

National Museum of Ireland

Calendar of Events

October - December 2013

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Front Cover Image: The Stokes Tapestry in the Soldiers & Chiefs exhibition, a remarkable object created by a soldier and one of the series from A History of Ireland in 100 Objects

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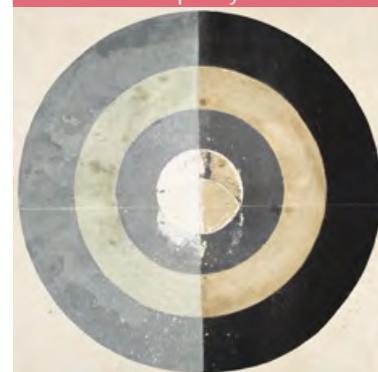
October			
Tue 1st to Thu 31st During Opening Hours	Drop-in Activity	Family Activity Area: Eileen Gray Be inspired by Eileen Gray and her famous 'S' Bend chair and design your own chair or piece of furniture in the shape of a letter! The Activity Area is a drop-in area for families with young children, art materials provided.	Family
Sat 5th During Museum opening hours	Open Day	NAPD Creative Engagement: Showcasing creativity in post-primary schools The National Museum of Ireland in collaboration with NAPD hosts the annual Creative Engagement exhibition which showcases the creative work of post primary schools from all over the country, between 11am and 5pm in Collins Barracks. Minister Jimmy Deenihan TD will launch the event in this the year of the launch of the Arts in Education Charter, a joint initiative between the Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht. No booking required.	Family
Sun 6th 2.30-4.30pm	Drop-in Activity	Open House Festival Workshop: Space Odyssey Explore some of the Museum's design galleries and then make a scene to suit your dreams in this drop-in art workshop for families. Starts in the Learning Resource Room, art materials provided. Drop-in event, no booking required.	Family
Wed 9th 1-1.30pm	Talk	Curator's Talk: Asgard and Kelpie: the 1914 Howth gun-running voyages In July 1914 the Asgard sailed into Dublin carrying a shipment of guns for the Irish Volunteers, setting the stage for Easter 1916. Find out more with curator of the Asgard exhibition, Sandra Heise. No booking required, places allocated on a first-come basis 15 minutes before event starts.	Adults
Sun 13th 3-4pm	Drop-in Activity	Hands on History A chance to explore some of the artefacts from the Museum's collection of objects for handling with Museum educators - a fascinating drop-in handling session for all ages. No booking required.	All Ages
Sun 20th 3-4pm	Family Event	Storytelling Session at the Stokes Tapestry The Stokes Tapestry, on display in the Soldiers & Chiefs exhibition, illustrates 31 different scenes of military, social and cultural life in Ireland in the early 19th century, and was created by soldier Stephen Stokes while he was stationed in Ireland. Join one of Ireland's best known and loved storytellers, Jack Lynch, as he brings the Stokes Tapestry to life with tales inspired by some of the scenes created by Stephen Stokes all those years ago. No booking required, places allocated 30 minutes before the event starts.	Family



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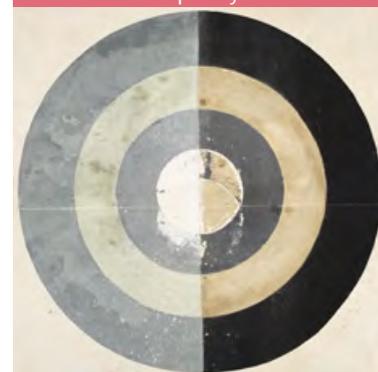
Sun 20th 3.00-3.45pm	Lecture	Special Talks Series: Eileen Gray and Ireland Join curator Jennifer Goff for the first in a series of five talks on Irish architect and designer Eileen Gray. This series is programmed to run concurrently with the exhibition, held at IMMA, Eileen Gray: Architect Designer Painter . Goff's first talk of the series provides an introduction to Eileen Gray and her relationship with Ireland; as a child, a young woman and later as an adult. No booking required. Places are limited and are allocated on a first come basis 30 minutes before the event starts.	Adults
Sat 26th 10.50am-1.30pm	Seminar	Special Talks: 1913 Dublin Lockout: Impact and Objects Join us to hear a diverse panel of speakers including Pdraig Yeates and Robert Ballagh discussing aspects and objects of the Dublin Lockout to accompany the temporary exhibitions 1913 Lockout: Impact & Aftermath and Banners Unfurled on display at Collins Barracks. This event is free but booking required. For a full programme check Events at www.museum.ie .	Adults
Sun 27th 2.30-4.30pm	Tour	Public Tour: Highlights of Collins Barracks A chance to see some historical highlights at Collins Barracks on a short stroll through the Museum galleries, learning more about some fascinating objects along the way. No booking required, places allocated on a first-come basis from 15 minutes before the event starts.	Adults
Wed 30th 2.30-3.30pm	Tour	Conservation Tour An opportunity to see how Museum artefacts are conserved for the future. Includes a look at furniture, textile and archaeological conservation. Adult event, booking essential.	Adults
Wed 30th 3-4pm	Workshop	Exploring Design Workshop: Are you sitting comfortably? Join artist Kathy Conlan in an art and design workshop for families, exploring furniture design in the Eileen Gray exhibition. Art materials provided. Booking required.	Families with children aged 7+



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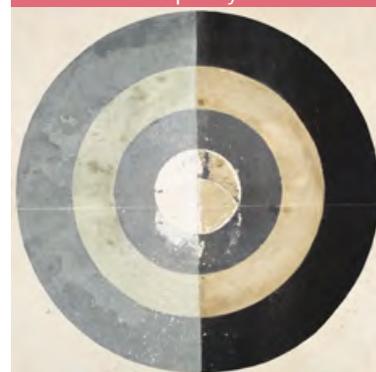
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Fri 1st to Sat 30th During Opening Hours	Drop-in Activity	Family Activity Area: The Crafty Museum Find out about crafted objects in the Museum's collections by taking a trail to discover all kinds of hand-made and crafted objects - from the beautiful to the extraordinary or the everyday - there's lots of craft to explore. In conjunction with the CRAFTed exhibition of Primary School Artworks ' Shaping our Creative World Through Making ' on display 20th November - 1st December 2013 in partnership with the Crafts Council of Ireland. The Activity Area is a drop-in area for families with young children, art materials provided.	Family
Sun 3rd 3-4pm	Workshop	Exploring Design workshop: Are you sitting comfortably? Join artist Mary Greene in an art and design workshop for families, exploring design in the Eileen Gray exhibition. Art materials provided. Booking required.	Families with children aged 7 +
Sun 10th 3-4pm	Drop-in Activity	Hands on History A chance to explore some of the artefacts from the Museum's collection of objects for handling with Museum educators - a fascinating drop-in handling session for all ages. No booking required.	All Ages
Thu 14th 1.00-1.30pm	Lecture	Curator's Talk: The Irish Soldier in World War One Join curator Lar Joye for this illustrated talk exploring the role of the Irish who fought in World War One as soldiers of the British, Australian and American armies. No booking required, places allocated on a first come basis 15 minutes before the event starts.	Adults
Sun 17th 3.00-3.45pm	Lecture	Special Talks Series: Eileen Gray and Carpets Through her carpet design Eileen Gray took traditional crafts and combined them with the principles of a number of modern art movements such as Fauvism and Cubism. Join curator Jennifer Goff and find out more about Gray's carpet designs, many of which are held in the collections of the National Museum of Ireland. No booking required. Places are limited and are allocated on a first come basis 30 minutes before the event starts.	Adults
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Thu 28th 11.30 am-12pm	Workshop	Babies on Board - Christmas Traditions Join Mary Greene on a Christmas journey to find out about the origins of many of our Christmas traditions - then get into the Christmas spirit and make a decoration for your tree. Booking required.	Adults with babies under 12 months

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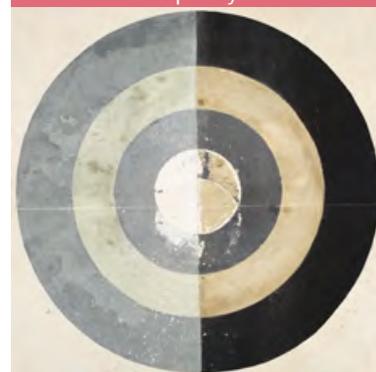
Sun 1st to Tue 31st During opening hours	Drop-in Activity	Take a Christmas Trail! See the Christmassy side of the Museum by taking the Angel Trail or the 12 Days of Christmas Trail! Pick up your free Trail at the Museum's Main Reception. Pencils provided but please return for others to use. No booking required	Family
Sun 1st to Tue 31st During opening hours	Drop-in Activity	Family Activity Area: Christmas through the centuries Discover some of the ways Christmas has been celebrated in past decades and centuries or have fun creating some origami Christmas decorations. The Activity Area is a drop-in area for families with young children, art materials provided.	Family
Sun 1st Check website for details	Family Event	Christmas Open Day You know it's Christmas when it starts at Collins Barracks! Come and join in the festive fun and magic - listen to carol-singing, make a Christmas decoration, or take a Christmassy trail around the Museum. Go to www.museum.ie/Events for a full programme of events.	Family
Sun 1st 3.30-4.30pm	Talk	Gallery Talk: A Short History of Christmas Food and Feasts Join curator Dr Jennifer Goff as she serves up some seasonal culinary history revealing some fascinating facts and stories about how food featured in Christmas celebrations in the past. No booking required, places allocated on a first come basis 15 minutes before event starts.	Adults
Sun 1st 2.30pm - 3.15pm	Workshop	Ceramic Christmas Decorations Be inspired by design and pattern in the Decorative Arts collection and join Ciara O' Sullivan, ceramic artist, to create ceramic decorations to take home and place on your Christmas tree. Booking required.	Families with children aged 7 +



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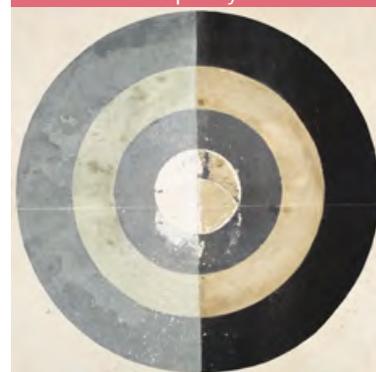
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Sun 8th 3-4pm	Tour	Family Tour: Christmas in the past From holly and fir trees to paper decorations and plastic trees - join Mary Greene to hear how celebrations for Christmas have changed from the 17th century to present day. No booking required, places will be allocated on a first come basis one hour before event begins.	Families with children aged 6 +
Sun 15th 2.30pm - 4.00pm	Workshop	Christmas Paper Craft Workshop Get into the creative Christmas spirit and join designer and artist Fiona Snow in a special Christmas craft workshop to make some seasonal paper crafts inspired by decorations on display in the Museum. This event is free and materials are provided. Booking required.	Adults
Sun 29th 3pm - 4pm	Talk	Gallery Talk: Neapolitan crib figures, 1850 Join Museum conservator Nieves Fernandez for an illustrated talk on the history of the Christmas Crib from its 13th century origins, focusing on the Neapolitan crib, 1850, on display at the Museum during Christmas. No booking required. Places are limited and are allocated on a first come basis 30 minutes before the event starts.	Adults



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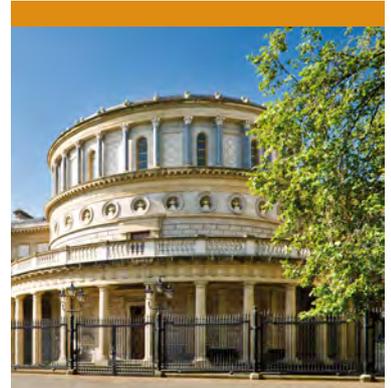


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Sat 5th 10am-4.30pm	Drop-in Activity	<p>Open House 2013</p> <p>Visit us today in the Riding School at Collins Barracks to view a replica Viking House created by Coolmine Community School, made for NAPD Creative Engagement 2013 and make a mini Viking House to take home!</p> <p>Please note that this event will take place in the Riding School at the National Museum of Ireland - Decorative Arts and History at Collins Barracks. No booking required.</p>	Ages 6+
Sat 5th 10am-4.30pm	Family Event	<p>Creative Engagement</p> <p>Schools from around the country who took part in the NAPD Creative Engagement Scheme 2013 will display the results of their wonderful work!</p> <p>Please note that this event will take place in the Riding School at the National Museum of Ireland - Decorative Arts and History at Collins Barracks. No booking required.</p>	All ages
Sat 19th 12-1pm	Lecture	<p>Irish Witch Traps and Related Phenomenon</p> <p>Eamonn Kelly, Keeper of Antiquities at the National Museum of Ireland will discuss his fascinating research on witch bottles and other devices used to protect dwelling places from egress by witches. Witch bottles were placed around doors, windows and fireplaces to protect the inhabitants of dwelling places from witches. To celebrate Samhain, an example of a 17th century witch bottle found in excavations at Bow Lane, Dublin will be on temporary exhibition on the first floor of the Museum.</p> <p>Located in the Ceramics Room, first floor. No booking required. Limited places will be assigned on a first come basis. Not wheelchair accessible.</p>	Adults
Sat 26th 11am-1pm	Drop-in Activity	<p>Something Wicked This Way Comes!</p> <p>Learn about the lives of women accused of witchcraft in the Middle Ages. Make your own witch-craft to take home with you.</p> <p>Located in the Learning Resource Room, first floor. No booking required. Not wheelchair accessible.</p>	Ages 6+



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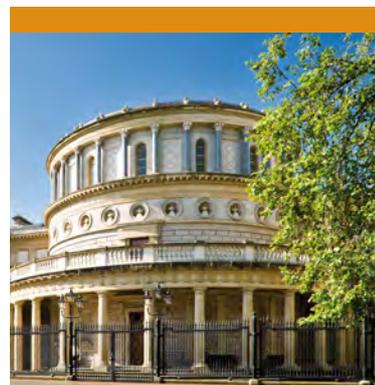
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Sat 26th Opening hours	Drop-in Activity	Bram Stoker Festival Trails It's up to YOU to seek out the answers to hidden facts about Stoker himself, the truth about vampires and other terrifying tales. Make your way through the streets of Dublin and some of its history-laden buildings and cultural treasures to see if you can be the fastest team to find the answers and win an extraordinary prize. Booking required. Organised by the Bram Stoker Festival, to register your team for the adult trail or the family trail go online at www.bramstokerfestival.com from September 30th.	All ages
Sun 27th 3pm-4pm	Family Event	My Museum: Create a Creepy Cauldron 'Double, double toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble!' Join Jennifer O'Mahony, Museum Educator, to take a look at some of the eeriest cauldrons in the Museum's collection. Make your own creepy cauldron to take home ...if you dare! 20 places will be allocated on a first come basis. No booking required. Not wheelchair accessible. Meet at reception.	Ages 6+
Wed 30th 11am-12pm	Tour	Hallow'een Tour Examine old bones, come face to face with ancient Egyptian mummies and hear some spooky stories from long ago! Scary costumes welcome. 30 places max. No booking required. Partially wheelchair accessible	All ages
Wed 30th 2-4pm	Drop-in Activity	Something Wicked This Way Comes! Learn about the lives of women accused of witchcraft in the Middle Ages. Make your own witch-craft to take home with you. Costumes welcome! Located in the Learning Resource Room, first floor. No booking required. Not wheelchair accessible.	Ages 6+
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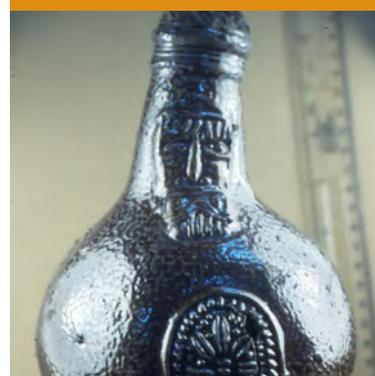
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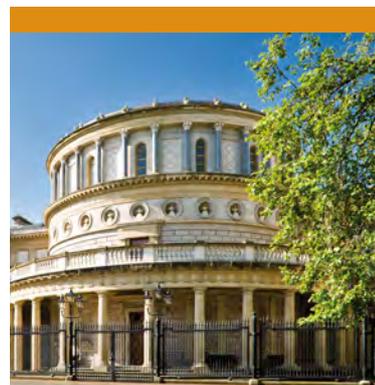
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Fri 1st to Sat 30th Drop-in Activity During opening hours	The Samhain Trail During November follow a unique trail of poetry amongst the prehistoric artefacts in the National Museum as part of the Samhain 2013 Project. This trail of poems has been created by members of the public to provide words of wisdom and reflection about the rhythms of life and death. Samhain 2013 is partnership between Age & Opportunity and the National Museum with Poetry Ireland. Ask for a copy of the trail at main reception at the Museum. Free of charge. Wheelchair accessible.	Adults
Sat 2nd Drop-in Activity 11am-1pm	Artefact Detective! Think like an archaeologist for an afternoon and try to solve the puzzle of some mystery objects! No booking required. Located in the Learning Resource Room, first floor. Not wheelchair accessible.	Ages 6+
Sun 3rd Tour 3.30-4.30pm	The Top Ten Tour Explore 7,000 years of Irish history through 10 exciting artefacts, including a gold lunula, the 'Tara' Brooch and the Ardagh Chalice! €2 euro fee at Museum shop. 16 years or under free. No booking required. Wheelchair accessible.	All ages
Wed 6th Performance Afternoon	Samhain 2013 Join us for an afternoon of poetry and music, developed and curated by the Samhain Project. Arising from a partnership between Age & Opportunity and the National Museum with Poetry Ireland, this engaging and lively event by professional and amateur artists, will explore the rhythms of life and death. Free of charge. Booking essential. To book and for more details, email katia.rushhall@ageandopportunity.ie or call 01 805 7737.	Adults



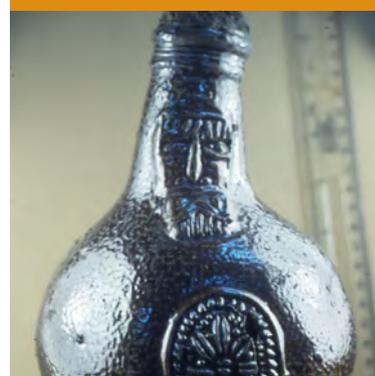
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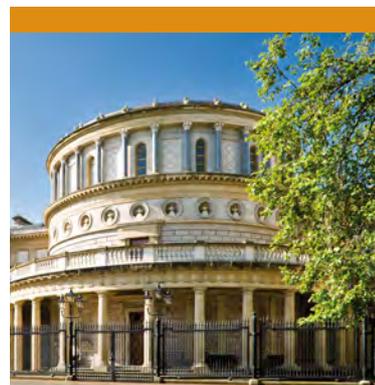
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Sat 9th 11am-1pm	Drop-in Activity	<p>Thor's Hammer</p> <p>The Vikings wore pendants and amulets based on the Norse gods in the hope that they would bring them good luck. Learn more about the beliefs of the Vikings and make your very own Thor's Hammer pendant to take home.</p> <p>Located in the Learning Resource Room, first floor. No booking required. Not wheelchair accessible.</p>	Ages 6+
Sat 16th 11am-4pm	Demonstration	<p>Science Week: Ancient Know-How! Answers from Experimental Archaeology</p> <p>What does it feel like to make, handle, and use objects - of flint, bronze, wood and pottery- like those on view in the Museum's Prehistoric and Medieval exhibitions? What knowledge of raw materials did people have in the past? What skills did they teach their children? How did they inhabit and understand their material worlds? Discover experimental archaeology with the UCD School of Archaeology and see how it enables us to recreate past technologies to answer these questions and more.</p> <p>No booking required. Partially wheelchair accessible.</p>	All ages
Sat 23rd 3.30-4.30pm	Tour	<p>Science Week Tour: The Bog Bodies</p> <p>Examine Iron Age finds from Irish wetlands including bog butter and the mysterious bog bodies.</p> <p>No booking required. Wheelchair accessible. Meet at reception.</p>	Ages 8+
Sun 24th 3-4pm	Workshop	<p>My Museum: Medieval Munching</p> <p>Join Historian Geraldine Walsh to learn about the sights, smells and noises of a Medieval banquet, hear about the sort of behaviour that would get you landed in the stocks and make a Medieval goblet to take home.</p> <p>20 places will be allocated on a first come basis. No booking required. Not wheelchair accessible. Meet at reception.</p>	Ages 6+
Sat 30th 11am-1pm	Drop-in Activity	<p>Explore the Learning Resource Room!</p> <p>Handle replica artefacts, read books on ancient worlds or make some art, taking inspiration from your favourite object in the National Museum!</p> <p>Located in the Learning Resource Room, first floor. No booking required. Not wheelchair accessible.</p>	All ages



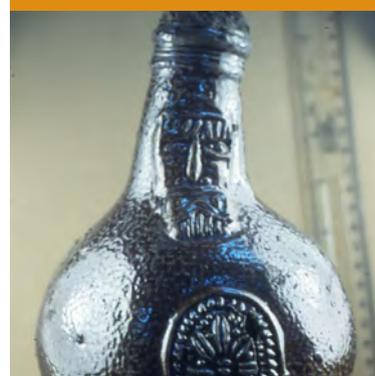
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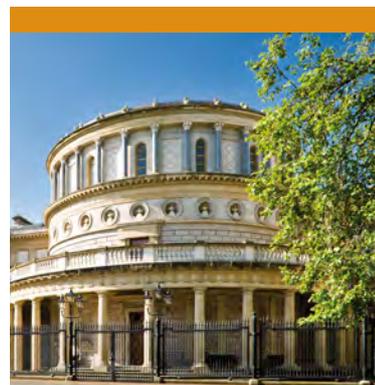
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Sun 8th 2-4.30pm	Family Event	<p>My Museum: A Medieval Christmas Experience the magical tastes, smells and sights of a Medieval Christmas with Irish Arms. Meet a candle-maker and scriptor monk. Have a go at a medieval game. Try a warrior's helmet and armour on for size. Taste Hypocras spiced wine, Grete Pye and other by-gone Christmas fare and treat your ears to Medieval music played on authentic reproduction instruments; the lute, vielle á rue and a gemshorn!</p> <p>No booking required. Partially wheelchair accessible.</p>	All ages
Sun 8th 3-3.45pm	Talk	<p>A Late Medieval Altar Cross from County Waterford Join Nessa O'Connor, Assistant Keeper in the Antiquities Division, NMI, for a special gallery talk on an important mid-15th century altar cross from County Waterford. The copper alloy cross was donated to the Museum earlier this year and is one of only half a dozen later medieval altar crosses known from Ireland. The talk will take place on the first floor where the altar cross is displayed and will include a look at other crosses in the Museum's Medieval Exhibition.</p> <p>Meet at reception. No booking required. Not wheelchair accessible.</p>	Ages 14+
Sun 8th 2-4pm	Drop-in Activity	<p>Deck the Halls! Drop-in and make your own Christmas wreath of paper to take home!</p> <p>Located in the Learning Resource Room, first floor. No booking required. Not wheelchair accessible.</p>	Ages 6+
Sat 14th 3.30-4.30pm	Tour	<p>Public Tour: Winter is Coming! The Middle Ages were not all about gallant and chivalrous knights in shining armour rescuing damsels in distress before sitting down to a feast fit for a king. Join Historian Geraldine Walsh to learn about the stark reality of a Medieval winter.</p> <p>Meet at reception. No booking required. Not wheelchair accessible.</p>	All ages



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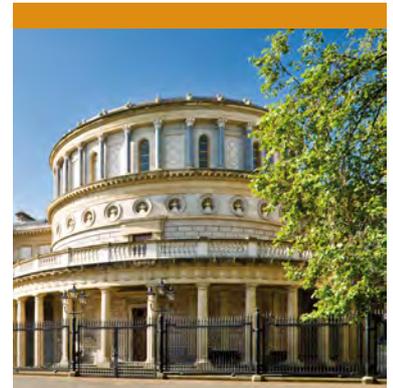
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<p>Sat 21st 3.30-4.30pm</p>	<p>Tour</p>	<p>Public Tour: Winter Solstice Special Explore how ancient people marked the mid-winter solstice, the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere with a tour of the Prehistoric Ireland Exhibition. View a reconstructed Neolithic passage tomb and associated grave goods which are often found inside these structures, including artefacts from Newgrange and Knowth, Co. Meath. No booking required. Wheelchair accessible.</p>	<p>All ages</p>
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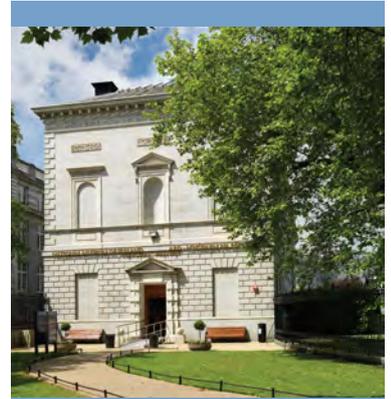


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Sun 13th 3pm-4pm	Performance	My Museum: Tales From the Sea & an Elephant Tree Renowned guitarist and award winning songwriter Gerry Paul returns to play his wacky and wonderful songs for the young and the young at heart. No booking required but places limited, not wheelchair accessible	Families
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November			
Fri 1st to Tue 31st December Opening Hours	Drop-in Activity	Do Not Disturb! Seasonal Activity Sheet It's winter and often animals are sleeping or hibernating, it's the best way to avoid the cold weather. Tip-toe through the Museum and try to find the activity sheet answers on this trail. Copies of this activity sheet are available at the stand in the Irish Room. Don't forget your pencils!!	Family



Natural History Museum, now fully accessible at ground floor level.



Hunt down the answers to the cross-city Bram Stoker Vampire Hunt Trail

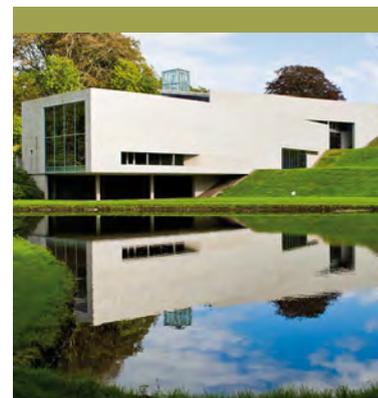


Follow a seasonal activity sheets to discover how to help hibernating hedgehogs.



Hear award winning songwriter Gerry Paul play in October.

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Tue 1st to Thu 1st May During opening hours	Temporary Exhibition	Hair Hurling Balls: Earliest Artefacts of Our National Game This exhibition firmly establishes the antiquity of our national game of hurling, with radio-carbon dated hurling balls from 800 years ago! This collection goes on display along with an ancient hurling stick. The hurling balls are made of matted cow-hair with a plaited horse-hair covering. This exhibition looks at these bog finds in relation to where in the country they were discovered, how they were made and the scientific analysis undertaken by the Museum.	All ages
Tue 1st to Fri 15th November 10am-5pm	Temporary Exhibition	Your Christmas Story: Public Display of Christmas Memorabilia Do you have an item that holds a special place in your heart and reminds you of Christmases past? We are looking for photos and stories about your objects for a unique public display during December. Email a photo and story to ouririshheritage@gmail.com by Friday 15th November and yours could be chosen for the display! For more information including our Terms and Conditions visit www.ouririshheritage.org	Adults
Fri 4th 11am-1pm	Drop-in Activity	Knitting Circle: Christmas Socks and Stockings Why not take up the challenge of knitting a pair of woolly socks or a Christmas stocking for the hearth? Join the Museum knitters to make your winter woollies. Bring along your knitting or crochet. Beginners welcome.	Adults and children 7yrs+
Sat 12th 11am-5pm	Open Day	Mayo Genealogy Group 'Gathering' Day 2013 Join the Mayo Genealogy Group and celebrate finding out about your past. A full day of events, talks, tours, workshops and much more in the Museum and later in Turlough village from 5-8pm. Check out www.mayogenealogy.blogspot.com for a full list of the day's events. No booking required.	Adults
Fri 18th 11am-1pm	Drop-in Activity	Knitting Circle: Christmas Socks and Stockings Why not take up the challenge of knitting a pair of woolly socks or a Christmas stocking for the hearth? Join the Museum knitters to make your winter woollies. Bring along your knitting or crochet. Beginners welcome.	Adults and children 7yrs+
Thu 24th 3-4pm	Talk	The Conservation of Mesolithic Fish Traps Join Museum conservator Dr. Karena Morton to find out about the conservation processes involved in the preservation of Mesolithic fish traps made from finely constructed basketry. The traps were discovered in a bog at Clowanstown, Co. Meath. Check out object No.1 www.100objects.ie Booking required.	Adults and children 14yrs+



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Sun 27th 2.30-4pm	Workshop	Tales From The Bog How does the bog preserve objects from long ago? How is modern forensic science used to uncover our buried past? Join Brid Colhoun from Ballycroy National Park to learn more. Discover bog finds in the Hair Hurling Balls exhibition. Booking required.	Adults and children 7yrs+
Tue 29th 11am-12noon	Junior Activity	Kidz Museum: Trick or Treat, Make a Beat! An exciting interactive music workshop creating haunting words and raucous rhythms with French Hornist Mary Curran including percussion and chime bar playing for the very young. Booking required.	Children under 6yrs accompanied by an adult
Tue 29th 12.30-1.30pm	Workshop	Kidz Museum: Trick or Treat, Make a Beat! An exciting interactive music workshop creating haunting words and raucous rhythms with French Hornist Mary Curran including percussion and chime bar playing for all ages, young, old and the living dead. Lots of fun for all! Booking required.	Adults and children 7yrs+
Wed 30th 2-4pm	Drop-in Activity	Kidz Museum: Family Hallowe'en Activities Make your house 'spooktacular' with your own homemade ghoulish decorations with Aoife Oooow'Tooole. No booking required, first come, first served.	Family

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Thu 7th 2.30-3.30pm	Demonstration	A Long Thatching Tradition Join father and son John and Paul Brereton Co. Kildare, as they demonstrate their thatching skills and talk about how their craft has been passed down through the generations. No booking required.	Family



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Sat 9th 11.30am-1pm	Drop-in Activity	Mayo Genealogy Group If you have an interest in finding out about your family history come along for free practical tips with the Mayo Genealogy Group. New researchers welcome.	Adults
Wed 13th 2.30-3.30pm	Demonstration	Science Week: Buttermaking Join Olga Clancy and Violet Hunter as they demonstrate the traditional way of making butter and hear about some of the customs associated with this traditional household skill. Booking required.	Family
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Sat 16th 3pm	Tour	Hair Hurling Balls: Untangling the Mysteries Tour this exhibition to find out how this rare collection came about, discover its providence and the science that sheds light on these historic bog finds, with folklife curator Clodagh Doyle. Booking required.	Adults and children 14yrs+
Sat 16th 4pm	Talk	An Illustrated History of Hurling Hurling is an ancient game of myth and legend which today is a 21st century commercialised sport. UCD Lecturer Dr. Paul Rouse will trace hurling history and examine why it is played uniquely by the Irish. Booking required.	Adults and children 14yrs+
Sun 17th 3-4pm	Talk	The Last Irish Wolf As an iconic symbol of the wild, the wolf invokes fear, excitement and wonder. Join Dr. Kieran Hickey author of 'Wolves in Ireland' to find out about Ireland's last great predator. Booking required.	Adults and children 7yrs+
Sat 23rd 3-4pm	Talk	An Introduction to the NIAH Survey of County Mayo As part of the survey of Ireland's post 1700 built heritage, the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage has just published its results for Co. Mayo. Willie Cummings will present and discuss the findings. No booking required.	Adults
Fri 29th 3pm	Tour	Documentation Discoveries Tour behind the scenes, see and hear about some of the exciting and puzzling discoveries uncovered in the Museum's collection. Booking required.	Adults and children 14yrs+



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Sat 30th 1-3pm	Demonstration	Spinning the Traditional Way Join Bettina from the Connacht Textile Crafters as she demonstrates the technique of 'using the long draw' on the spinning wheel and spindle. No booking required.	Adults and children 7yrs+
Sat 30th 10.30am-4.30pm	Conference	Maigh Eo agus an Ghealtacht: Bás nó Fás Mar chuid de Bhliain na Gaeilge, tá Músaem Shaol na Tuaithe mar aon le Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo ag eagrú comhdhála ar staid leochaileach na Gaeilge i gceantair Ghaeltachta Mhaigh Eo. Cíorfá ról na pleanála teanga agus gníomhaíochtaí eile. Áirithint: teagmháil le smcphilib@museum.ie Tel: 094-9031762	Adults

December

Sun 1st to Tue 31st 10am-5pm	Various	Your Museum Christmas Celebrate the festive season with a range of family activities and events during the month of December. See listings below for more details.	Family
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Sun 1st to Tue 31st 10am-5pm	Temporary Exhibition	Christmas: Then and Now Visit level D to see a variety of Christmassy artefacts from the Reserve Collection and for the first time ever - a display of Christmas memorabilia belonging to our visitors.	Family
Tue 3rd to Tue 31st 10am-5pm	Drop-in Activity	The 'Christmas Greetings' Tree Help decorate our special tree with a personalised festive greeting to family and friends. Design a label, write your message and post it in the box. All messages will be displayed on the 'Christmas Greetings' Tree designed by the Mayo Artsquad.	All ages
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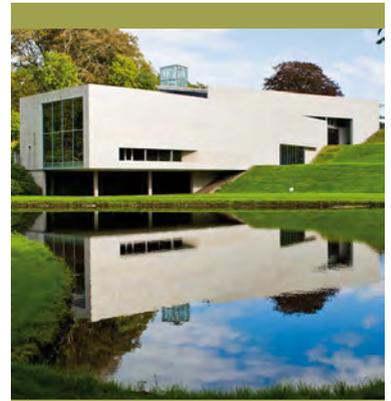
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Sat 7th 2-4pm	Various	Christmas Family Day 2-4pm: Meet Santa and his Elves. Tickets available at reception from 11am at €3 per child. First come, first served. Bring your Santa ticket to the Museum Café and get a free tea/coffee for adults and free hot chocolate/carton of juice for children. Courtesy of Brambles. 2.30-3.30pm: Festive tunes from the Museum's talented Music Circle and uileann pipist Diarmaid Moynihan. 2-4pm: Drop in and create your own magical 3-D star decoration with Tom and Aoife. All Day: Design a label and write a special message to family and friends to decorate our 'Christmas Greetings' Tree and check out the Christmas exhibition on Level D.	All ages
Sat 14th 2-4pm	Drop-in Activity	Christmas Textile Decorations Join members of the Connacht Textile Crafters to make your own textile decorations for Christmas. No booking required. First come, first served.	Family 7yrs+
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Wed 18th 2-3pm	Performance	'The Master's Play' with Killocraun NS Step back in time to an Irish classroom, where you will meet the imposing 'Máistir' and hard of hearing parish priest! A visit from the 'Cigire' who listens to the compliant pupils sing some old Irish songs and recite some 'dánta' ensures that the Máistir will receive his pay packet the following month from the Department! No booking required.	All ages
Wed 18th 3-4pm	Performance	Christmas Carols with Foxford NS Get in the Christmas spirit put on that Santa hat and join the Foxford National School Band for our annual christmas carols sing-along. No booking required.	All ages

General Information

- 1** **Archaeology**
Kildare Street, Dublin 2
- 2** **Natural History**
Merrion Street, Dublin 2
- 3** **Decorative Arts & History**
Collins Barracks, Dublin 7
- 4** **Country Life**
Turlough Park, Castlebar, Co Mayo

Opening Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm
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Public tour daily at Turlough Park.
Tours and workshops can be pre-booked by groups via the Bookings Office.

Booking office hours

Tue-Fri: 10am-1pm

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Shop available at Collins Barracks, Kildare Street, Merrion Street and Turlough Park.

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How to get there

Collins Barracks

Luas Red Line - Museum Stop
Buses - 90 (Aston Quay), 25, 25A, 66, 67 (Pearse Street and Westmoreland Street)
Free Car Parking available

Kildare Street

Nearest Luas - Green Line - St Stephen's Green
Buses - 7, 7A, 8 (O'Connell Street), 10, 11, 13 (O'Connell Street)
Nearest Dart station - Pearse Street

Merrion Street

Buses - 7, 7A, 8 (O'Connell Street)

Turlough Park

By Car - Turlough Park is 8km East of Castlebar on the N5 - Free Car Parking
By Bus - The nearest bus station is in Castlebar. Tel: 096 71800
By Train - The nearest train station is in Castlebar. Tel: 094 90 21222

Access

Collins Barracks - Fully wheelchair accessible

Kildare Street - Ground floor exhibitions, shop, café and toilets are wheelchair accessible

Merrion Street - Ground floor exhibitions and toilet are wheelchair accessible

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