

September to
December
2019

Events Guide



Galway Docks, c. 1870s. Courtesy of Chetham's Library, Manchester



➤ Look out for our object labels designed by kids from St. Patrick's Primary School



MÚSAEM CATHRACH NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY CITY MUSEUM

Saturday 7 September, 12pm to 12.45pm & 3pm to 3.45pm

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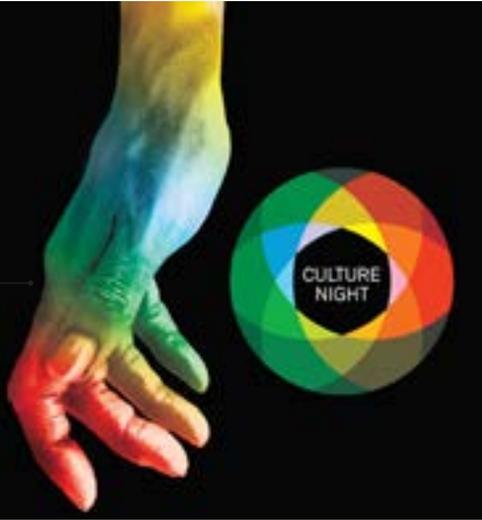
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Suitable for age 15+



CULTURE NIGHT 2019

Friday 20 September, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

LECTURES: County Galway's Sporting History

A dozen researchers present short and snappy illustrated talks on the theme of the sporting history of Co. Galway. This Culture Night event is curated and presented by Dr. John Cunningham and Dr. Sarah-Anne Buckley of the History Department at NUI, Galway. Galway City Museum will remain open to the public until 8pm.

Suitable for adults (no booking required)

Saturday 21 September, 12pm to 12.45pm & 3pm to 3.45pm

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Saturday 28 September, 2.30pm to 4pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK: Traditional Healing Plants & Remedies

Herbal medicine was important in Gaelic Ireland and it was believed that there were 365 parts to the body with a different plant to cure each part. Join Marina Levitina, nature educator, artist, and author, as she discusses some of the trees, shrubs and wildflowers commonly found in our bogs, meadows and hedgerows that were used as traditional cures and remedies.

Suitable for adults



The curative dandelion. Courtesy of Marina Levitina

Culture Night 2019

October



Albert Power, c. 1935. Courtesy of Mrs Phyllis Power

Saturday 5 October, 2.30pm to 3.30pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK: Albert Power & his Galway Works

Albert Power (1881-1945) was unusual in that he was both a fine art sculptor and a stone-carver. Join Dr. Síghle Bhreatnach-Lynch, former curator of Irish art at the National Gallery of Ireland and author of *Expressions of Nationhood in Bronze and Stone: Albert G. Power RHA* (2019), as she discusses Power and his Galway works, including his famous statue of Pádraic Ó Conaire that resides in the museum.

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Saturday 12 October, 12pm to 12.45pm & 3pm to 3.45pm

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National Harp Day. Courtesy of the NLI

Saturday 19 October, 10.30am to 12pm

DISPLAY: Galway's Harp-Makers

The harp is Ireland's national instrument. To celebrate National Harp Day/Lá na Cruite, drop in and see a display of ancient and modern Irish harps made in Co. Galway by harp-makers Callan Harps, Eriu Harps and Paul Dooley.

Suitable for all ages (no booking required)

Saturday 19 October, 11am to 12pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK & RECITAL: The Manuscripts of Patrick O'Neill

Join Kathleen Loughnane as she discusses the manuscripts of music collector Patrick O'Neill (1765-1832), which give an insight into the eclectic range of popular music in south Tipperary/Kilkenny in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Suitable for age 12+

Saturday 19 October, 12pm to 1pm

PERFORMANCE: Harp Student Concert

Harp students of all ages and levels take to the stage to demonstrate Ireland's unique harping heritage.

Suitable for all ages (no booking required)

Saturday 19 October, 3pm to 4.30pm

PERFORMANCE: A Celebration of Irish Harping

In association with Cruit Éireann, the Galway harping community celebrate Ireland's national instrument with a concert including Paul Dooley, Kathleen Loughnane, Úna Ní Fhlannagáin, Floriane Blancke and more!

Suitable for all ages (no booking required)

Friday 25 October, 1pm to 2pm

LUNCHTIME LECTURE: Settlements of Later Medieval Practitioners of the Gaelic Arts

The Gaelic arts, practiced by learned men, included poetry, historical lore, genealogy, law, medicine and music. Join Prof. Liz FitzPatrick, NUIG as she discusses the landholdings, residences and schools of some of the practitioners of the Gaelic arts in Co. Galway. Afterwards, visit the *Keepers of the Gael* exhibition.

Suitable for age 12+

Saturday 26 October, 11am to 12.30pm

WORKSHOP: Native Irish Wildflowers & Trees

Join nature educator Marina Levitina to explore and learn about Ireland's wild native plants through a variety of artistic media in a fun, exciting and innovative way. The workshop includes storytelling, drawing, music and other fun activities that help foster creativity and imagination, while teaching children about Ireland's biodiversity.

Suitable for ages 7 to 12

November

Friday 1 November, 12pm to 12.45pm

GUIDED TOUR: Bring your own Questions!

Does the Claddagh really have its own King? Who built the Spanish Arch? How did you get a Galway Hooker into the museum? Is that a skull or an ostrich egg? How heavy is the Great Mace? If you're planning to visit over midterm, why not join our special guided tour for families to learn about the museum and its collections.

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ILLUSTRATED TALK: The Tragic Death of Eileen Quinn

On 1 November 1920, Crown Forces shot dead Eileen Quinn. She was heavily pregnant and sitting on the front wall of her house with her three young children near Coole Park, Co. Galway. Join documentary-maker, and Eileen's grand-niece, Orla Higgins as she discusses the shocking and tragic events. Orla's radio documentary about Eileen, *Reprisals*, is available online on the RTÉ Radio Documentary on One website.

Suitable for age 15+



Eileen Quinn. Courtesy of Orla Higgins

Saturday 9 November, 10.15am to 4.45pm

WORKSHOP: Introduction to Genealogy

The Irish Family History Centre presents a one-day introductory course to genealogy with historian and genealogist Declan Brady. Participants will get a greater insight into their family history and will learn how to connect to the past using various sources and techniques.

The workshop will be divided into four sessions: research methods and census records, civil registration and church records, land records and wills, and military and institutional records.

Fee: €75. Bookings via Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/ifhc-galway-course>

Suitable for adults



Saturday 16 November, 11am to 11.45am & 12pm to 12.45pm

WORKSHOP: Rocket Power with Toodlelou

What gives a rocket its incredible power? Can a rocket be powered by just one person? How high can a DIY rocket soar? Join science educator Lindsay Deely of Toodlelou to explore the answers to these questions in this hands-on STEAM workshop for children and parents. In conjunction with the Galway Science and Technology Festival.

Suitable for ages 5 to 10 (with parents/guardians)

Saturday 23 November, 11am to 11.30am, 11.45am to 12.15pm & 12.30pm to 1pm

WORKSHOP: Mission to Mars – Operation Green Fingers

NASA is currently looking into the possibility of humans living in space. You are an astrobiologist who has been given the job of creating new crops to grow on other planets. By learning about conditions on Mars, and life adaptations to extreme environments, you will design plants that can live outside of Earth! In conjunction with Cell Explorers and the Galway Science and Technology Festival.

Suitable for ages 8 to 14 (parents/guardians to accompany younger participants)



Saturday 30 November, 2.30pm to 4pm

ILLUSTRATED TALK: The Early Irish Harp

Join harp maker Natalie Surina and historian Maura Ó Cróinín as they discuss the history, construction, stringing and music of the early Irish harp, and compare it to its European counterparts. Afterwards, visit the *Keepers of the Gael* exhibition, which explores Gaelic society and culture through the lens of the learned families who served Gaelic chiefs and English lords in Ireland between 1200 and 1600 AD.

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Intro to Genealogy. Courtesy of IFHC

Mission to Mars. Courtesy of Muriel Grenon

Trinity Harp. Courtesy of Natalie Surina

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PERFORMANCE: Making Home

Making Home is an improvisational performance event that evolved through Creation-as-Research with Bernadette Divilly during 2019. The focus is the body, housing, home and homelessness. The participants included long-term residents in Ireland and new communities. Audience engagement will be embedded in the structure.

Suitable for adults

Saturday 21 December, 1.30pm to 4.30pm

WORKSHOP: Winter Solstice Movement Workshop

Join Bernadette Divilly, choreographer and dance movement psychotherapist for a movement workshop that combines contemplative dance practice with awareness of the relationship with home. This is an opportunity to create and learn together. Supported by Galway Dance Project in partnership with Galway City Museum.

Suitable for adults



Exhibitions

Facing Change

An exhibition featuring portraits taken by renowned Irish music photographer Ruth Medjber of 10 inspiring people who have been supported to overcome personal challenges related to mental health, disability, homelessness and dementia and to have more control over their own lives.



Keepers of the Gael

An exploration of Gaelic culture and society through the learned families of historians, lawyers, physicians, poets and musicians who served Gaelic chiefs and English lords in Ireland between 1200 and 1600 AD. As hereditary keepers of the arts, these learned families framed the outlook of Gaelic peoples.

Recent Donations

Wedding Dress of Annie Woods

Wedding dress and accessories belonging to Annie Woods of Salthill, who married Cork native Benjamin Shorten in the Wesleyan Church, Galway on 5 June 1900.

Donated by her grand-daughter, the collection includes a silk wedding dress and matching evening top, together with shoes, stockings, gloves and lace shawl.

Born in Galway City in 1867, Annie died prematurely in Dublin in 1922 after a bout of influenza.

You can now view our collections online at www.galwaycitymuseum.ie



For further details visit www.galwaycitymuseum.ie



Photo by Kelvin Gilmore

How to Book:

For further information or to make a booking please contact Galway City Museum on (091) 532460.

Please note the following:

- Events are **FREE** of charge unless otherwise stated and all materials are supplied.
- Events **must** be booked in **advance** (except where stated).
- Places are **limited** so book **early** to avoid disappointment.
- Please ensure you arrive in **advance** of the start time, otherwise your place may be reallocated.
- If you have booked and are unable to attend please contact the museum as soon as possible so that your place may be reallocated.

Contact:

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Email: museum@galwaycity.ie

Website: www.galwaycitymuseum.ie



Mailing List:

If you wish to join our mailing list please contact the museum on (091) 532460 or email: museum@galwaycity.ie

Opening Hours:

Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm

Sunday (summer only), 12pm to 5pm

Admission Free.

Children's Activities:

Activity sheets for children in English and Irish - *My Favourite Object / An Rud Is Fearr Liom* - are available from Reception. A variety of other activity and colouring sheets are also available.