

# CULTURE NIGHT FINGAL 2025

Fri 19 Sept



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**This year marks the 20th anniversary of Culture Night, taking place on Friday, 19 September.**

This much-loved annual national celebration honours culture, creativity, and the arts. For one night only, audiences can enjoy an exciting mix of artistic and cultural experiences throughout the county.

Fingal's finest heritage properties, arts centres, and cultural organisations will extend their opening hours, offering a vibrant programme of over sixty free events across eighteen venues.

Join us in County Hall, Swords, for an unforgettable evening of music and art in celebration of Culture House, Fingal County Council's bold new vision: bringing a library, theatre, gallery, café, and Makerspace together at the centre of the upcoming Swords Cultural Quarter. Enjoy a heartwarming performance by the Forget Me Nots Choir and explore inspiring exhibitions by Amanda Dunsmore and Dr. Declan Brady.

Fingal Arts Office and Libraries will also host exciting events at Swords Castle and the Carnegie Library, designed to spark creativity and invite audiences to get involved. Join Music Generation to take on the challenge of writing and recording an original song, all in just 60 minutes! Poet Sheila Ryder will host a lively poetry slam, where audience members can take to the stage to perform their own original works. As the evening unfolds, community choirs from Fingal will deliver a special series of live performances at the Carnegie Library, celebrating local talent.

Historic maps, 1916 medals, and a range of fascinating and unusual items will be on view from the collection at Fingal Local Studies and Archives in Swords.

Fingal Libraries will host an evening of family-friendly events at Malahide, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, and Swords libraries. Join D15 Youth Theatre members at Draíocht for a taster workshop or enjoy a showcase of delightful family films.

Visitors are invited to tour Fingal's magnificent heritage properties. Discover over three centuries of history at Newbridge House and Farm, experience the rich heritage of Malahide Castle, built over 800 years ago. Embark on a journey through Irish railway history and glimpse the incredible model railway collection at the Casino Model Railway Museum. Take a self-guided tour of DIAS Dunsink Observatory, where you can meet astronomers and explore the historic site that was once home to many of Ireland's most celebrated scientists.

Enjoy art, live music, and poetry at Ardgillan Castle. Fingal Arts Office is delighted to present *Evolving Landscapes*, an exhibition featuring talented Fingal artists, in the Ardgillan Gallery. Creative Places Balbriggan will host artists talks at the Our Balbriggan Hub, with presentations from local artists, and there will be live, interactive music performances and workshops at the Irish Institute of Music and Song.

Culture Night in Fingal offers a captivating evening filled with a vibrant mix of cultural events, inspiring performances, and engaging artistic experiences for all ages.

**Sarah O'Neill**, County Arts Officer





## Art, Music and Poetry

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Ardgillan Castle will open its doors to visitors, who can explore the castle and meet the Ardgillan Collective of artists in residence at this prestigious heritage property. Fingal Arts Office is delighted to launch *Evolving Landscapes*, an exhibition featuring Laura Skehan, Louis Haugh, and Tadhg Kinsella, curated by Valeria Ceregini, which will run until 12 October. This exhibition offers a poignant reflection on the urgent need for climate action in the face of escalating ecological instability. Visitors can also enjoy poetry readings in the library and live music in the castle's drawing room.

**Age suitability: 12+**

### HOW TO FIND US

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Balbriggan,  
Co. Dublin, K34 C984

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**T:** 01 8492212





## E-Services Clinic

5:30pm - 6:30pm

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

**Suitable for adults.**

## Virtual Reality Showcase

5:30pm - 6:30pm

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:** Meta VR systems are not toys and must not be used by children under 13. For further information, please visit [Meta Quest Safety Center](#)



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## Face Painting & Balloon Modelling

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Marzena & Malgorzata from Really Cool Parties will work their face painting magic to turn your little ones into fantasy animals, princesses and superheroes, and wow them with their wonderful balloon creations!

## 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 Shane McVicker, their performance on Culture Night in Balbriggan Library promises to be a very memorable and enjoyable experience.

## Balbriggan Heritage Walk

7.00pm

Have you ever wondered how some of Balbriggan's streets got their names? Or how its lanes came into being? Join local historian Dr. David Sorensen for a walk around Balbriggan's streets and learn of the heritage beneath your feet! Meeting at 7pm at the St. Peter and Pauls' car park. Limited availability. Book your place by contacting Balbriggan Library.

## From Celtic Roots to African Beats

7:30pm - 8:15pm

Join Dr John Nutekpor and Darren Rogers with special guests Teresa Connolly and Joe Sheehan for an uplifting fusion of African and Irish traditional and folk music.





### Summer Stars Awards

5.45pm - 6.45pm

Come along and receive your certificate and medal for being an amazing Summer Star in 2025 and for reading lots of books all summer!



### Alan Nolan Draw-along

5.45pm - 6.45pm

Join Alan Nolan for a draw-along for Summer Stars award winners.

**All are welcome!**

### Balloon Modelling and Face Painting

5.45pm - 7.30pm

### Stilt Walker

5.50pm - 7.30pm

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The Civic Centre,  
Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15

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### Makerspace Info Sessions

6.00pm - 8.30pm

Drop by and chat with our makers about upcoming events and projects.



### Blanchardstown Brass Band

7.30pm - 8.30pm

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. **All welcome!**

### Exhibition/Information Stands

5.45pm - 8.45pm

### Lego Exhibition

Local members of the Irish LEGO User Group will be displaying their LEGO models: both official sets and custom builds. This is a great opportunity for LEGO fans, both adults and children, to see some fantastic brick creations. Expect to find city buildings, historical scenes, model cars, and more, all made from little plastic pieces!



## Dublin 15 Speedcubers

Dublin 15 Speedcubers will be showing off their skills! Speedcubing, or speedsolving, is a competitive mind sport focused on the rapid solving of various combination puzzles. The most prominent of these is the 3×3×3 puzzle, commonly known as the Rubik's Cube.

## Teen Zine Meetup

Some of our local Teen Zine Makers will be here, showing off their skills and chatting with anyone interested in taking part!

A zine is typically described as a self-published, handmade, or small-press booklet that is photocopied and distributed in relatively small quantities to share ideas, experiences, and perspectives. Short for fanzine, zines can cover a wide variety of subjects such as music, cooking, gardening, politics, TV shows, travel, personal journals, or anything of interest to the zinester (the person who makes the zine).

## Childvision

Staff from 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.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Learn about the wonderful world of Dungeons and Dragons.

## Craft Group

Meet and learn about the library craft group and watch some live demonstrations and see the result of their works.

## African Network

The African Advocacy Network seeks to address gaps within the African community in Ireland by providing social justice and advocacy interventions. Drop by the stand to find out more.

## Older and Wiser

Older and Wiser Ukrainian volunteer group aim to reduce social isolation, education, activities, workshops, community projects and art. Drop by to learn more.

## African Radio Network

African community Radio is where you can easily connect & communicate with the public. To create content around community involvement, news, entertainment, events and projects. Drop by to hear more.

## Fingal Volunteer

Fingal Volunteer Centre provide a wide range of supports and services to volunteers and volunteer involving organisations in Fingal. Drop by to find out about volunteering opportunities.



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## Fingal Choirs

7.30pm - 9.00pm

Join us for a special evening at the Carnegie, Swords. The historic Carnegie building will come alive with the voices of community choirs from across Fingal in a heart-warming recital celebrating local talent and togetherness. Expect an uplifting programme of choral favourites!



## MEMENTO - AGREEMENT: Amanda Dunsmore

Also on view will be MEMENTO-AGREEMENT by artist Amanda Dunsmore. MEMENTO - AGREEMENT is a series of artworks, developed to understand the process and journey related to interactions that occurred within the filming and production of the 14 portraits of signatories of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement created by Amanda in a previous artwork AGREEMENT.

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North Street,  
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W: [www.fingalarts.ie](http://www.fingalarts.ie)





## Self-Guided Tour

5.00pm – 7.00pm

Embark on a captivating journey through the rich tapestry of Irish railway history at the Casino Model Railway Museum this Culture Night!

Take a self-guided tour for a rare glimpse into the incredible world of Cyril Fry's meticulously handcrafted model railways. This is more than just a walk through a museum; it's an immersive experience that brings the golden age of Irish railways to life in stunning miniature form.

Perfect for train enthusiasts of all ages, families seeking an interactive and educational outing, and history buffs interested in Irish railways and transportation. Museum guides will be on hand to answer your questions.



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Malahide, Co. Dublin

W: [www.modelrailwaymuseum.ie](http://www.modelrailwaymuseum.ie)





Join us for an evening of music and exhibitions celebrating the recent developments with Culture House Fingal, due for completion in 2027.



## Culture House: The Story So Far

5.00pm Atrium

Culture House is an innovative initiative by Fingal County Council, bringing together a library, theatre, gallery, makerspace, arts spaces, and a café in an iconic building designed by award-winning architects O'Donnell and Tuomey.

The “Chamber Drawing Series” and the “Politics and Democracy in Fingal 1924-1939” are supported by the Commemorations fund through the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport. The “Forget-me-Nots” choir are supported by Creative Ireland through

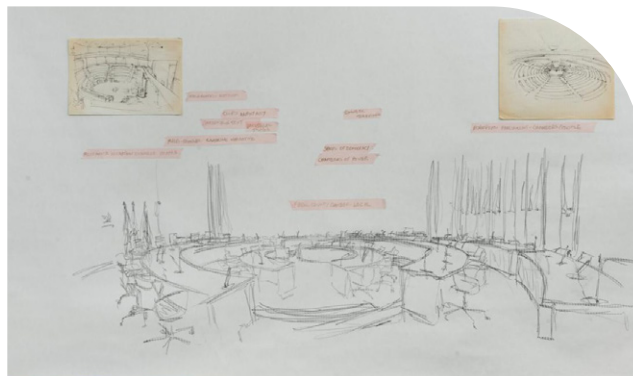
## Forget-Me-Nots Choir

6.00pm Atrium

The evening will include a recital by the Forget-Me-Nots Choir, an inclusive community choir for older people. Everyone is welcome to what promises to be an enjoyable and uplifting musical experience.

The Council Chamber will host a site-specific exhibition titled *Chamber Drawing Series* by artist Amanda Dunsmore, commissioned as part of the Decade of Commemorations programme. Responding to the theme of democracy and politics, Dunsmore presents a series of gestural drawings that capture the dynamics and movement of debates that have taken place within the chamber itself.

Also on display in the Atrium will be an exhibition entitled *Politics and Democracy in Fingal, 1924-39*. This exhibition accompanies a book of the same name—the first in a six-part series on politics and local government in North County Dublin, commissioned by Fingal Local Studies & Archives. This unique series by Dr Declan Brady offers a comprehensive political history of Fingal spanning more than 200 years.



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Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin

W: [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie)



## Self-Guided Astronomy Tours

6.00pm or 8.00pm

Join us for a night among the stars and expand your mind with cosmic insights from the astronomers of DIAS Dunsink Observatory!

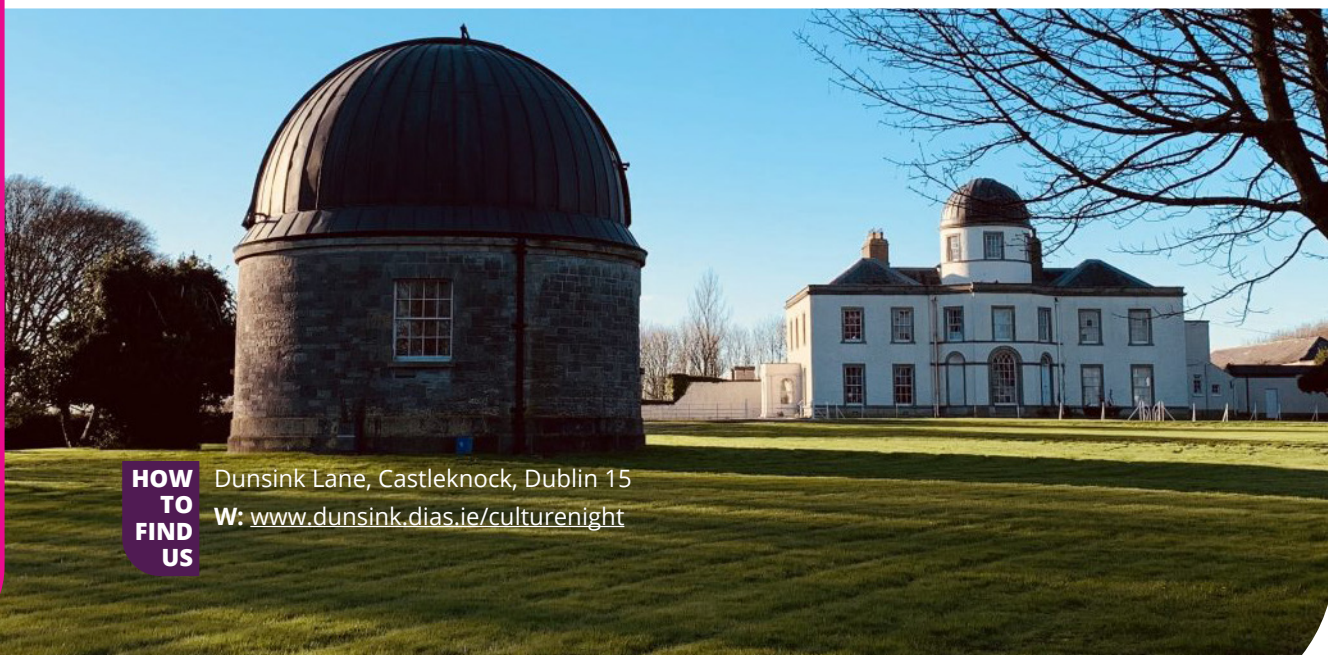
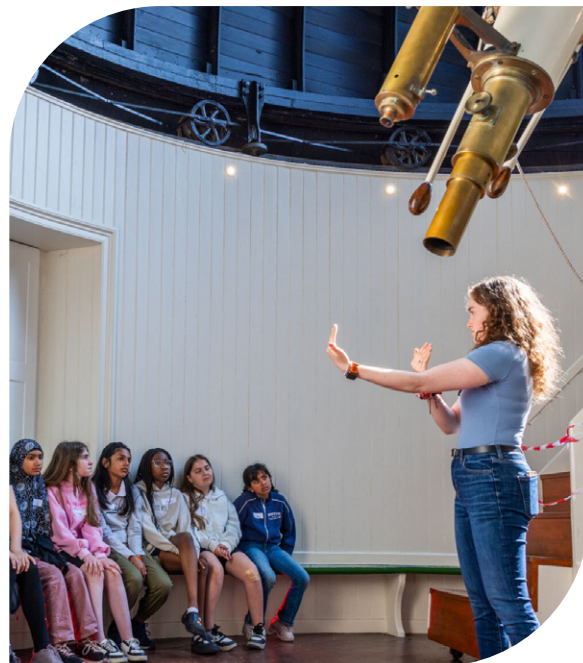
Dunsink is Ireland's oldest astronomical observatory and was once home to one of the country's greatest mathematicians, Sir William Rowan Hamilton. Today, DIAS astrophysicists study explosions on the Sun, search for new stars and planets, and explore the universe for exotic astronomical objects.

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.

**All welcome!**

**Booking required through Eventbrite.**

Tickets are valid for one-hour tours starting at either 18:00 or 20:00. [www.CultureNight-DIASDunsinkObservatory.eventbrite.ie](http://www.CultureNight-DIASDunsinkObservatory.eventbrite.ie)



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Dunsink Lane, Castleknock, Dublin 15

W: [www.dunsink.dias.ie/culturenight](http://www.dunsink.dias.ie/culturenight)



## Shorts for Wee Ones

4.30pm - 5.15pm

This collection of six short films for our youngest viewers is sure to delight and amuse. We've gathered a variety of stories and styles from around the world – this year featuring films from Germany, France, Lithuania, Australia and Spain. These magical tales will delight children age 3+ and are a colourful introduction to the cinema.

**Age Suitability:** 3-7 yrs. [Booking required.](#)



## Shorts for Families

6.00pm - 7.00pm

Colourful, imaginative, intriguing, amusing, moving ... this collection of short films for those aged eight and above is an eclectic mix of styles ranging from watercolour, cut outs, stop-motion, hand-drawn and 2D computer animation.

**Age suitability:** 8-12 yrs. [Booking required.](#)

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Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

**W:** [www.draiocht.ie](http://www.draiocht.ie) **T:** 1 885 2622

**Booking:** via Draíocht for all events



## 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. So, come along and experience Youth Theatre Culture in this fun and relaxed workshop. **All welcome.**

**Age Suitability:** 14-18 yrs. [Booking required.](#)



## The Penguin Lessons

8.00pm - 9.50pm

Argentina, 1976. Disillusioned schoolteacher Tom Michell (Steve Coogan) arrives in Buenos Aires to teach at a prestigious all-boys school. He was expecting an easy ride-but with the city spiralling into crisis and violence, the students remain unteachable. During a weekend trip to Uruguay, Tom rescues a penguin trapped in oil from a spill on a nearby beach. Sneaking it back to Argentina, the penguin's unique presence becomes an integral part of the school community and sparks a new enthusiasm in both Tom and his young charges.

**Age suitability:** 12A. [Booking required.](#)



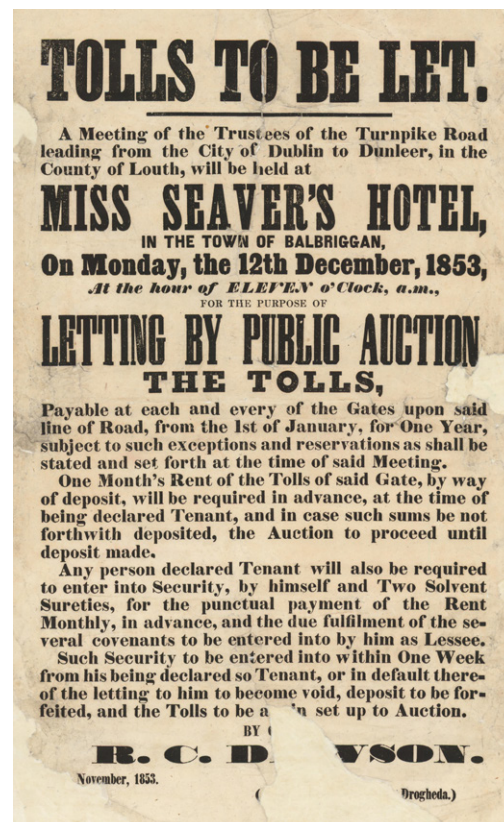
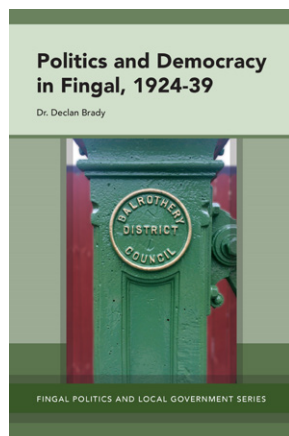
## Open Night & Genealogy Advice Clinic

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Go behind the scenes of Fingal Local Studies & Archives and explore a variety of fascinating and unusual items from our collections, including historic maps from turnpike and estate collections, 18th-century directories, 1916 medals, and more!

Discover the resources available in the branch for local and family history, and pick up free publications from our previous exhibitions. Our staff will be on hand to answer questions and guide visitors through the displays.

Professional genealogist Claire Bradley will also be available to answer your family history queries and point you towards the right resources. This service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, with no appointment necessary.



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T: 01 870 4486





## Tour of The IIMS Campus

4:30pm - 7:00pm

The Irish Institute of Music & Song (IIMS) will host an engaging, varied, and interactive experience on Culture Night. Showcasing a range of artists across our campus, we will present live music performances, workshops, and art creation events designed to engage audiences of all ages.

Upon arrival at the Lark Concert Hall, patrons will be welcomed by staff before entering the lobby of the Lark Theatre, where a live musical performance awaits. From there, visitors can continue on to Lark 1 and Lark 2 for demonstrations and interactive workshops.

**Suitable for all ages  
(under 12s must be accompanied).**

**Booking required:** [irishinstituteofmusic.com](https://www.irishinstituteofmusic.com)

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Image: Marc O'Sullivan



## Read Mór

**The Arts Council is proud to announce the return of Read Mór, its annual book-gifting initiative that celebrates Irish literature and promotes wellbeing through the joy of reading.**

As part of Culture Night 2025, Read Mór will see over 2,500 books by 30 Irish and Irish-based authors gifted to young people across Ireland, through a new partnership with Jigsaw: The National Centre for Youth Mental Health.

Now in its fourth year, Read Mór was created to extend the spirit of Culture Night to those who may be unable to attend in-person events.

The initiative champions Irish writing while recognising the proven benefits of reading for mental health, emotional wellbeing, and social connection.

This year, Read Mór events will take place in selected Jigsaw centres nationwide on Culture Night, giving young people across the country the opportunity to connect, explore books, and celebrate reading in a welcoming environment.

Six Jigsaw service locations are hosting events featuring one of the chosen authors. We are delighted to announce that the Jigsaw service in Blanchardstown will be hosting one of these events. Adiba Jaigirdar, author of *Four Eids and a Funeral*, will be attending and taking part in this special occasion.

### HOW TO FIND US

Blanchardstown Library, 2nd Floor  
Blanchardstown Shopping Centre  
Dublin 15. D15 RY73  
[www.jigsaw.ie/location/dublin-15](http://www.jigsaw.ie/location/dublin-15)

**For further details and times visit [www.culturenight.ie](http://www.culturenight.ie)**





## Art, Poetry and Music

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Lusk Community Council is delighted to present 'Hope' by Dr. Sarah Taaffe. This event comprises of a moving art installation, poetry recital with live music honouring Palestine through symbolism, storytelling, and creative resistance. Featuring powerful visual pieces, from watermelon-inspired art to poetry, sculpture, song and medical objects, the exhibition invites reflection on identity, loss and hope.

### HOW TO FIND US

Katie Hunts Cottage, Church Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin  
[www.facebook.com/luskcommunityculturalcentre](https://www.facebook.com/luskcommunityculturalcentre)  
T: 085 852 2517





## Guided Castle Tours

**5.00pm, 5.30pm, 6.00pm & 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 was home to the Talbot family for centuries, passed down from generation to generation.

Our family-friendly tours will lead 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.

### Booking required:

[Events@malahidecastleandgardens.ie](mailto:Events@malahidecastleandgardens.ie)

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## Face Painting with Romina Roe

6.00pm – 8.00pm

Come along to the library for a fun face-painting experience! Romina will work her magic to transform you into an enchanting fairy or a fantastical creature.

**Suitable for children of all ages.**



## Harp Music Recital

6.00pm – 7.00pm

Listen to the beautiful sounds of the harp, played by Patricia Daly. Patricia is a former All Ireland harpist, professional musician, music teacher and confidence coach who helps musicians unlock creative potential and build confidence playing their instrument before others.

## Reuben the Entertainer

7.00pm – 8.00pm

Back by popular demand! Don't miss Reuben's hilarious high-energy Comedy Variety Show! Reuben will have everyone in stitches with his magic, puppets, funny toys, daft voices and bendy body! Suitable for all ages, his aim is to have everyone laughing non-stop at his antics. It's fully interactive and fun for even the adults! Not to be missed!

**All ages welcome.**



### HOW TO FIND US

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## Collect your Summer Stars Certificate 6.00pm – 8.00pm

After a summer of reading, pop along to the library on Culture Night to collect your Summer Stars certificate.

## Drop-in eServices Clinic

Do you want to learn more about the online resources available from Fingal Libraries? Curious about BorrowBox or Libby? Drop in to our e-Services Clinic to discover how to access these great, free resources.

## Pop-Up Art Gallery

6.00pm – 8.00pm

Contribute to a montage of the local area by colouring a local scene and adding it to our Pop-Up Art Gallery. Cut-out scenes will be provided on the night, so come along and bring your colouring skills!

**Contact Malahide Library for further information and bookings.**

### HOW TO FIND US

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## Guided Tour

5.00pm

Join us for a free tour of Newbridge House on Culture Night. Step inside one of Ireland's most intact Georgian houses and experience over 300 years of history on a guided tour that showcases its incredible architecture, remarkable art, and original furnishings.

Suitable for all ages, Newbridge has something for everyone. Booking is not required. Places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis on the day, so please arrive early to avoid disappointment. Please register at the reception desk upon arrival.

**For additional information, contact:**

[reservations@newbridgehouseandfarm.com](mailto:reservations@newbridgehouseandfarm.com)

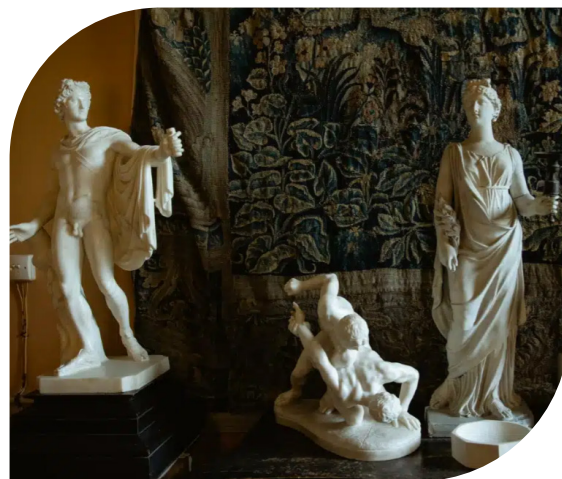
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## Creative Connections

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Creative Places Balbriggan welcomes local artists to present revealing insights into their work and creative journey to young members of the community. This event offers an inviting glimpse into the inspiration and skills of the artists through their presentations.

**Age suitability: 12-18**  
(with an accompanying adult if needed).

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Georges Square, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

W: [www.balbriggan.ie](http://www.balbriggan.ie)



## Guided Tours

5.45pm and 7.45pm

Skerries Mills will open for guided tours on Culture Night. Discover three unique mills in a picturesque setting on a 50-minute guided tour.

**Age suitability:** 9 years and over  
(not suitable for persons with mobility challenges)

**Booking required:** [reception@skerriesmills.ie](mailto:reception@skerriesmills.ie)  
Places are limited, and booking opens September 1st.

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Townparks, Skerries, Co. Dublin

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E: [reception@skerriesmills.ie](mailto:reception@skerriesmills.ie)

T: 01 8495208





### A Song in Sixty Minutes!

6.30pm – 7.30pm

Join Music Generation Fingal on Culture Night in the stunning setting of the Chapel, Swords Castle, where we challenge you to help us write and record an original song from start to finish — all in just 60 minutes!

This interactive experience will be built around the sounds, ideas, and unique mix of people gathered in that time and space. Our talented Musician Educators, Eoghan McGale and Ava Durran, will guide you in contributing to the song's composition and recording. Audience members will collaborate to write lyrics, sing or speak a line, strum a string, play a beat, and much more.

We welcome participants of all ages and abilities. Afterwards, you'll receive a copy of the recording to commemorate your participation in Culture Night 2025.

**Booking:** Please reserve your place by scanning the QR code or by clicking the link [Song in Sixty Minutes](#). Walk-ins are also welcome, but don't be late - the clock is ticking!



**BOOK NOW**



### Wavin' Words Poetry Slam

7.30pm - 8.30pm

The Chapel at Swords Castle will be the setting for a special Culture Night Wavin' Words poetry and music event.

Young artists from Fingal will perform alongside current Fingal Poetry Slam Champion, Kev Kennedy. The evening will be hosted by Sheila Ryder — and for those with an urge to perform, bring your words and creativity, as there will be an opportunity for audience participation!

**Age suitability: 14+. Everyone welcome.**

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Swords Castle, Bridge St,  
Townparks, Swords,  
Co. Dublin, K67 X439





## Creative Mask Making with Tarsila Krüse

6.00pm - 7.00pm

Join artist, author, and illustrator Tarsila Krüse for a fun and creative mask-making workshop! Spark your imagination using paper plates, colourful paper, and collage techniques to design and decorate your own animal mask. Choose your favourite animal, or invent a fantastical creature of your own!

**Suitable for ages 7-12 (maximum 15 participants).  
Booking required via Swords Library.**



## Write Your Own Story with Conor Kostick

7.00pm - 8.00pm

Entering the world of your imagination and inventing stories to entertain others is a real joy. The challenge lies in using the written word to bring those stories to life.

Award-winning children's author and creative writing teacher Conor Kostick will guide participants through topics such as choosing the right narrative voice, character development, writing dialogue, structuring a story, and much more — all to help you create your own stories.

**Suitable for ages 12-16.  
Booking required via Swords Library.**

## Summer Stars Awards

6.00pm to 7.30pm

Come along and receive your certificate and medal for taking part in Summer Stars 2025 and for being such great readers!

## Face Painting

6.00pm - 8.00pm.

Join Roise from Magic Wand Face Paint for some face painting fun here in Swords Library!

**Suitable for all ages.**

### HOW TO FIND US

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## Pottery Demonstration

**5.00pm - 9.15pm**

At Touch Design Ceramics in Balbriggan, beautiful, functional pottery is crafted entirely by hand by Radek Zemlicka, a second-generation Czech potter who has continued his family's craft in Ireland since 2005.

Meet Radek in his pottery studio for a live demonstration of wheel-throwing, the traditional technique he uses to transform a ball of clay into a bowl, cup, or lighthouse! Take a guided tour of his pottery production process — from pugmill, to wheel, to kiln, to firing, to finished piece.

Over the years, Radek has created many bespoke commissions, ranging from dinner services and tea sets to fairy houses, funeral urns, and even a miniature Taj Mahal! He is best known for his handmade catering supplies and, of course, his iconic lighthouses inspired by our built heritage.

Your visit concludes with a tour of his finished works in the studio shop, along with the opportunity to learn about his pottery workshops.

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# CULTURE NIGHT FINGAL 2025

**Fri 19 Sept**

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