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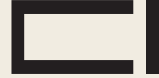
# Cruinniú na nÓg 2024

A day of free creativity  
for children and young people



**Saturday 15th June 2024**

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Creative Fingal proudly present Cruinniú na nÓg, a celebration of youthful creativity across our vibrant communities. This year, having embraced invaluable insights from the Voice of the Child Survey, Fingal Libraries have tailored their programming to resonate with the passions and interests of young people living in Fingal. Our ten library branches will host author visits, music recitals, arts and crafts workshops, coding classes, and much more.

Experience the inaugural Night-Time Economy event, hosted by Fingal Libraries and Garageland GalaxyZ, exclusively tailored for teenagers at Millennium Park, Blanchardstown. Featuring live performances by young talents on both the main and busking stages, alongside music industry workshops throughout the day, it is a unique opportunity for teenage creativity to shine.

Fingal Arts Office, in collaboration with the Irish School Orchestra, have created the Orchestral Odyssey. This event has seen 3 schools in Swords host the 33-piece orchestra in their halls. It culminates on June 15th with children and their families invited to partake in an immersive experience in the newly renovated Carnegie Library on North Street, Swords.

There will be something for everyone this June 15th, make sure to book your place!

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# Cruinniú na Óg Events at a Glance

## Saturday 15th of June 2024

Event	Age	Time
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>		
Role Play Village	1 to 6 years	10:00am – 11:00am 11:30 am – 12:30pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm (A Superstars Session)
Away with the Birds with Eve McDonnell	7+ years	11:00am – 12:00pm
Make a Movie on Your Mobile Workshop	12 to 16 years	3:00pm – 4:30pm
<b>Baldoyle Library</b>		
Musical Tots	0 to 4 years	11:00am – 12:00pm
Making & Creating a Mini Comic Workshop	9+ years	2:00pm – 3:30pm
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>		
Bits and Bobs Orchestra	4 to 10 years	11:00am – 12:00pm
Write Your Own Story with Conor Kostick	12 to 16 years	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Cruinniú Creation Station with Mary Murphy and Niamh Sharkey	3 to 12 years	12.00pm – 2.00pm
<b>Donabate Library</b>		
Impossible Ice-Creams and Magic Monsters with Shane Hegarty	6+ years	11:00am – 12:00pm
Code LED Lights to Create Digital Art	9 to 13 years	3:45pm – 4:45pm
<b>Howth Library</b>		
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The Happy Prince: A Musical Recital with Maria & Cecilia Henderson	7 to 12 years	10:00am – 10:30am
Storytelling & Paper People Making Workshop with Úna Woods	4 to 7 years	12:00pm – 01:00pm
Code LED Lights to Create Digital Art	9 to 13 years	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Rush Library		
Make a Movie on Your Mobile Workshop	12 to 16 years	11:00am – 12:30pm
Graffiti Workshop	6 to 21 years	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Skerries Library		
Hooks and Stitches Crochet Workshop	10+ years	11:00am – 12:00pm
Impossible Ice-Creams and Magic Monsters with Shane Hegarty	6+ years	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Swords Library		
Storytelling & Paper People Making Workshop with Úna Woods	4 to 7 years	10:00am – 11:00am
Hooks and Stitches Crochet Workshop	10+ years	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Millenium Park, Blanchardstown		
Garageland Galaxyz Live Youth Music Festival	14+ years	4:00pm – 8:00pm
Carnegie Library, North Street, Swords		
Orchestral Odyssey	3 to 6 years	10.00am – 10.40am
	7 to 11 years	11.00am – 11.40am
	7 to 11 years	12.00pm – 12.40pm

# Blanchardstown

## Bits and Bobs Orchestra

Classical music is not just for concert halls! Join Bits and Bobs Orchestra for a fun and relaxed introduction to the world of classical music. Interact with our musicians and the instruments of the orchestra, bop along to familiar songs and classical hits, and even try your hand at conducting!



**Age: 4 - 10 years**

Blanchardstown Library

June 15th, 2024

11:00am - 12:00pm



Reserve a place through Eventbrite

<https://BitsAndBobsOrchestraFingal.eventbrite.ie>

## Write Your Own Story with author Conor Kostick

Entering the world of your imagination and inventing stories to entertain others is a real joy. There is a challenge though, in using the written word to convey that story. Award winning children's author and creative writing teacher Conor Kostick will discuss topics like choosing the right narrative voice; character development; writing dialogue; structuring a story; and many more to help you write your own stories.



**Age: 12 - 16 years**

Blanchardstown Library

June 15th, 2024

3:00pm - 4:00pm



Reserve a place through Eventbrite

<https://WriteYourOwnStoryFingal.eventbrite.ie>



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## Cruinniú Creation Station: A Creative Extravaganza with Author/Illustrators Niamh Sharkey and Mary Murphy

Small or tall, arty or smarty, this Cruinniú Creation Station is for you! Discover new ways to be creative with award winning author/illustrators Mary Murphy and Niamh Sharkey. This feathered frenzy Art Marathon is inspired by Niamh and Mary's picture books, 'Hello Bird' and 'Chirp'. Come along and create your very own bird by printmaking with rollers, dippers, fingerpaint, real feather brushes and much much more! Your feathered friend can flap its way onto a huge doodle wall, joining all their bird buddies... or maybe it can fly home with you?



**Warning: wear clothes that like FUN, PAINT and MESS!**

**Age: 3 – 12 years. Everyone welcome!**

Blanchardstown Library

June 15th, 2024

12:00pm – 2:00pm

## Fingal Makerspace

Our programmes at Fingal Makerspace, one of Dublin's leading makerspaces, are designed to bring learners on a journey of self-discovery, building confidence and knowledge through engaging STEAM and maker education activities, built around problem-solving, collaboration, creativity, and technology.

With many workshops taking place in celebration of Cruinniú na nÓg, such as sewing and printmaking, make sure to book your place now.



Fingal Makerspace, Blanchardstown Library

June 15th, 2024



Reserve a place through Eventbrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/fingal-makerspace-40760056033>





# Live Youth Music Festival in Millennium Park

## Garageland Galaxyz

Garageland Galaxyz is coming to Millennium Park, Blanchardstown for Cruinniú na nÓg 2024! The biggest ever Youth Music project, designed by the Garageland Team; Garageland Galaxyz is for the new generation. Inclusive for all young musicians, it is a safe space to shine!

Coming live from Millennium Park, young artists will perform alongside some specially curated guests. There will be two stages, a main stage, and a busking stage for anyone who is brave enough to perform on the day! Music Industry workshops will also run throughout the day. The whole event will be broadcast live on Garageland Galaxyz HUB TV.

Bring a picnic and a blanket and come along and enjoy the amazing young talent and festival atmosphere.

**Age: 14+ years. Everyone welcome!**

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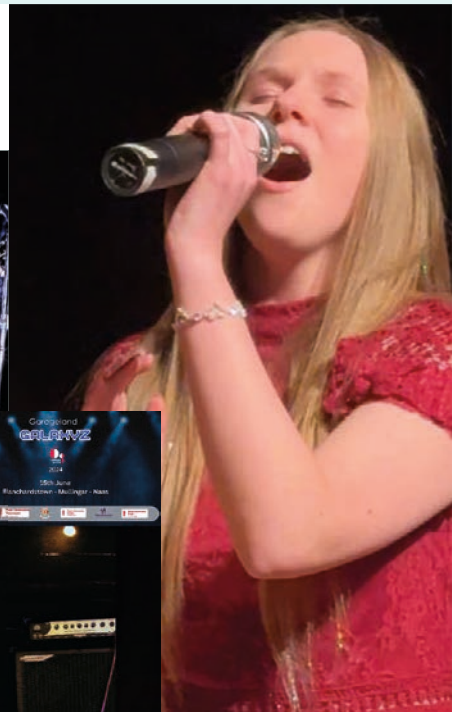
Millennium Park,  
Blanchardstown

June 15th, 2024

4:00pm – 8:00pm



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# Storytrail in Santry Demesne Park

*A tree has leaves that turn sunshine into tree food. Amazing!  
Only a tree knows how to be a tree.*

Based on the book written and illustrated by Mary Murphy and published by Otter-Barry Books, Fingal's third story trail meanders through the idyllic landscape of Santry Demesne. Here the vibrant joyful illustrations of 'Only a Tree Knows How to be a Tree' come to life, bringing the reader on a self-paced journey around our wonderful and varied world. Children will learn about the special nature of every living thing, including themselves!

The Storytrail project aims to create a family experience that blends creativity, literacy, and exercise in a fun and interactive way. Here, the beauty of storytelling intertwines with the serenity of the outdoors, bringing families on a memorable journey of discovery.





## Check out Fingal Libraries' other storytrails!

### 'The Ravenous Beast'

by Niamh Sharkey - Ardgillan Castle, Balbriggan

### 'The Lonely Beast'

by Chris Judge - Kenure Park, Rush

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## Away with the Birds with author Eve McDonnell

A fun, creative, illustration workshop using fingerprinting techniques. In 'The Last Boy', Brewster leaves a sooty trail of fingerprints wherever he goes! Let your imagination fly by creating a fun bird-on-a-wire scene using your own fingerprints! Do your bird scenes tell a story? Are they having a party? Or are they at flight school? A picture tells a thousand words.



**Age: 7+ years**

Balbriggan Library

June 15th, 2024

11:00am – 12:00pm

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

## Magical Memories with author Eve McDonnell

Piaf in 'The Chestnut Roaster' has an amazing ability – She can remember every event back to the moment she was born. This remarkable gift is not just make-believe – it is a super-rare condition known as hyperthymesia. How good is your memory? Eve brings you fun facts about how our memories work before we scribble down some of our best and oldest memories. Like Piaf, all your memories will be stored in a memory box before being shuffled and mashed up to create some fun and very imaginative stories!



**Class Visit at Garristown Library**

## Role-Play Village with Messy Adventures

This bespoke mobile Role-Play Village is the first of its kind in Ireland and was created with little adventurers in mind. At the Role-Play Village, children are given the unique opportunity to use their imagination and creativity whilst entering a world of make believe. Each of the destinations of our village represents a real-world scenario with miniature tools and utensils to immerse children in that specific role. Here children, and caregivers, are encouraged to learn through play!



**Age: 1 - 6 years**

Balbriggan Library	June 15th, 2024	10:00am – 11:00am 11:30 am – 12:30pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm (A Superstars Session for children who are neurodiverse and/or additional needs. Siblings welcome!)
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**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## Make a Movie on Your Mobile Workshop with Createschool

Unleash your inner filmmaker with the 'Make a Movie on Your Mobile' workshop! This 90-minute taster session is the perfect introduction to making videos with the tech in your pocket. Createschool provides all the necessary tools — mobile devices, recording equipment, and even a green screen! Just show up and get ready to create. From concept to final cut, this workshop is all about getting creative with mobile technology and learning practical skills you can continue to use at home.



**Age: 12 - 16 years**

Balbriggan Library	June 15th, 2024	3:00pm – 4:30pm
Rush Library	June 15th, 2024	11:00am – 12:30pm

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



## Impossible Ice-Creams and Magic Monsters with author Shane Hegarty

Do you want to create your own weird and wonderful story? In a fun and interactive event, bestselling author Shane Hegarty shows you where he got his inspiration for his books 'Boot', 'The Shop of Impossible Ice Creams', and 'Dexter Lost His Boo-Woo'. Then it's your turn to write a story filled with imagination.



**Age: 6+ years**

Donabate Library	June 15th, 2024	11:00am – 12:00pm
Skerries Library	June 15th, 2024	2:00pm – 3:00pm

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

## Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan

Join Karen Donnellan from Musical Tots for a fun and lively workshop that your little one will love. This workshop is a fun, developmental, music activity for children, particularly those with additional needs, and their carers. Children will sing, dance, and play instruments in a relaxing, gentle play environment all the while developing confidence, self-esteem, motor skills, language, and cognitive skills.



**Age: 0 – 4 years**

Baldoyle Library	June 15th, 2024	11:00am – 12:00pm
Howth Library	June 15th, 2024	2:00pm – 3:00pm

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



## Making & Creating a Mini Comic Workshop with Coimicé Gael

Cartoonist Aidan Courtney will be hosting a how to make a bilingual mini comic for Cruinniú na nÓg 2024. He will talk about drawing, creating stories and how to make a mini comic book from a single sheet of A4 paper. Fun for your budding comic creators.



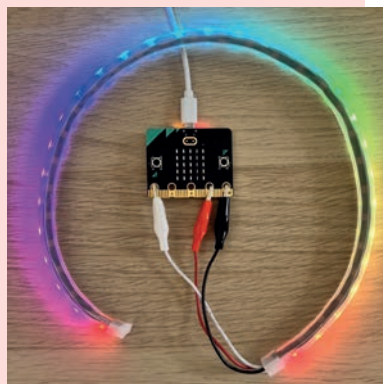
**Age: 9+ years**

Howth Library	June 15th, 2024	11:00am – 12:30pm
Baldoyle Library	June 15th, 2024	2:00pm – 3:30pm

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

## Code LED Lights to Create Digital Art with Coding Ireland

Learn about coding and how to program LED lights to create digital art. In this workshop run by Coding Ireland, kids will learn about coding and how to program micro-computers called Microbits to light up LED lights and create visual effects.



**Age: 9 - 13 years**

Malahide Library	June 15th, 2024	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Donabate Library	June 15th, 2024	3:45pm – 4:45pm

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



# Meet Fingal's Local Ambassador, Christian Campbell!



Name	Age	Class
Christian Campbell	13	6th class

## Tell us about yourself?

I am 13 and love to act! I hope to become an actor in the future and right now, I am doing all my speech and drama exams for RIAM through The Little Duke Theatre. I also love music. I sing, play piano and guitar. I also love art and I draw and paint all the time! I love to build Lego and be as creative as possible. I really enjoy making videos for my YouTube channel with my Dad. I play football for my local team, and I love spending time with my family.

## What is your earliest memory of creativity or a creative accomplishment?

When my Dad made a music video of me singing Walking in the Air when I was 5. RTÉ showed it on their website, and it got 600,000 views. It was so much fun.

## When/how did you begin your favourite creative activity?

My Dad makes videos for famous people, so he always had a camera around and filmed me singing and acting. I was in a few little drama groups before joining The Little Duke Theatre. I've been there for 5 years now and I love it. My teachers are amazing. We are doing a new show soon and it's very exciting.

## How do you feel when you're being creative?

It's very exciting and I feel really good about myself and working as part of a creative team. Everyone is always supporting each other and together we are creating a performance that will hopefully make people happy.

## What advice would you give other young people to encourage their creativity?

Don't give up if you have a dream! Keep it alive and work hard towards making it happen.

## Who is your creative hero and why?

My creative hero is Billy Joe Armstrong from the band Green Day. I love his lyrics and his music and the way he can tell a great story through his songs. I am going to see him live in July with my Dad and I can't wait!

## Finish the Sentence: "Creativity is..."

Creativity is a strong and unique power that everyone has inside them.

## In your own words, what's the best thing about Ireland having Cruinniú na nÓg, a national day celebrating creativity for young people?

It's amazing because it gives all young people a way to show off their creativity in ways that they are already good at and some brand-new things that they might not have ever tried or had the chance to before! It's so good for your wellbeing.

## Is there anything else exciting you'd like to tell us?

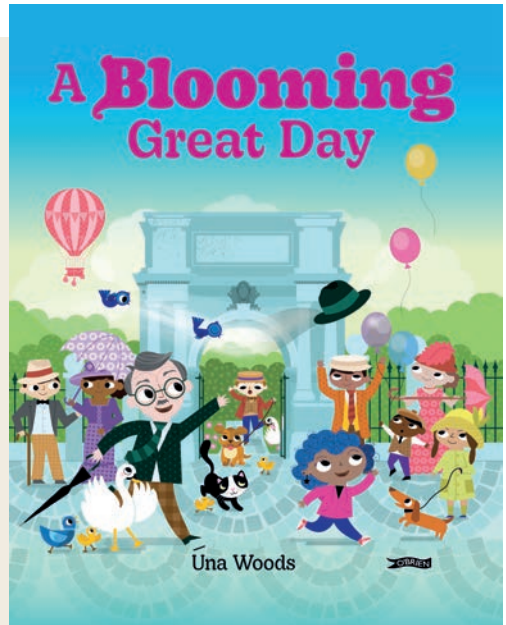
I am super proud to be a Local Ambassador and I hope I can help other young people my age whenever possible. It really is an honour and I'm very grateful to be asked.



## Storytelling and Paper People Making Workshop with author/illustrator Úna Woods

Go back in time to 1904 and join Author/Illustrator Úna Woods as she reads her new picture book 'A Blooming Great Day'. Make paper people from the past and design outfits that you might wear if you travelled back to 1904.

**Age: 4 - 7 years**



Swords Library	June 15th, 2024	10:00am – 11:00am
Malahide Library	June 15th, 2024	12:00pm – 1:00pm

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

## Hooks and Stitches Crochet Workshop with Aoibhe Churcher

Come along and learn how to crochet a hat with Aoibhe Churcher. All materials will be provided, along with your very own crochet pack to take home with you.

All you need to bring is yourself!

**Age: 10 + years**



Skerries Library	June 15th, 2024	11:00am – 12:00pm
Swords Library	June 15th, 2024	2:00pm – 3:00pm

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

## The Happy Prince: A Musical Recitation with Maria & Cecilia Henderson

The Happy Prince by Liza Lehmann is a dramatic recitation for speaker and piano based on the short story by Oscar Wilde. 'The Happy Prince' tells the story of a prince who was made into a golden statue after he died. In life, he lived a sheltered, happy life, but in death he saw all the suffering throughout his city. He befriends a swallow who has been separated from his flock and, together, they help the poor of the city. The story is beautiful, but the ending is bittersweet.



**Age: 7 - 12 years**

Malahide Library

June 15th, 2024

10:00am - 10:30am

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

## Graffiti Workshop with Street Art Ink

Street Art Ink delivers its highly popular graffiti workshop at Cruinniú na nÓg in Fingal and is suitable for all ages and abilities. Become your own Graffiti Artist in only 15 minutes where you learn and use stencil and spray skills to create your own piece of street art.



**Age: 6 - 21 years. Everyone welcome!**

Rush Library

June 15th, 2024

2:00pm - 5:00pm



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*Orchestral Odyssey brings the magic of a full orchestra directly to children in school settings and to families in the newly refurbished Carnegie Library throughout May and June 2024.*

## Orchestral Odyssey

Presented by Fingal Arts Office, The Irish School Orchestra, and Creative Ireland; Orchestral Odyssey invites you to be swept away by the enchanting world of orchestral music.

Join us at the historic Carnegie Library Swords. Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along as we embark on a thrilling journey through the rhythm and harmony of orchestral instruments. Shake a maraca, tap a tambourine, and get ready to unleash your inner maestro as we join forces with the sensational Irish School Orchestra for an interactive musical extravaganza.

Carnegie Library, Swords	June 15th, 2024	10:00am – 10:40am 3 – 6 years
		11.00am – 11.40am 7 – 11 years
		12.00pm – 12.40pm 7 – 11 years



Reserve a place through Eventbrite  
<https://OrchestralOdysseyFingal.eventbrite.ie>



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## 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
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