop with Anyone4Science

Attendees will be introduced to crime scene investigations from the point of view of the forensic scientist. They will use tests frequently carried out by forensic scientists to test the inks and soils from a crime scene, and 6 suspects. Using their test results, can they work out who did it? Suitable for ages 10+.



**Swords Library**

Wednesday, 15th November

4:15pm – 5:00pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## Engineering Workshop with the Rediscovery Centre

This workshop will illustrate how engineering is an essential part of our lives. The hands-on activities develop mathematical thinking, problem solving skills, and spatial awareness. Activities include K'Nex constructions and building an earthquake proof house. Suitable for ages 9+.



**Balbriggan Library**

Thursday, 16th November

3:30pm – 5:00pm

**To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.**

# Am Teaghlaigh i Do Leabharlann

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## Family Time at Your Library

Right to Read

<b>Skerries Library</b> Family Storytime	Monday, 4th December	10:00am – 11:00am All welcome
<b>Swords Library</b> Christmas Storytime	Tuesday, 5th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm All welcome
<b>Howth Library</b> Family Storytime	Tuesday, 5th December	11:00am – 12:00pm All welcome
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b> Christmas PJ Storytime	Wednesday, 6th December	6:30pm – 7:30pm All welcome
<b>Baldoyle Library</b> Family Clay Christmas Crafts	Thursday, 7th December	6:00pm – 7:00pm All welcome
<b>Baldoyle Library</b> Christmas Movie Night	Monday, 11th December	5:30pm – 7:30pm All welcome
<b>Baldoyle Library</b> Christmas PJ Storytime	Tuesday, 19th December	6:00pm – 7:00pm All welcome
<b>Malahide Library</b> Family Storytime	Saturday, 9th December	11:30am – 12:30pm All welcome
<b>Rush Library</b> Christmas Traditions Around the World	Tuesday, 12th December	6:00pm – 7:00pm All welcome
<b>Donabate Library</b> Movies & Games	Wednesday, 13th December	3:00pm – 6:00pm All welcome
<b>Garristown Library</b> Family Storytime	Wednesday, 13th, 20th December	3:45pm – 4:45pm All welcome

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

# Nollaig Shona

Merry Christmas



## Christmas Adult Events

### Sustainable Christmas gift wrapping ideas

with Aga Hutchinson

This workshop shows you how to give your old belongings a second life and explores sustainable Christmas gift wrapping ideas. Turn drinking glasses into bespoke designer pieces - a perfect Christmas gift! Participants can bring their own gift for wrapping.

<b>Rush Library</b>	Thursday, 30th November	5:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Howth Library</b>	Monday, 4th December	4:00pm – 6:00pm

To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.



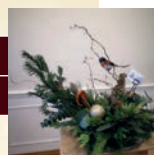
### How to make a sustainable Christmas flower arrangement

with Aga Hutchinson

This workshop will introduce you to organic flower arranging, using fresh foliage from Aga's organic garden, herbs, pinecones, and fruit. Each participant will leave with a bespoke Christmas centrepiece for their table. All materials supplied.

<b>Donabate Library</b>	Wednesday, 6th December	2:30pm – 5:30pm
<b>Baldoyle Library</b>	Friday, 8th December	10:00am – 1:00pm

To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.



### Winter/Christmas Crafts with Aida

Join library staff member Aida in Balbriggan Library and create some beautiful crafts to display in your home over the Christmas period. In each workshop you will be creating something different.

<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Thursday, 30th November, 7th, 14th December	6:00pm – 7:00pm
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To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.





## Christmas Kids Events



### Christmas Crackers with Custard Pie Theatre

Join Custard Pie Puppets for Christmas Crackers! This cabaret style show features Santy's helpers Dong & Ding, Frosty the Snowman and of course Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer and many more, all wrapped up with seasonal capers, laughs and sing-along fun.

<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Tuesday, 5th December	3:30pm – 4:15pm
<b>Malahide Library</b>	Tuesday, 12th December	3:30pm – 4:15pm

To reserve a space, please contact the library hosting the event.

### Christmas Arts & Crafts with Library Staff

<b>Malahide Library</b>	Wednesday, 6th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 4 – 7 years
	Wednesday, 13th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 8 – 11 years
<b>Rush Library</b>	Thursday, 7th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 5 – 8 years
	Wednesday, 13th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 5 – 8 years
<b>Howth Library</b>	Monday, 11th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm Ages: 8 – 11 years
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<b>Swords Library</b>	Thursday, 14th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm Ages: 4 – 8 years
<b>Garristown Library</b>	Monday, 18th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm
	Tuesday, 19th December	Ages: 5 – 12 years
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Thursday, 21st December	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 8 – 12 years

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

### Christmas Storytime with Library Staff

<b>Donabate Library</b>	Tuesday, 19th December	3:00 – 4:00pm Ages: 4 – 7 years
<b>Rush Library</b>	Wednesday, 6th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm Ages: 0 – 7 years

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



## **T-Shirt Upcycling - Combine creativity and sustainability with textiles!**

Our T-Shirt Upcycling Workshop is an ideal introduction for anyone wanting to combine creativity and sustainability with textiles. During this fun, hands-on session, you will explore various design techniques with heat transfer vinyl. At the end of the session, you will leave with your upcycled one-of-a-kind t-shirt sure to brighten up your wardrobe!

**Fingal Makerspace,  
Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 2nd September

2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Ages: 13 – 16 years

**To reserve a space, please follow the QR code at the top of the page.**

## **An Introduction to 3D Printing - Learn about 3D printing and how to design using TinkerCad**

This is a great workshop for those interested in prototyping and designing in 3D. During the session you will learn about 3D printing innovation and how this technology is being used to change the world. You will also learn how to use TinkerCad to design your own piece to print.

**Fingal Makerspace,  
Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 16th September

11:00am – 1:00pm  
Ages: 9 – 12 years

**To reserve a space, please follow the QR code at the top of the page.**

## **Design a Phone Stand - Custom make a phone stand using Adobe Illustrator and our laser cutter!**

During the session you'll learn how to create a custom DIY phone stand using Adobe Illustrator and laser cutting technology. You'll customise your phone stand with unique shapes, embellishments, or engravings, and bring your creation to life with our laser cutter.

**Fingal Makerspace,  
Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 16th September

2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Ages: 13 – 16 years

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## Design and a remote-controlled buggy using the BBC Microbit

Learn about the BBC microbit and how it can be used to control motors using MakeCode block coding software. In this workshop you will work in pairs to build a remote-controlled buggy, as well as gain an understanding about how radio signals and accelerometers are used to control it remotely.

**Fingal Makerspace,  
Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 23rd September

10:30am – 1:00pm  
Ages: 10 – 13 years

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## An Introduction to 3D Printing - Learn about 3D printing and how to design using TinkerCad

Introducing TinkerCad, you will design your own 3D piece and send it to our printer (FDM). This is a great introduction to geometry and design for 3D, giving participants a basic grounding in how 3D printing can be used to solve real world problems. No design experience necessary.

**Fingal Makerspace,  
Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 23rd September

2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Adults

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## Fingal Makerspace Monthly Meetup

Join fellow design enthusiasts as you work on your personal projects, tap into a wealth of resources at Fingal Makerspace, and gain invaluable insights from industry professionals. This session is for those who have digital design basics and are ready to begin working on their own personal design projects in a supported environment.

**Fingal Makerspace,  
Blanchardstown Library**

Monday, 25th September

5:45pm – 7:45pm  
Adults

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## Build Your Own Stereo Speaker

This is a great workshop for those interested in making, electronics and sound / music. During the session you will learn about electronic components, printed circuit boards and how to solder. You will also explore different materials to design and make your own speaker housing. At the end of the second session, you will take away your finished speaker which can be used with a phone or any sound making device using a mini-jack output.

**Fingal Makerspace,  
Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 30th September,  
7th October

11:00am – 1:00pm  
Ages: 13 – 16 years

**To reserve a space, please follow the QR code at the top of the page.**

## An Intro to Music Programming using Sonic Pi

This is a great workshop for those interested in using basic programming concepts to make drum loops and melodies.

During the session you will:

- Understand the basic concepts of music programming and live coding.
- Learn how to use Sonic Pi to create musical sounds, rhythms, and melodies.
- Gain experience with basic programming concepts such as loops and sequencing.
- Develop problem-solving and creativity skills through experimentation and exploration.
- Develop an interest in music technology and its applications in music production and performance.

**Fingal Makerspace,  
Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 30th September

2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Ages: 13 – 16 years

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## Fusion 360 for Beginners

Are you ready to dive into the world of 3D design? Join our hands-on Fusion 360 for Beginners course and learn the essential tools and techniques in Autodesk Fusion 360. This short course will provide you with a foundation to more confidently explore the world of 3D design using Fusion 360 so that you can begin working on your own design projects. Embark on your 3D design adventure today!

<b>Fingal Makerspace, Blanchardstown Library</b>	Wednesday, 4th, 11th, 18th October	5:45pm – 7:45pm Adults
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<b>Fingal Makerspace, Blanchardstown Library</b>	Monday, 23rd October	5:45pm – 7:45pm Adults
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**For Makerspace workshops in November and December please check out their Eventbrite page later in the year by scanning the QR code at the top of the page.**



## Regular Events at your Local Fingal Library

Discover a fabulous range of recurring events at your local library – from reading and language groups and sensory quiet time, to activities to keep the children busy, we're sure we have an event to inspire you! Contact your local library for more information about these events!

### Balbriggan Library

**Scrabble Club** meet every Monday at 11:00am

**Turret Writer's Group** meet every Monday at 3:30pm

**Sensory Quiet Time** every Monday 6:30pm to 7:30pm. All welcome.

**Knitting and Crochet Club** meet every Monday at 6:00pm

**Baby Book Club & Toddler Time** meet the first Wednesday of each month suitable for babies & kids up to school age

**Ukrainian Meetup Group** meet every Saturday 11:00am to 1:00pm

### Baldoyle Library

**Free English classes for Ukrainians** meet every Monday 10:00am to 12:00pm

**University of the Third Age (U3A)** meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am

**'The Lounge Lizards'** host a sing along session of well-known tunes on the first and third Saturday of every month. All adults welcome.

**Baldoyle Women's Circle** enjoy meditation, journaling, breath work and oracle card readings and meet fortnightly on Mondays at 6:30pm

**Baldoyle Crafters** meet on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 10.30am to 12.30pm. All adults welcome.

**Library Storytime for Children** meet the last Thursday of every month at 4:00pm

**Chess Club** meet every Thursday 6:00pm – 7:30pm, beginners welcome, adults only.

**Movie Evening** meet once a month, contact the library for the next date and time.

### Blanchardstown Library

**Sensory Quiet Time** meet every Monday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. All welcome.

**Peaceful Playtime** for 4 - 12 year olds meet every Wednesday at 2:00pm – 4:00pm for Summer months

**Parent & Toddler Group** meet every Thursday from 11:00am to 12.30pm

**Storytime for children** aged 4 – 8 years old meet every Thursday at 3:00pm

**Baby Book Club** meet every third Tuesday of the month from 11.30am

### Donabate Library

**Sensory Quiet Time** meet every Monday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. All welcome.

**Monday Evening Book club** meet on the last Monday of the month from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

**Chinkwell Writers Group** meet every second Saturday from 11.00am to 1.00pm

**Knitting Group** meet every Thursday from 11:00am to 1:00pm

**Young Adult Book Club** meet on a Saturday once a month from 2:00pm

### Garristown Library

**Chess Club for Kids** (age 7+) meet every Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 3:15pm to 4:30pm

**Storytime for Kids** (age 3 – 7 years) meet every Wednesday from 3:45pm to 4:30pm

**English conversation classes for Ukrainian adults** meet every Wednesday from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

**Scrabble Club for Kids** (7 – 12 years) meet every Thursday from 3:15pm to 4:30pm

**Sensory Quiet Time** meet every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm . All welcome.

**Junior Readers Book Club** (8 – 12 years) meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 3:45pm to 4:45pm

**Smart Phone and Tablet Classes** meet every Wednesday at 5:45pm – 7:45pm

### Howth Library

To be notified of events at Howth Library, please contact Howth Library and ask to be added to their mailing list. Contact details at back of brochure.

### **Malahide Library**

**Ukrainian Meetup Group** meet every Monday from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

**German Conversation Group** meet specific Mondays at 6:30pm

**French Conversation Group** for improvers meet every Monday at 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Sensory Quiet Time** meet every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. All welcome.

**Toddler Time** every Thursday morning from 10:00am to 12:00pm

**Spanish Conversation Group** meet every Thursday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

A variety of **Adult Book Clubs** and an afternoon and evening **Film Club**

**Age Action** meet every Thursday from 12:00pm – 2:00pm

### **Rush Library**

**Quilting Club** meets every Tuesday morning from 10:00am to 12:00pm

**Baby & Toddler Book Club** meet every second Thursday from 10:00am to 11:00am

**Meet Me at The Altar** meet once a month, contact the library to find out the next date & time.

### **Skerries Library**

Skerries Library has moved to a new temporary location on Church Street, Skerries. Please contact the staff at Skerries Library for more details on forthcoming events.

### **Swords Library**

**Baby & Toddler Book Club** meet every second Tuesday at 10:30am

**Sensory Quiet Time** every Thursday 6:30pm and 7:30pm. All welcome.

**Spanish Beginners Class** meet every Friday from 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Spanish Improvers Class** meet every Thursday from 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Computer Class** meet every Thursday at 10:00am – 1:00pm

## 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>	01 870 4486	Local.Studies@fingal.ie

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