



What's on

Decorative Arts & History

Collins Barracks

National Museum of Ireland Primary Schools Programme

2016-2017



Services and resources
all curriculum-linked
tailored to your learning needs

Visit us all year
round at our four
Museums



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What can your students explore at Collins Barracks?

At Collins Barracks, students can explore the national collections of objects relating to Ireland's social, political, military and art history. The Barracks and surroundings, including the 'Croppies Acre' and Arbour Hill cemetery, are important landmarks in Irish history, from 1798 to Independence in 1922 and right up to the present day. Our programme for schools includes guided tours of the exhibition 'Proclaiming a Republic: The 1916 Rising' and a workshop where students explore original and replica objects. Immerse your students in art, craft and design, drama, english, folklore, geography, history, music, religion, science, and much more.

"The guide brought history alive for our students by actively promoting student discussion"



*Irish Rebellion - May 1916
The wreck they made of Church Street, Dublin*

Make the **most** of your Museum visit

Plan your visit in 5 easy steps

- 1 Check [here](#) for the full schools programme.**
Or go to the At a Glance Table of Resources and Services. Our activities and resources meet a range of key curriculum links at Primary level.
- 2 Select your preferred dates and times.**
Book at least two weeks in advance. Book early and you're more likely to get the dates and times you want.
- 3 Submit your online booking request or contact the [Bookings Office](#).**
Once your booking is processed, we'll send a Booking Confirmation.
- 4 Get prepared.**
Get the most from the Museum with a little pre-visit preparation – and plan some follow-up project work back in school.
- 5 Come on time! Have fun, learn and be *inspired*!**



Contact us

Email [Dublin Bookings Office](#)

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Check the Explore and Learn pages for new learning resources and programmes.

The following exhibitions have a strong link to the Primary SESE History curriculum – and other subjects, including Visual Art, English and SPHE.

Soldiers and Chiefs

traces Ireland's military history from 1550 to the present day, including key events such as the 1798 rebellion, the Irish in the American Civil War, World War One, the Easter Rising and the War of Independence. The exhibition explores the daily life of the soldier, the changing technology of warfare and why soldiers join up – and investigates life for women and families during times of conflict. These themes are further investigated in activity books for schools – see the [resources](#) section

Proclaiming a Republic: The 1916 Rising

a new exhibition marking the centenary, examines the events of Easter Week in detail through key documents and artefacts relating to the Rising, such as the Proclamation of the Republic, Pearse's bulletins issued from the GPO and his surrender order. The exhibition provides the historic context for the Rising and examines the events through the eyes of civilians as well as those of the leaders, and explores the aftermath of the Rising, its impact and legacy.

Recovered Voices; the Stories of the Irish at War, 1914-15

explores what happened to the almost 70,000 Irishmen in the British Army during the first years of World War One, by focusing on the stories of 21 Irishmen and women. The exhibition illustrates the human impact of the war on their lives, through original objects and interactive material.

Curator's Choice and Out of Storage

look at why and how objects from Ireland and across the world can be important to us as a nation, as individuals and as historians. The resource pack '[What's in the Museum?](#)' focuses on these exhibitions and links in with SESE History skills and strands. Please see [page 6](#) for more information about the resource pack.

Irish Silver and The Way We Wore: 250 Years of Irish Clothing and Jewellery

together provide a 'way in' to understanding Ireland's social and economic history through silver and clothing. In addition, they offer a resource linking in with a wide range of curricula, including Art and Design, Geography, English and Drama.

Barracks Life Room

is an interactive gallery allowing students to imagine life as a soldier living in the Barracks in the 19th and 20th centuries, through reconstruction areas and hands-on experiences. Groups can try on uniforms, practise rifle drill, explore the reconstructed beds laid out for kit inspection and use our interactive computers.



Resources for teachers

Our Education Department offers a wide range of dedicated curriculum-linked resources for teachers.

Meet a Museum educator

Make an appointment to talk to a member of the education team in person or on the phone, who can help you prepare for your visit by providing expert knowledge and resources on the Museum's exhibitions, and advice on pre- and post-visit activities. [Email us](#) to make an appointment to meet or talk with one of the Education team.

Learning Resource Room

Make the most of your visit by booking the Learning Resource Room for your class before or after your visit to the exhibitions. The room can be used for follow-on activities – drawing, writing or discussion – and can accommodate up to 30.

"The guide really kept the student engaged - thank you!"

Teachers' resource pack: 'What's in the Museum?'

The 'What's in the Museum?' resource pack is for Primary teachers who would like to bring their students on a self-directed visit to the Museum. The pack contains background information on the Museum, as well as practical advice on bringing your group around the Museum, factsheets on 10 objects, curriculum links, a glossary and suggestions for post-visit activities.

View or download a copy of the pack [here](#).



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For up-to-date information on our new resources for Primary Schools, including the online resource "1916 Object Stories", check the Explore & Learn pages of our website or contact the [Bookings Office](#).



General Activity Sheets

These activity sheets are aimed at 2nd – 6th class (8 – 12 year olds). Copies of the sheets are available from the [Bookings Office](#), view or download them online [here](#).

- My Favourite Object
- My Favourite Object in the Soldiers and Chiefs Exhibition

Tá na Leabhair Gníomhaíochtaí seo go léir ar fáil i nGaeilge.



Soldiers and Chiefs Activity Books for Schools

This is a comprehensive resource for Primary teachers and students aimed at a range of ages and abilities. The 12 books explore in depth some of the themes in the exhibition and link with key areas of the Primary history curriculum.

View or download them and the accompanying Guidelines for Teachers online [here](#).

The Activity Books can be ordered free of charge for your class by contacting the [Bookings Office](#).

IT'S YOUR MUSEUM - HAVE FUN, LEARN AND BE INSPIRED!

Workshops and Tours

Our Education Department offers a wide range of dedicated curriculum-linked resources for teachers.

Workshops and Tours – See [page 9](#)

All workshops and tours are:

- Designed to take groups of 30; larger groups are split into two, each led by a Museum educator.
- Approximately one hour in duration
- Geared towards the requirements of the SESE curriculum and the Visual Arts curriculum. Other subjects supported are English, Irish, Drama and SPHE. Information for teachers on each tour and workshop is available to download from the

Explore and Learn - Decorative Arts and History pages at www.museum.ie

“Without exception, the students said they plan a return visit with their families.”

Special Projects at the Museum

As well as providing Primary Schools with tours, workshops and learning resources, the Museum’s Education & Outreach Department work with schools on longer term cross-curricular projects. For further information contact the [Bookings Office](#).



Facilities

Access

The Museum is fully wheelchair-accessible. Access includes:

- Wheelchairs on advance request
- Lifts to all floors
- Disabled toilets
- Large print graphics in book form available for the exhibitions *Soldiers and Chiefs* and *The Way We Wore: 250 Years of Irish Clothing and Jewellery*.
- All the information panels in the Barracks Life Room are available in audio, Braille and large print versions.

Lunchroom

Our lunchroom is available for school groups of up to 30 students. Groups wishing to book the lunchroom must request use of the facility when booking their visit. The Museum restaurant (Brambles Café) can also cater for school groups.

Cloakroom

There are limited cloakroom facilities. Groups are advised to bring as little baggage as possible into the Museum; if arriving by private bus, bags and coats should be left on the bus.

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Museum Shop

The shop stocks a range of books on Irish history and the decorative arts as well as publications relating to the other National Museum sites. There are also small and inexpensive items suitable for children.



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At a Glance table of Resources and Services



Title	Description	Classes	Curriculum Links	When Available	
Teachers' Resource pack: What's in the Museum?	This pack is a handy guide on how to use the Museum with a class: it includes factsheets on 10 objects, ideas for discussion, a glossary and post-visit activities. Contact the Bookings Office to request a copy before you visit.	3rd–6th class	SESE History English SPHE	All terms	Tuesday–Friday Recommended duration: 1 hour
Activity Books For exploring the Soldiers and Chiefs Galleries	The Soldiers & Chiefs activity booklets 1-4 explore themes in the exhibition. They cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th- and 17th-century Ireland • Revolution and change in America, France and Ireland • Life in the 18th and 19th centuries • World War I and II. Check out the activity books on our website to find the ones to suit your class.	4th–6th class	SESE: History and Geography English SPHE Art	All terms	Tuesday–Friday Recommended duration: 1 hour

"Our students benefitted greatly from the high quality educational resources provided to schools at Collins Barracks"



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Title	Description	Classes	Curriculum Links	When Available
History Workshop: “If Things Could Talk...” /Exploring Museums	Students are encouraged to think and work as historians and curators, through hands-on, object-based learning.	3rd–6th class	SESE History English SPHE	Tuesdays 10–11am 12–1pm Contact the Booking Office for up-to-date information on tours and workshops.


“This workshop really gets to the heart of what you do...”
“the workshop helps them to see history as being about people and people’s lives”

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Title	Description	Class Level	Curriculum Links	When Available
Exhibition Tour: Proclaiming a Republic	Students get a general introduction to the key political, social and cultural events which led to the Rising, the events of Easter Week in Dublin and its aftermath, through exploring a range of original artefacts, from the 1916 Proclamation of the Irish Republic to the Irish Republican Flag. There is a focus on the stories of ordinary people caught up in the Rising especially children and young people.	4th–6th class	SESE History Visual Art English	Tuesday-Friday Contact the Booking Office for up-to-date information on tours.
1916 Re-enactment 	This is an opportunity to see and handle the material culture of the Easter Rising 1916, with Dave Swift of living history reenactment group 'Claoímh'. Replica uniforms and equipment of the Irish Volunteers, Cumann na mBan and the Irish Citizen Army will be presented alongside artefacts relating to the British Army and the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC). Daily life items like ceramics, glassware, leather goods and coinage will also be included to give a rounded view of early 20th century Ireland.	5th and 6th class	History Politics, conflict and society: 1916 and the foundation of the state Working as an historian Life, society, work and culture in the past	20th and 21st October 10–11am 11.30–12.30pm 1pm–2pm

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Title	Description	Class Level	Curriculum Links	When Available
History Workshop: Be a Fashion Detective!	Students explore themes such as a comparison of “rich and poor”, changes over time from manufacturing in 19th century Ireland to the global mass production of today, and how our clothes communicate messages about who we are. Students get hands on experience of fabric and fibre, how materials are made and the raw fibre that is used in the process of weaving fabric.	5th–6th class	SESE History Visual Art	Tuesdays 10–11am 12–1pm Contact the Booking Office for up-to-date information on tours and workshops.
Gallery Games	Students are encouraged to explore objects through a game, learning about how objects can be described, analysed and categorised.	3rd–6th class	SESE History Visual Art English	From January 2017 Contact the Booking Office for up-to-date information on workshop.

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Workshops and Tours

Contact the Booking Office for up-to-date information on tours and workshops.

All workshops and tours are:

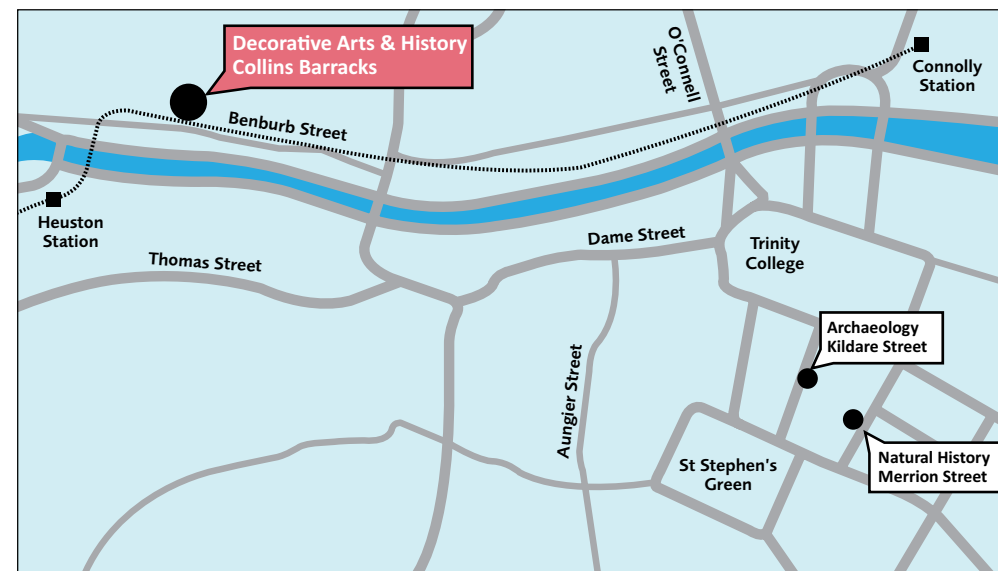
- Designed to take groups of 30; larger groups are split into two, each led by a Museum member of staff.
- Between 40 minutes and one hour in duration.
- Geared towards the requirements of the SESE curriculum (including the core subjects of History, Geography and Science) and the Visual Arts curriculum. Other subjects supported are English, Irish, Drama and SPHE.

Information for teachers on each tour and workshop is available to download from the Explore and Learn - Decorative Arts and History pages at www.museum.ie



"It was great that the guide included local history relevant to pupils so they could make connections."

Location



How do I get there?

On foot (approximately):
 30 minutes from O'Connell Street
 45 minutes from Grafton Street
 5 minutes from Smithfield,
 Heuston Station or Phoenix Park
 Public Transport:
 Bus: 90 (Aston Quay); 25, 25A, 66,
 67 (Wellington Quay),
 145 (Victoria Quay)
 Luas: Red line Luas (tram) – alight
 at 'Museum' stop

What parking facilities are available?

Paid parking for
 coaches and cars.

Contact us:

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[Email us.](#)

Weekends and Mid-terms at Collins Barracks

The National Museum is a great
 day out for you, your friends
 and your family. Collins Barracks
 offers a regular, all-year-round
 programme of events – including
 Gallery Talks, Public Tours and
 Family Tours - and all free of
 charge! For more information
 please contact our Information
 and [Bookings Office](#) or check
 online at www.museum.ie

How many students can I bring?

Please check the At a Glance table of Resources and Services on [page 8](#) or with the [Bookings Office](#) for information on group sizes. Larger classes are split into smaller groups for guided tours or workshops.

Maximum student numbers per activity:

Infant classes: 10 max

Primary 1st - 6th class: 15 max

Children with special needs: 10 max plus carers.

Supervision

Please note that groups must have adult supervision. If your group does not have adequate supervision the booked activity cannot take place. Adults must remain with their group at all times and are responsible for the students' behaviour. Read the Museum's Code of Conduct for groups [here](#).

Child Protection Policy

You can view our [Child Protection Policy](#) on the Museum website. This policy includes the [Image Safe Handbook](#), the Museum's guidelines on the taking, storage and management of photographic images of children.

Photography

You can take photographs to record your visit. However, flash photography or video recording is not permitted. Please adhere to our Image Safe Handbook for guidelines on the taking of images of children.

How long can a visit last?

We recommend that you allow at least 1.5 - 2 hours for a visit.



Why we ask you not to touch

Please advise your group not to touch the exhibits to avoid damage to the collection.

The Museum has a selection of objects that can be handled. Check the At a Glance table of Resources and Services [page 8](#) or with the [Bookings Office](#) for information about our handling collection and workshops that use objects for handling.

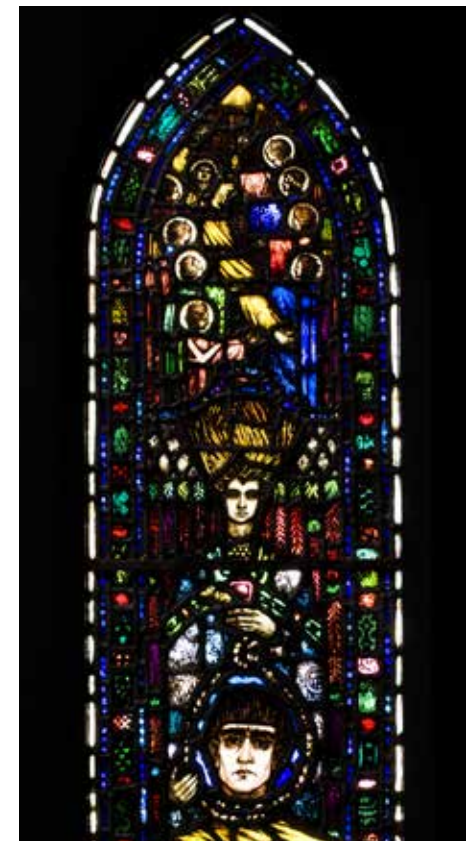
Lunchroom

Go to the [Facilities](#) section to find out about lunchrooms and other on-site facilities at Collins Barracks.

Opening Hours

Tuesday to Saturday
from 10.00am to 5.00pm
Sunday 2.00pm to 5.00pm

**The National Museum of Ireland
is closed on Mondays.**



Advance Booking

All visits must be booked through the Bookings Office at least two weeks in advance. Groups who do not book their visits through the Bookings Office may not have full access to the Museum.

Booking Confirmation

A booking confirmation form will be issued to you by email or post. Present this form to reception on arrival.

Late arrivals

Your group must arrive in good time. We cannot guarantee a full tour or activity if you are more than 15 minutes late. Please notify the Bookings Office if you are running late on the day. If you wish to cancel a booking or change group numbers, please notify the [Bookings Office](#) as soon as possible. Cancellation notice of 48 hours is required otherwise you will be charged €40 per tour/workshop.

What is the difference between a facilitated visit and a self-directed visit?

Self-directed visits can be a more flexible option allowing you to create your own Museum experience. The Museum has a range of resources available to use during your visit. These are listed within the **Learning Resources** section for each Museum site. Learning sessions led by Museum educators focus on a particular theme in the Museum exhibitions. All activities are linked to the curriculum.



Bhí lá iontach acu! An turas scoile is fearr ariamh!

What is available in Irish?

Tá bileoga oibre, roinnt litríocht agus rogha turais le treoraí ar fáil trí Ghaeilge do pháistí san Ard-Mhúsaem. Glaoigh ar an Oifig Teagmhála chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoi na seirbhísí seo.

Activity sheets, educational literature and selected tours are available through Irish. Please contact the [Bookings Office](#) for more information about these services.



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Visit our other National Museum sites:



ARCHAEOLOGY
Kildare Street, Dublin 2



COUNTRY LIFE
Turlough Park, Castlebar, Co. Mayo



NATURAL HISTORY
Merrion Street, Dublin 2

Programme images:

Museum artefacts and schools' events

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Let us know what you think!

We would love to hear your feedback or receive your students' responses to their Museum visit.

Please [email us](#) your drawings or letters, or post them to us at:

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