

CULTURE NIGHT²⁰²⁶ in Fingal



CULTURE
NIGHT

**Friday,
Sept. 18**
All events
are free.





The 21st edition of Culture Night takes place on **Friday, 18th September**. Fingal County Council's vibrant Culture Night programme will take place at nine locations across the county, featuring forty-six free events and activities. Audiences can enjoy a diverse range of art, music, dance, workshops, talks, tours, film screenings, and family-friendly events.

Among the many highlights is a special Culture Night exhibition at the Carnegie Library in Swords, celebrating the works and artistic legacy of prolific Fingal artist Pamela Leonard. The exhibition, 'Along the Coast and Through the Trees', showcases works recently acquired for the Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection.

To celebrate fifty years of Malahide Castle being open to the public, the castle curator will lead a special tour of 'Thinning the Veil', a contemporary art exhibition featuring several Fingal artists to mark this significant milestone. Fingal Arts Office invites visitors to the unveiling of the beautifully handcrafted interior fit-out of a new, purpose-built residential artist studio in Lusk - a space where creativity, design, and contemporary living come together. This exciting event is also an opportunity to meet the dynamic designers, Reem and Hugh from Beet Woad & Rust, who were commissioned under Fingal's Per Cent for Art Scheme to design and fabricate furniture for this live/workspace.

Visitors to Ardgillan Castle can meet the artists and community groups awarded funding through Creative Places Balbriggan 'Making Waves' as they come together to launch their creative journey - enjoy live music, demonstrations, and inspiring conversation.

The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre is delighted to welcome acclaimed violinist, visual artist, and educator Ioana Petcu-Colan for a unique and intimate evening of music, art, and conversation inspired by her current exhibition, 'Refractions'. Young visitors to Draíocht can enjoy a delightful series of family films and animations, as well as a taster workshop led by D15 Youth Theatre members. Or why not join Music Generation Fingal's 'Live Karaoke Band' event in Balbriggan!

Fingal Libraries will also host an exciting evening of family-friendly events at Malahide, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Skerries, and Swords libraries. Highlights include performances by the dynamic 'No Code 7' dance group, Balbriggan Lighthouse Voices, the Bits and Bobs Orchestra, and the Blanchardstown Brass Band. For those interested in historical items and genealogy, a visit to Fingal Local Studies and Archives is a must. A professional genealogist will be on site to help you discover more about your ancestry.

Enjoy a self-guided tour of DIAS Dunsink Observatory to explore the fascinating history of astronomy, discover the wonders of the night sky, and learn about our rich scientific heritage - a perfect opportunity for stargazers of all ages! Or take a tour of one of our remarkable heritage properties and discover the architecture, history, and stories at Newbridge House, Skerries Mills, and the Casino Model Railway Museum.

Celebrate Culture Night in Fingal and enjoy an evening of creativity, discovery, art, music, and heritage - with exciting experiences for all ages.

Sarah O'Neill, County Arts Officer





Making Waves with Creative Places Balbriggan

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Music, Art and Craft

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Join Creative Places Balbriggan and Fingal Arts Office at Ardgillan Castle for the launch of **Making Waves**, a new seed funding initiative supporting 11 local artists to collaborate with community groups across Balbriggan through a range of socially engaged arts projects and creative programmes from September 2026 to February 2027.

Meet the artists and participants, enjoy music, demonstrations, and conversation, and learn more about the exciting creative journey that will unfold in the months ahead. The evening also offers a unique opportunity to explore the artist studios within Ardgillan Castle and meet a number of new artists who have recently joined our creative community.

HOW TO FIND US

Ardgillan Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

w : ardgillancastle.ie

t : (01) 849 2212

Working alongside our established resident artists, they represent an inspiring range of disciplines including ceramics, painting, illustration, textiles, sculpture, and mixed media. Wander through the castle's corridors, discover creative hubs filled with live music and artistic activity, meet the makers, watch demonstrations, and learn more about their practices. There is no better place to celebrate culture than within the beautiful and historic surroundings of Ardgillan Castle.

Ages: 12+ A free shuttle bus will depart from George's Square, Balbriggan at 5:30 pm to Ardgillan Castle and will return to the Square after the event.





Balbriggan Lighthouse Voices

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Balbriggan Lighthouse Voices (formerly known as 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. Under the expert tutelage of Musical Director Brian Connolly, their performance on Culture Night in Balbriggan Library promises to be a very memorable and enjoyable experience.

All welcome.

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!

All welcome.

Dungeons & Dragons

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Roll the dice and see who you will become! Make your own Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition character! Character sheets and resource books provided.

Suitable for ages 10+.

Booking is essential. To reserve your place, please email Balbriggan Library at balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie



No Code 7 – Dance Performance

7:15pm – 8:15pm

Experience the energy, creativity and passion of No Code 7 as they bring an exciting live dance performance to Balbriggan Library for Culture Night. Showcasing dynamic choreography and expressive movement, this engaging performance celebrates the power of dance to connect people and tell stories. Join us for an unforgettable evening of rhythm, creativity and community as part of this nationwide celebration of arts and culture.

**HOW
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US**

George's Square, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

w: fingal.ie/libraries-events

e: balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie

t: 01 870 4401





Beet, Woad & Rust

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Fingal Arts Office is delighted to invite you to the unveiling of the beautifully handcrafted interior fit-out of a new, purpose-built residential artist studio at Ballough Place in Lusk - a space where creativity, design, and contemporary living come together.

This exciting event is also an opportunity to meet the dynamic designers, Reem and Hugh, from Beet, Woad & Rust, who were commissioned under the Per Cent for Art Scheme to design and fabricate furniture for this live/workspace.

Discover the inspirations and ideas that shaped their design process, and gain exclusive insight into the creative vision that brought this unique studio to life.

HOW TO FIND US

Ballough Place Residential Artist Studio
11 Ballough Place, Lusk, Co. Dublin
[w: beetwoadrust.com](http://www.beetwoadrust.com)



Balloon Modelling and Face Painting with Brilliant Events

5:45pm – 7:45pm

Come and join in the fun - all welcome!
Suitable for children of all ages.

Summer Stars Awards Ceremony

5:45pm – 6:45pm

Come along and collect your certificate and medal for doing your wonderful reading over the summer and completing the Summer Stars programme!

Summer Stars Celebration Draw-Along & Chats with Alan Nolan!

5:45pm – 6:45pm

Join the wonderful author and illustrator Alan for some fun and creativity to celebrate a wonderful, well-spent summer of reading.

All welcome. Suitable for children of all ages.



Blanchardstown Library Singing Circle Performance

7:15pm – 8:00pm

The Blanchardstown Library Singing Circle meets on Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. It's free to attend, open to all, and we welcome all kinds of songs. We look forward to having you with us on Culture Night, when we will present a selection of the songs we enjoy. Bigí linn!

Fingal Makerspace Tours

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Drop in with your family, have some fun, and see what we get up to in our Makerspace!

Blanchardstown Brass Band Performance

8:15pm – 9:00pm

Join us for a fantastic performance to close the night from the Blanchardstown Brass Band, who are celebrating 200 years this year! Enjoy some fun and dance along to tunes from this historic band.

HOW TO FIND US

The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15

w: fingal.ie/libraries-events

e: blanchlibrary@fingal.ie

t: 01 890 5560



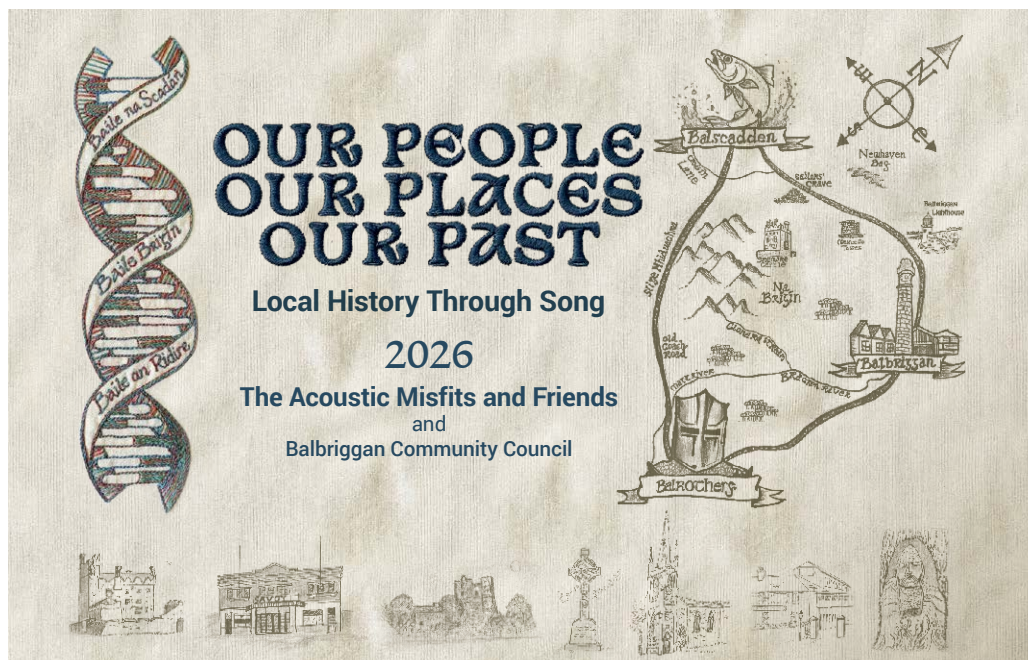
Our People – Our Places – Our Past

Launch of a new Book and songs album about the history of Balbriggan, Balrothery and Balscadden

5pm – 7:30pm

This event is the official launch of a newly-published book and an album of twelve original songs about the history of Balbriggan, Balrothery and Balscadden. All of the songs were written and recorded by local musicians, combining a unique blend of Folk, Country, and Ballad music traditions. The book is a collaboration between a local historian, the musicians, and local artists who made original artwork and sketches. The creators, twenty two people in all, worked voluntarily in partnership with Balbriggan Community Council, Fingal County Council Libraries, and Creative Ireland to deliver this project. They are launching and presenting the book and the album as a free resource for dissemination throughout the three communities and their Diasporas, using a custom website developed by a member of the group. One key ambition of the creators is to see their project implemented and used in all local schools as a platform for learning, celebration of, and commemoration of, the history of our people, our places and our past.

Age Suitability: All ages



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Bridge Street, Balbriggan,
County Dublin, K32 D521

t : 086 0649450



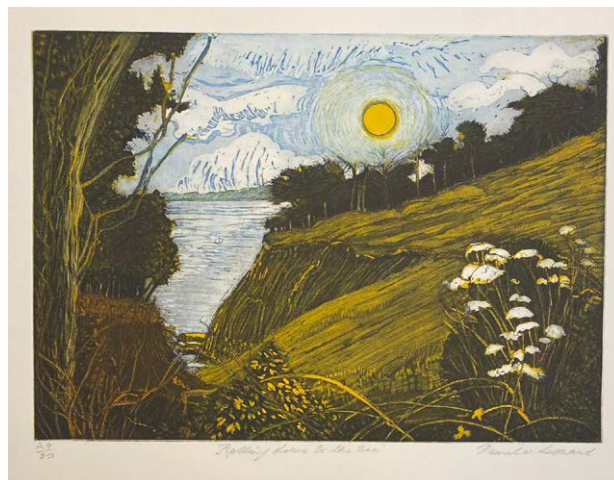


Along the Coast and Through the Trees *by* Pamela Leonard.

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Fingal County Council is proud to present a special Culture Night exhibition celebrating the works and artistic legacy of prolific Fingal artist Pamela Leonard. The exhibition, 'Along the Coast and Through the Trees', showcases artworks recently acquired from the artist for inclusion in Fingal County Council's Municipal Art Collection. The Irish Times has described Pamela as a master of capturing light and dark across the Irish landscape. While her work features much-loved landscapes all over Ireland, it is Pamela's connection to her home in Howth that has inspired her depictions of local coastal scenes and local flora and fauna. Visitors will have the rare opportunity to explore the breadth of her expert printing and drawing techniques, including her pioneering methodology of layering vibrant, multi-colour schemes using just two plates. Alongside her critically acclaimed landscapes, Leonard's work was featured on 16 An Post stamps and won a prestigious international award in Japan. This dedication to her lifetime body of work reflects Fingal's ongoing commitment to support and preserve the legacies of local artists at every stage of their careers.

All welcome.



**HOW
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Carnegie Library, The Carnegie,
North Street, Swords, K67 N5H2
[w: fingalarts.ie](http://w: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! We're thrilled to invite you to take a self-guided tour that offers 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 to life the golden age of Irish railways in stunning miniature form. Perfect for train enthusiasts of all ages, families looking for an interactive and educational outing, and history buffs interested in Irish railways and transportation. Museum guides will be on hand to answer any of your questions.



HOW TO FIND US

Casino Model Railway Museum
Malahide, Co. Dublin
[w: modelrailwaymuseum.ie](http://www.modelrailwaymuseum.ie)





Live Karaoke Band!

6:30pm – 8.00pm

Music Generation Fingal, in collaboration with Balbriggan Youth Service, invites 13–18-year-olds to assume the role of lead singer, with their very own ready-made, professional live backing band! Three of our super-talented Musician Educators will be ready to support you in playing your favourite songs as you take on the lead singer duties. If you want to play an instrument too, that's even better! We will provide everything, and no prior singing or playing experience is necessary.

Please book a place here by scanning the QR code, or by [clicking the sign-up form](#). Walk ins also welcome. Don't be late.



HOW TO FIND US

Castleland Community Centre
79 Castleland Park Way,
Balbriggan, Co. Dublin



**Music Generation
Fingal**
Fhine Gall





Self-Guided Observatory 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 the home of one of Ireland's greatest mathematicians, Sir William Rowan Hamilton. Today, DIAS astrophysicists study solar explosions, search for new stars and planets, and scan 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!

To register your interest for a one hour tour [click here](#).



HOW TO FIND US

Dunsink Observatory, Dunsink Lane,
Castleknock, D15 XR2R.
w: dunsink.dias.ie/culturenight



Shorts for Wee Ones

4:30pm

Who needs a spoken language film to tell a story when they are as visual as these are? This collection of 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 for you to enjoy. All these short films are dialogue free. These magical tales will delight children age 3+ and are a colourful introduction to the cinema experience as well as moving image literacy, perfect for those at the start of their engagement with film.

Age Suitability: 3-7 yrs



Shorts for Families

6:00pm

Colourful, imaginative, intriguing, amusing, moving ... this collection of short films for those aged eight and above is all of that and much more. Curated especially for ages 8 and up, these short films are some of the best examples from around the world.

Age Suitability: 8-12 yrs



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DRAÍOCHT

Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

w: draiocht.ie/whats-on/category/culture-night

t : 01 885 2622





Youth Theatre Culture

6:30pm

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. Have you ever wanted to dip your toe into the Youth Theatre workshop waters - well now you can. So come along and experience Youth Theatre Culture in this fun and relaxed workshop. All welcome. And if you enjoy this, then come along to Youth Theatre Auditions on Sunday 4th of October.

Age Suitability: 14-18 yrs



500 Miles

7:30pm

Teenager Finn and his younger brother Charlie are extremely close to their grandfather John. However, a heartbreaking accident has led to their parents cutting off all contact with John. Devastated by the estrangement, Finn and Charlie decide to run away and make the trip from their English home to their grandfather's home on the west coast of Ireland. With limited funds and constant worries over Charlie's fragile health, it proves to be a risky and emotional journey for the boys.

Age Suitability: Cert 12A

Booking Details:

Pre-booking essential via Draíocht.

Book online 24 hrs www.draiocht.ie

or via Box Office in-person or by calling 01 885 2622

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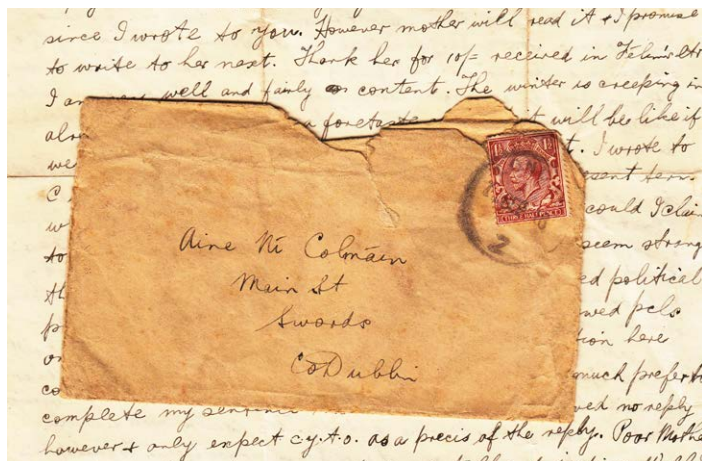




Open Night & Genealogy Advice Clinic

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Go behind the scenes of Fingal Local Studies & Archives and view a variety of interesting and unusual items from our collections, including historic maps from turnpike and estate collections, 18th-century directories, 1916 medals, and more! Find out what resources are available in the branch for local and family history, and pick up free publications from our previous exhibitions. Our staff will be present to answer questions and guide visitors through the displays. Professional genealogist Claire Bradley will also be on hand to answer your family history questions and point you to the right resources. This service is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, and no appointment is necessary. **All ages welcome!**



TOLLS TO BE LET.

A Meeting of the Trustees of the Turnpike Road leading from the City of Dublin to Dunleer, in the County of Louth, will be held at

MISS SEAVER'S HOTEL,
IN THE TOWN OF BALBRIGGAN,

On Monday, the 12th December, 1853,
At the hour of **ELEVEN o'Clock, a.m.,**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF
LETTING BY PUBLIC AUCTION
THE TOLLS,

Payable at each and every of the Gates upon said line of Road, from the 1st of January, for One Year, subject to such exceptions and reservations as shall be stated and set forth at the time of said Meeting.

One Month's Rent of the Tolls of said Gate, by way of deposit, will be required in advance, at the time of being declared Tenant, and in case such sums be not forthwith deposited, the Auction to proceed until deposit made.

Any person declared Tenant will also be required to enter into Security, by himself and Two Solvent Sureties, for the punctual payment of the Rent Monthly, in advance, and the due fulfilment of the several covenants to be entered into by him as Lessee.

Such Security to be entered into within One Week from his being declared so Tenant, or in default thereof the letting to him to become void, deposit to be forfeited, and the Tolls to be again set up to Auction.

BY **R. C. D. VSON.**

November, 1853.

(Drogheda.)

**HOW
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US**

Fingal Local Studies And Archives
46 North Street, Townparks, Swords, Co. Dublin
w: fingal.ie/fingallibraries
t : 01 870 4486



Local Stories, Music, Drama and Poetry

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Lusk Community Council is delighted to present an evening of music, drama and poetry in association with Lusk Drama Group. This free event, set in the surroundings of Lusk Community Cultural Centre, will deliver local stories through the media of music, drama and poetry. The backdrop to the evening of culture will be historic exhibitions on the themes of Thomas Ashe and Lusk's Vernacular Buildings.

HOW TO FIND US

Lusk Community Cultural Centre
Church Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin

[w: facebook.com/luskcommunityculturalcentre](https://www.facebook.com/luskcommunityculturalcentre)

[t: 085 852 2517](tel:0858522517)





Thinning the Veil



50 Malahide Castle
Celebrating fifty years
as a public place



29.08.26
— 22.11.26

An exhibition of artworks
by six contemporary Fingal
artists at Malahide Castle, to
celebrate fifty years of being
open to the public.

Susan Buttner
Ann Ensor
Elaine Grainger
Michelle Hall
Deborah Hewson
Laura Skehan
Curated by
Eamonn Maxwell



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Sharing Ireland's Culture

Tour of Exhibition 'Thinning the Veil' by Castle Curator

3:00pm – 5:00pm

This landmark contemporary art exhibition, installed throughout the rooms of Malahide Castle to mark fifty years of being open to the public, runs this August-November. Featuring work by Susan Buttner, Ann Ensor, Elaine Grainger, Michelle Hall, Deborah Hewson and Laura Skehan and curated by Eamonn Maxwell. This exclusive tour offers a unique opportunity to see the exhibition and learn more from the Castle's Curator. Funded by Fingal Arts Office and Department of Culture, Communication and Sport and Culture Ireland.

Booking Required:

Please email: events@malahidecastleandgardens.ie

Places are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.



HOW TO FIND US

Malahide Castle & Gardens, Back Rd,
Malahide Demesne, Malahide, Co. Dublin

w: malahidecastleandgardens.ie

e: events@malahidecastleandgardens.ie





Summer Stars Awards

5:30pm – 7:30pm

After a summer of reading and discovering new books, join us on Culture Night to celebrate your Summer Stars achievements! Collect your Summer Stars certificate and medal and help us mark the end of another wonderful Summer Stars adventure.

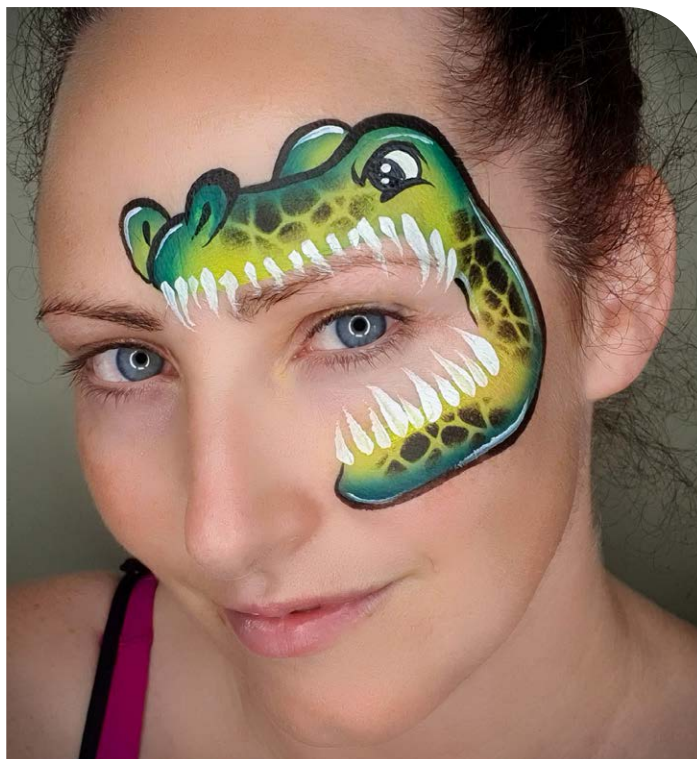
Suitable for children of all ages.

Autumn Harvest Art Gallery

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Autumn is harvest time - come to the library and colour pictures of local fruits and vegetables to help fill our harvest basket. All colouring sheets and cut-outs will be provided on the night, so just bring your creativity and colouring skills!

Suitable for children of all ages.



Face Painting with Magic Wand Face Paint

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Come to Malahide Library for a fun face-painting session with Magic Wand Face Paint - transform into your favourite animal, magical creature, or scary monster!

Suitable for children of all ages.

HOW TO FIND US

Malahide Library, Main St, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EW63

w : fingal.ie/libraries-events

e : malahidelibrary@fingal.ie

t : 01-8704430





The Bits and Bobs Orchestra

5:45pm – 6:45pm

Classical music is not just for concert halls! Join the 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! **Suitable for children aged 4+ and their families.**

3D Printer Demonstration

6:30pm

Ever wondered how a printer can create real objects? See the magic of 3D printing up close and watch a design come to life before your eyes in this live demonstration. **All welcome.**

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Malahide Library, Main St, Malahide,
Co. Dublin, K36 EW63
w: fingal.ie/libraries-events
e: malahidelibrary@fingal.ie
t: 01-8704430

Drop-in eServices Clinic

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Would you like to find out about the free online resources available through Fingal Libraries? Want to learn a language or read an eBook or eNewspaper? Our eServices Clinic is the perfect place to get started. Drop in and find out how to access and enjoy these fantastic resources, all free with your library membership.

All welcome.



A Brief History of Food in North Dublin with Dr Deirdre Nuttall

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Learn about the history of food in North Dublin and how, through the ages, it connects this fascinating area not just to the rest of Ireland, but to the rest of the world. Dr Deirdre Nuttall is currently working with the Fingal Heritage Office on an oral history of Fingal's food heritage.

All welcome.





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 allocated 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



HOW TO FIND US

Newbridge House, Hearse Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin

w : newbridgehouseandfarm.com

e : reservations@newbridgehouseandfarm.com

t : 01 895 82 82





Magic Show with Reuben the Magician

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Reuben brings his high-energy comedy variety show to Skerries Library for Culture Night! He will have everyone in stitches with his magic, puppets, funny toys, daft voices and bendy body. It's interactive and fun for all the family - even the adults!



Percussion Workshop with John Nutekpor

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Join us for a Culture Night percussion workshop with John Nutekpor. Delve into the world of African rhythm and song. A fun, interactive way of exploring a new genre of music.

Suitable for all the family, young and old.

Balloon Modelling & Face Painting with Brilliant Events

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Join us for Culture Night fun for all the family.

Suitable for children of all ages.

HOW TO FIND US

Skerries Library, 41 Strand Street,
Skerries, Co. Dublin

w : fingal.ie/fingallibraries

e : skerrieslibrary.library@fingal.ie

t : 01 890 5671





Guided Tours

5:30pm and 6:30pm

Visit Skerries Mills which will be open for free guided tours on Culture Night. This Community Heritage Centre, at the heart of Skerries, comprises of three national monuments which are two strikingly different Sail Mills and a Watermill of the 13th century. Join our 50-minute tour and connect with rich heritage on the only site in Europe with a collection of three Mills and a bakery!

Places are limited, and booking will open on September 1st.

Age Suitability: 9 years and over.

Note: Not suitable for persons with mobility challenges.

Booking Required: reception@skerriesmills.ie



HOW TO FIND US

Skerries Mills, Millers Lane, Skerries, Co. Dublin

w: skerriesmills.ie

e: reception@skerriesmills.ie

t: 01 849 5208





Stories by Ola Open Studio

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Celebrate the official opening of Stories by Ola's new ceramics studio during Culture Night. Join award-winning ceramic artist Ola Wartak-Tolak for an evening of creativity, conversation and handmade craft in the heart of Balbriggan. Meet the maker, explore the new studio, discover the stories behind the collections inspired by the Irish coastline, and learn about the process of creating contemporary handmade ceramics. The evening is an opportunity to connect with a local maker, experience a creative working studio, and celebrate the opening of a new space dedicated to craft, creativity and community. **Suitable for all ages.**

HOW
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STORIES BY OLA
Unit 17, BEaT Centre, Stephenstown
[w: storiesbyola.com](http://www.storiesbyola.com)





Face Painting with Magic Wand Face Paint

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Come to Swords Library for a fun face-painting session with Magic Wand Face Paint - transform into your favourite animal, magical creature, or scary monster!

Suitable for children of all ages.

Make a Birdhouse with Margaret Anne Suggs

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Join author-illustrator Margaret Anne Suggs for 'Home is Where the Heart is', a workshop where children create their own paper birdhouses based on their ideas of home.

Age Suitability: Children aged 8-12.

Booking required via Swords Library.

Effie is Offline – Comic Creation Workshop with Karen Harte

7:00pm – 8:00pm

In this interactive workshop, author and illustrator Karen Harte shares the creative process behind her graphic novel Effie is Offline before guiding participants through the basics of comic storytelling. Learn how to create memorable characters, draw expressive emotions, build visual humour, and tell a complete story using comic panels.

Suitable for ages 13-16.

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Swords Library, Rathbeale Rd,
Commons West, Swords, Co. Dublin

w: fingal.ie/fingallibraries

e: swordslibrary@fingal.ie

t 01 890 5582





HOW
TO
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US

THE SÉAMUS ENNIS ARTS CENTRE
Naul, Co. Dublin
[w: tseac.ie](http://tseac.ie)

See The Music, Hear The Art

8:00pm

As part of Culture Night, the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre is delighted to welcome acclaimed violinist, visual artist and educator Ioana Petcu-Colan for a unique and intimate evening of music, art and conversation inspired by her current exhibition, Refractions.

Well known to Irish audiences as a performer, collaborator, educator and Leader of the Ulster Orchestra, Ioana's creative curiosity has led her beyond the concert stage and into the world of visual art. Her drawings have been exhibited at both the Royal Ulster Academy (RUA) Annual Exhibition in Belfast and the Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA) Annual Exhibition in Dublin, as well as online and in print. Alongside her work as a visual artist, she continues to explore the rich relationship between sound and image through improvisation and collaboration with her violin.

Refractions is a deeply personal collection of memories, associations and reflections on Ioana's life as a professional musician. In this special Culture Night event, visitors are invited to experience the exhibition through the artist's eyes, guided by her insights, stories and live violin performance. Blurring the boundaries between the visual and the musical, this is a rare opportunity to explore the connections between sound and image, to see music, hear art and discover the creative space where the two meet.

Advance booking is essential as places are strictly limited to 25 attendees.

To book visit: tseac.ie





TRAD

9:00pm

Trad, a new film, directed by Lance Daly is a lively coming-of-age comedy drama that's also a joyful celebration of the power of trad music and communal performance. It follows Shóna McAnally, a talented young fiddle player who has grown increasingly frustrated with her mother's insistence on adhering to the traditions of Irish music and performance. When she meets a group of free-spirited nomadic musicians, she decides to leave home and join their troupe - setting off on a journey of self-reflection, rebellion, romance and musical discovery. It features excellent performances from its young stars Megan Nic Fhionnghaile and Cathal Coade Palmer, alongside strong supporting turns from familiar faces such as Aidan Gillen and Sarah Greene. 90 mins. 15A (IFCO) / 15 (BBFC).

English and Irish language.

To book visit: tseac.ie

Watch the trailer: youtube.com

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THE SÉAMUS ENNIS ARTS CENTRE
Naul, Co. Dublin
[w: tseac.ie](https://tseac.ie)





Pottery Studio Experience

5:00pm – 9:00pm

Step behind the scenes and discover how handmade pottery is created, from raw clay to the finished piece. Throughout the evening, visitors can follow every stage of the process, including clay preparation, wheel throwing, trimming, glazing, and firing. Live demonstrations will reveal the skill, patience, and creativity behind each object. This is a rare opportunity to explore a working pottery studio—normally closed to the public, and experience the atmosphere where functional and artistic ceramics are made by hand. Visitors of all ages are welcome. Whether you are simply curious, interested in traditional craftsmanship, or considering taking up pottery yourself, there will be something to enjoy and discover.

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