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WELCOME

It is both a great pleasure and honour to welcome you to The Liberties Festival. This community gathering has been happening in the beating heart of city since the early 1970s. Since assuming the role of Director in early May, I have become acquainted with this special tapestry of history, institutions and, most importantly, people or characters who make and define The Liberties as such a vibrant hub.



My ambition this year is to try and cement stalwart events such as the Blue Rinse Ball and the legendary Gardaí vs Traders match as well as bringing back some cherished ones such as Bingo in St Catherine's Church. We launch the festival with a special 15th anniversary screening of The Liberties, a documentary which created a series of intimate vignettes of characters in the area. We will reflect with some of the participants on the night and remember those no longer with us.

Another specific focus is on enriching the lives of teenagers in the areas too who often find themselves at a loose end over the summer months. With thanks to the likes of Fighting Words and Foróige, there will be workshops for them to undertake as well as a pop-up library in the gorgeous surrounds of St Catherine's Park. Photography is a great passion of mine and I am delighted to have Pablo Marin Garcia photograph the stallholders of the Liberty Market. Also, we welcome Eimear Lynch to create a special 'Girls Night' pop-up for local teenagers where they will be styled and have their portraits taken.

Another highlight will be Liberties X - Community Got Talent, a show at the Jesus statue on Reginald and Gray Street. Whether it is samba dancers, emerging youth bands, local Ukrainian singing groups or the St James Street Brass Band - they will all be there to entertain you.

I hope you find something to enjoy and welcome feedback as I aim to evolve and develop this great community staple in the coming years. Many thanks to the team here at SICCCA/Robert Emmet, all our partners and supporters and everyone who has met for a chat and assisted with input on this programme. This is the beginning.

- Michael McDermott, Festival Director





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THE LIBERTIES

A SERIES OF SHORT FILMS BY TOM BURKE & SHANE HOGAN



FESTIVAL LAUNCH: THE LIBERTIES (15TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING)

MONDAY
JULY
22ND

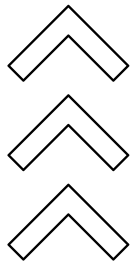
7PM - 10PM | TAILOR'S HALL, DUBLIN 8

ADVANCE BOOKING RECOMMENDED
FREE (SUGGESTED DONATION, €10)

First screened in 2009, The Liberties is a series of portraits of legendary characters associated with the area from Oscar winning actress Brenda Fricker to Paul and Declan Larkin who ran a butcher chop on Meath Street for 60 years up until 2015, from tailor Eugene Fagan to the original trolley dollies and Phyllis Kavanagh, the flower seller on Meath Street, who sadly passed away earlier this year. This is a warm, affection and humorous portrayal of the community by Shane Hogan and Tom Burke.

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Monday 22nd July



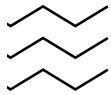
CULTURE

PEARSE LYONS HISTORY TOURS

10:30AM & 12:30PM
121 - 122 JAMES'S STREET

Discover the rich distillery heritage of Dublin's Liberties, while exploring the restoration journey of St. James' Church to the now, award winning Pearse Lyons Distillery.

FREE EVENT



WELLNESS

SUNRISE YOGA AT THE GRAVITY BAR

7:30AM - 8:15AM
GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

Rachel Maher has been teaching yoga for the past two years. She loves helping her students to explore their own sense of mental and physical self-awareness through nurturing practices, focused on building strength and self-trust. Come to join this class to practice yoga under a beautiful sunrise in the amazing surrounds of the Gravity Bar. @yogalerachel
Proudly supported by Diageo Ireland

Please Note:

Participants need to bring their own mat and water

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - TICKET PRICE: €5

Proceeds will support the Bee8 Inner City Beekeeping initiative.



FIGHTING WORDS

11AM - 1PM
ROBERT EMMET CDP,
3 USHER STREET

Story writing mentors from Fighting Words will work with teenagers across three mornings helping them to write an original story together, and see it being typed up on the Fighting Words screen. Once they have decided on the characters and plot they will write part of the story together, helped by Fighting Words tutors, editing as they go. They will have time to write their own individual endings to the story.

FREE EVENT | ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL AS LIMITED PLACES

12 - 17 YEAR OLDS

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WALKING TOUR

IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS

6PM - 7PM
STARTING FROM DUBLIN CITY GATES, COOK ST

In Our Shoes Walking Tours invites you to discover The Liberties, Dublin; a Village in the City Centre where you will learn and see the city through this one of a kind taster walking tour, given by local guides. www.inourshoeswalkingtours.ie

FREE EVENT



CLASSIC

TONY O' ROURKE MEMORIAL GARDA VS TRADERS FOOTBALL MATCH

7PM - 9PM
OLIVER BOND HOUSE FOOTBALL PITCH

There's El Clásico and the Old Firm Derby and then there's the the true classic - Kevin Street Gardai vs the Street Traders. Watch the finest tog out, slide tackle and score for the Tony O'Rourke Memorial Cup. The ladies start at 7pm and the lads go at it at 8pm.

FREE EVENT

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Tuesday 23rd July



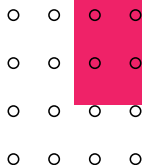
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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

IN THE MOMENT: ART & MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

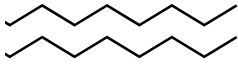
WELLNESS



11AM - 12:30PM
IRISH MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (IMMA)

You are invited to experience art and mindfulness at IMMA, through a series of themed sessions. Take time for yourself, slowing down to look closely, connect with the senses and create, in a relaxed atmosphere. Free and no previous experience of art or mindfulness needed, all welcome. This workshop is offered as part of IMMA Horizons Lifelong Creativity for the Curious.

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HISTORY TALK

NELLIE'S FLAT

12PM & 3PM
3B THE IVEAGH TRUST,
PATRICK STREET

Nellie Molloy, who passed away at the age of 95, resided at the Trust for 87 years. She was the youngest of six children and spent 27 dedicated years as a weaver with the Greenmount Linen Co. in Harold's Cross. However, Nellie made the selfless decision to leave her job to care for her ailing mother. In the 1940s, she even turned down a marriage proposal from a disappointed suitor from Kilkenny due to her commitment to her mother.

Please note: you will need to climb one flight of stairs to get to the flat.

€10 CASH DONATION

ENVIRONMENTAL

BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

11AM - 12:30PM
10/11 EARL STREET SOUTH

Gain a unique insight into urban beekeeping with an engaging and informative talk led by tutors from Robert Emmet CDP's Bee8 project. This workshop will delve into the fascinating world of bees, covering their biology, behaviour, and essential role in our ecosystem.

FREE EVENT



EXHIBITION

CARDBOARD CITIES

1PM – 3PM (LAUNCH)

WINDOWS ACROSS THE LIBERTIES
& NCAD

Cardboard Cities is an exhibition by local children which captures their perspectives on the world around them, and challenges ideas around who has the right to design the city. The work takes the form of cardboard structures, located behind various windows across the Liberties, including the Harry Clarke Window Gallery at NCAD. Emerging from a play-based project, the children were invited to create and explore their own worlds. Cardboard Cities is a collaboration between artist and NCAD student Steph Saidha (as part of the MA Art and Social Action) and two local afterschool programmes at Robert Emmet CDP and SICCCA Warrenmount.



CULTURE TEEN

CITY INSTINCTS

3PM – 5PM

FOROIGE, UNIT 2B
CHRISTCHURCH HALL

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HISTORY TALK

A TALK AND TOUR OF WARRENMOUNT HOUSE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

11AM – 1PM

WARRENMOUNT ADULT EDUCATION
CENTRE

This building was home to Nathaniel Warren who became High Sheriff of Dublin 1773-1774 and later Lord Mayor 1782-1783. He named his residence “Warrenmount”.
Join the tour to find out more!

FREE EVENT



SPOKEN WORD & POETRY

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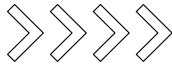
6PM – 7:30PM

KEVIN'S STREET LIBRARY

An evening of poetry and spoken word performed by three Dublin women. Anna Doran (current reigning champion of the All-Ireland Poetry Slam), Jan Brierton (mam, fashion stylist and poet) and Martina Keegan (a mother and poet whose roots in The Liberties bleed into her work with vibrant energy) are contemporary voices of the city and modern life. Taking place in Kevin Street library expect strong language, big feelings and carefully and caringly sculpted poetry. All welcome.



FREE EVENT



WALKING TOUR

**IN OUR SHOES
WALKING TOURS**

6PM – 7PM

**STARTING FROM DUBLIN
CITY GATES, COOK ST**

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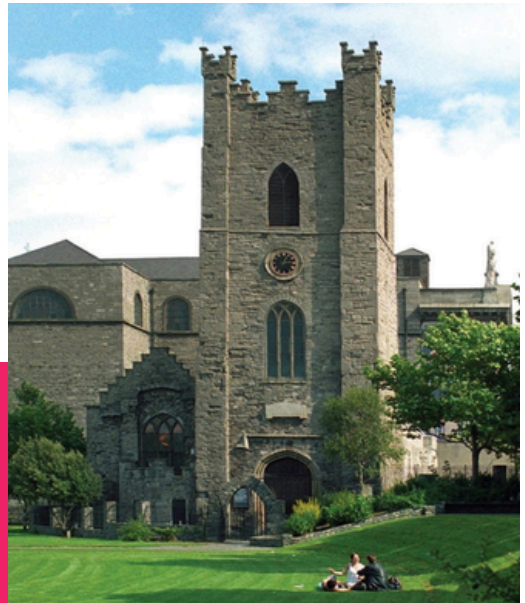
FREE EVENT

MUSIC

MUSIC IN ST AUDEON'S

6PM – 9:30PM

ST AUDEON'S CHURCH



Music in St Audeon's promises a unique auditory experience, blending the timeless allure of sacred and historical music. Three esteemed organists will take turns performing Erik Satie's "Vexations" for three hours, a mesmerizing piece known for its repetitive (840 times) and contemplative structure, creating an introspective soundscape within the church's resonant acoustics. This performance (6.30pm-9.30pm) will be rendered on the church's historic 1885 pipe organ by Forster and Andrews of Hull, which was restored by Irish organ builder Trevor Crowe in 2004. Complementing the indoor performance, the churchyard will host engaging 30-minute outdoor sessions (7pm-8.30pm) featuring accomplished musicians playing pieces from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque eras. This event offers a rare fusion of Satie's modernist reflections and the rich, historical textures of early music, making it a must-attend for classical and contemporary music enthusiasts alike.

FREE EVENT



CULTURE

PAINT BY THE PINTS

7PM – 9PM
OPEN GATE BREWERY,
JAMES'S STREET

Join us at the newly renovated Guinness Open Gate Brewery at St. James's Gate in the heart of the Liberties for an exciting Paint by the Pints event! Perfect for beginners, the evening will feature painting iconic local landmarks and businesses of the Dublin 8 area. Expect to see some familiar faces and enjoy the chance to win prizes by the end of the night. All ticket sales will go towards "In Our Shoes Walking Tours," a Dublin 8-based social enterprise. Don't miss out on this creative and charitable night out! Proudly supported by Diageo Ireland.

€10 DONATION

Proceeds go towards In Our Shoes Walking Tours



HISTORY

HISTORIAN IN RESIDENCE: CATHY SCULIFF & ANGELA TOBIN

7:30PM – 9PM
ARTHUR'S PUB, THOMAS STREET (UPSTAIRS)

DCC Historian in resident Cathy Sculliff presents her talk 'Down by the River Poddle' while local historian Angela Tobin looks at the life and times of Robert Emmet.

FREE EVENT



MUSIC

TRAD NIGHT WITH THE LIFFEY TONES

9PM – 11PM
LIBERTY BELLE

A night of trad and ballads courtesy of The Liffey Tones with Áine Nally (tin whistle), Ian Kelly (banjo, bodhrán, guitar, vocals) Shay McGovern (button accordion) and Tom O'Connor (bodhrán). Ian Kelly – banjo, bodhrán, guitar and vocals.


FREE EVENT

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Wednesday 24th July

CULTURE

PEARSE LYONS HISTORY TOURS

- 12:30PM
- 121 - 122 JAMES'S STREET
- See Page 6 for more information
- **FREE EVENT**



WELLNESS

SUNRISE YOGA AT THE GRAVITY BAR

7:30AM - 8:15AM
GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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STREET

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CULTURE

LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY

1:30PM - 4:30PM
ST CATHERINE'S PARK

Fancy picking up something to read in the beautiful surrounds of St. Catherine's park during the Liberties Festival? The Library in the Community team from Dublin City Libraries will be in the park with a pop-up library. They'll have a selection of books for all ages and free fun family activities like storytimes, giant Connect 4 and colouring competitions.

FREE EVENT



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3PM – 5PM

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FREE EVENT

IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS

2PM – 3PM

STARTING FROM DUBLIN CITY GATES, COOK ST

In Our Shoes Walking Tours invites you to discover The Liberties, Dublin; a Village in the City Centre. See page 7 for more information.

FREE EVENT

HISTORY TALK

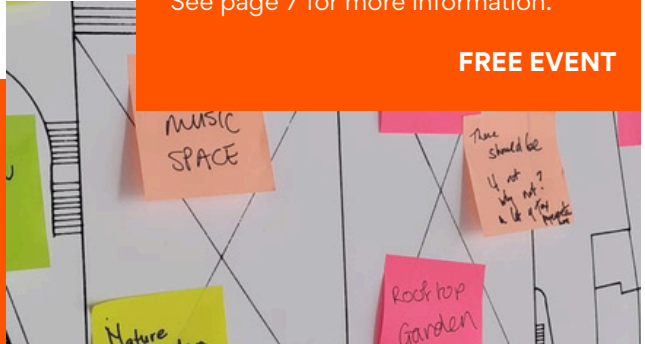
LATIN IN THE LIBERTIES

7:30PM

BOOKS AT ONE MEATH STREET

In this informal talk Dr Charlie Kerrigan from Trinity College will explore some Latin inscriptions from ancient Rome – and a few from the Liberties too – meeting some famous and not-so-famous people along the way.

FREE EVENT



EXHIBITION/WORKSHOP/TALK

OUT OF THE BOX: AN EXHIBITION INSPIRED BY THE SICCCA ARCHIVE

5PM – 8PM

WITH EVENING TALK/WORKSHOP AT 7PM
ID8 STUDIO, DIGITAL HUB

NCADs Masters degree in Arts and Social Action students project, "Out of the Box," delves into the rich history and culture of the Liberties in Dublin 8 through the lens of the SICCCA archive. Divided into three groups, each team responded uniquely to elements that resonated with them from the archive. We're thrilled to re-stage our exhibition for the Liberties Festival in July. Join us for a collage workshop and lively discussions aimed at engaging both past and present citizens in conversations about issues that continue to shape our society. Come explore the intersection of history, memory, and community through our innovative and thought-provoking works.

FREE EVENT



RELAX & DRAW

6:30PM – 8PM
FLUX STUDIOS, THE DIGITAL HUB

Let your creativity flow in a peaceful and welcoming environment. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting out, this event is perfect for anyone looking to unwind. You will learn three techniques to soothe the mind - Zentangles, Neurological and Bilateral drawing.

FREE EVENT



LIBERTIES FUN RUN

7:45PM – 9:45PM

St James's Hospital Foundation will celebrate the 16th annual Liberties Fun Run in aid of St James's Hospital. This unique 4-mile timed road race takes participants through the heart of old Dublin and attracts in excess of 1500 participants. Starting & finishing in the beautiful grounds of the Irish Royal Hospital Kilmainham, the route takes in some of the most famous sites throughout the Liberties including St James's Gate, Francis Street, The Coombe and Fatima.

€45 (FREE WITH MINIMUM FUNDRAISING TARGET OF €200). REDUCED ENTRY FEE OF €37.50 FOR FESTIVAL FRIENDS. CODE: LFR20243

EXHIBITION

CARDBOARD CITIES

WINDOWS ACROSS THE LIBERTIES & NCAD

See page 10 for more information.



CLASSIC

LIBERTIES QUIZ

7:30PM – LATE
TOM KENNEDY'S, THOMAS STREET

Test your smarts at the annual Liberties Quiz with quizmaster Damien McElligot. Followed by karaoke.

FREE EVENT

Thursday 25th July



ENVIRONMENTAL

BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

11AM – 12:30PM
10/11 EARL STREET SOUTH

See page 9 for more information.

FREE EVENT

CULTURE

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12:30PM
121 – 122 JAMES'S STREET

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FREE EVENT



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3PM – 5PM
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City Instincts is a taster for young people (12-17). See page 16 for more information.

FREE EVENT

GUIDED TOUR

BELL-RINGING EXPERIENCE

2PM – 3PM
CHRIST CHURCH CATHERDRAL

Join some of the Christ Church bell-ringing team in the cathedral belfry to see how the famous bells are rung and have a go at ringing them yourself.

FREE EVENT | 12+

WALKING TOUR

IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS

2PM – 3PM
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FREE EVENT





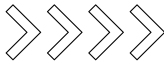
EXHIBITION

SIOBHÁN MCGIBBON— NETFLIX AND DISINTEGRATE INTO NOTHING AND EVERYTHING

12PM – 6PM
PALLAS PROJECTS/STUDIOS,
115-117 THE COOMBE

Part of their Artist-Initiated Projects programme, Visual Artist, Researcher and World-builder Dr. Siobhán McGibbon’s work merges sculpture, animation, drawing, text, permaculture and participatory installations. This exhibition transports viewers into the world of Xenophon, where they will encounter the Xenothorpians, a fluid species that commune and mutate with living and non-living entities to adapt to the Anthropocene.

FREE EVENT



CLASSIC

BLUE RINSE BALL

7PM – 10PM
GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

The stalwart event of the festival. It's time for the senior citizens to get glammed up for a night to remember. Proudly supported by Diageo Ireland

€10

Please note: These tickets are distributed to senior citizens in the area, please contact the festival in advance if interested. Wait list will come into effect upon capacity).



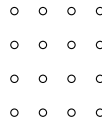
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Full details on website.

FREE EVENT



EXHIBITION OPENING

MELAINE BONAJO - WHEN THE BODY SAYS YES

6PM – 8PM
IMMA

When the body says Yes is an immersive video installation by melanie bonajo (they/them), a queer non-binary Dutch artist, filmmaker, sexological bodyworker, and somatic sex coach and educator. This immersive installation is presented in IMMA’s stunning Baroque Chapel. Artist workshops on Saturday July 27th (CONSENTSHIP, 10am, Collective Body Spells 2pm).

FREE EVENT



THE LIBERTIES FESTIVAL PRESENTS

THE BLUE RINSE BALL 2024

Design: Gabriela Joyce

Kindly supported by Diageo

**GUINNESS
STOREHOUSE**
Thursday July 25,
7pm - 10pm



Entertainment by
The Liberty Belles
Raffle Prizes €10
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Grania

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A selection of images by photographer Pablo Marin Garcia of stallholders in the Liberty Market.

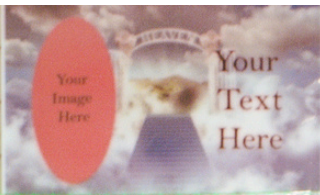
The Market celebrated its 50th birthday last year and this series evolved from an original commission by the festival director for *Totally Dublin*.

A launch of the exhibition will take place on Friday 26th July at 1PM at The Liberty Market, Meath Street

Supported by Goosebump

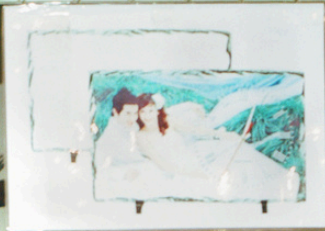
LIBERTY MARKET

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Keyrings, Jigsaw.



IRISH PHILOSOPHY
There are only two things to worry about
either you are well or you are sick.
If you are well,
then there is nothing to worry about.
If you are sick,
there are two things to worry about.
Either you will get well or you will die.
If you get well,
there is nothing to worry about.
If you die,
there are two things to worry about.
Either you will go to heaven or hell.
If you go to heaven,
there is nothing to worry about.
But if you go to hell,
you'll be in a good position to worry about
the people who are still alive.



ET EXHIBITION

Friday 26th July



CULTURE

FAMILY WORKSHOP AS GAEILGE

11AM – 2PM
IMMA

Design an outdoor artwork for IMMA with artist facilitators: Maggie Madden and Stephen Taylor. Le linn na ceardlainne teaghlaigh seo, breathnóidh muid go grinn ar roinnt de na saothair agus déanfar plé ar scála, ábhair, marthanacht agus ar na coincheapa atá i gceist leis na saothair. Beidh deis ag rannpháirtithe saothar ealaíne samhailteach don taobh amuigh a dhearadh do IMMA agus míonsamhail beag a dhéanamh dá smaoineamh ealaíne. Tá fáilte roimh gach leibhéal líofachta sa Gaeilge, seo bealach spráúil chun úsáid a bhaint as do chúpla focal!

**FREE |
BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY

11AM – 3PM
ST CATHERINE'S PARK

The Library in the Community team from Dublin City Libraries will be in the park with a pop-up library. See page 15 for more information

FREE EVENT

HISTORY TALK

NELLIE'S FLAT 12PM

3B THE IVEAGH TRUST
PATRICK STREET

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PEARSE LYONS HISTORY TOURS

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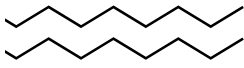
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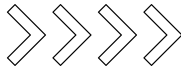
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WELLNESS

SAUNA IN THE CITY

**4PM – 6PM
THE MINDFUL YARD SAUNA,
CROSTICK ALLEY (BESIDE LIBERTY
MARKET)**

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FREE EVENT

WALKING TOUR

**IN OUR SHOES
WALKING TOURS**

**2PM – 3PM
STARTING FROM DUBLIN
CITY GATES, COOK ST**

In Our Shoes Walking Tours invites you to discover a Village in the City Centre. See page 7 for more information.

FREE EVENT

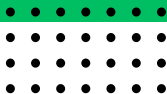
**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION
LAUNCH**

LIBERTY MARKET

**1PM – 1:30PM
LIBERTY MARKET
MEATH STREET.**

Official launch of a series of portraits of stall-holders in the Liberty Market by photographer Pablo Marin Garcia. The legendary market celebrated 50 years in 2023.

FREE EVENT



GUIDED WALKING TOUR

BELL-RINGING EXPERIENCE

5PM – 6PM

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Join some of the Christ Church bell-ringing team in the cathedral belfry to see how the famous bells are rung and have a go at ringing them yourself.

FREE EVENT | 12+



EXHIBITION

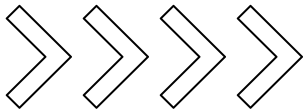
FUNNY GIRL

4PM

LUCKY'S, MEATH STREET

Rosie O'Mahony is a visual artist originally from Northern Ireland. Her work is primarily centred around figurative art. She merges painting, printmaking and photography to create visually and emotionally resonant pieces. Photography serves as her primary source material, capturing moments that inspire her creative process, aiming for a maximalist aesthetic that captivates the viewer. Michael Hennessy DJ set from 8pm & Gash Collective residents on Saturday from 8pm

FREE EVENT



POP-UP PHOTO SHOOT

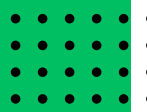
GIRLS NIGHT

2PM – 6PM

THE GLAMOUR PIT,
MEATH STREET



Photographer Eimear Lynch whose recent photobook *Girls Night* saw her travel around Ireland photographing teen discos and capturing the anticipation of girls as they prepare for them will be in the Liberties to shoot local teens and help style them as they prepare for their night out.



FREE EVENT

SUMMER AT IMMA

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST 2024

IMMA's vibrant summer programme welcomes you to enjoy free activities and events in the beautiful surroundings of the Royal Hospital Kilmainham in Dublin 8.

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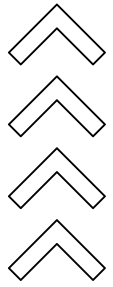
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DUBLIN

Saturday 27th July



ENVIRONMENTAL

TAPLIN'S FIELDS

11AM - 2PM

TAPLIN'S FIELDS, BRIDGEFOOT PARK

Taplin's fields is an open experiment in communal gardening. They organise towards building sustainability and biodiversity, with members reviewing projects each month and working together on weekends. Taplin's Fields will be hosting tours where you can explore the garden, meet community members, and see how you can get involved!

FREE EVENT



FAMILY CULTURE

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL EVENT

10AM & 12AM (INTERNAL KIDS TOUR),
2PM (BEHIND THE SCENES EXTERNAL TOUR)

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Discover the weird and wonderful history of Saint Patrick's Cathedral in these light, family-friendly tour. Step back in time as you explore the Cathedral's most colourful characters, spot hidden creatures, and maybe even hear a ghost story or two! Designed to ignite curiosity in minds both young and old, this interactive tour is sure to delight all ages.

FREE EVENT



GUIDED TOUR

ARCHITREK WALKING TOUR

11AM - 12PM

TBC

Join architect Stephen Mulhall for a guided family walking tour of the Liberties and Dublin 8 organised in partnership with the Irish Architecture Foundation. You will discover some of the amazing buildings and spaces in the area, using IAF's Architrek, a specially designed activity pack full of observation games, sketching and quizzes. This is a walking tour taking place outdoors, so make sure to use comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Please Note:

This walking tour is ideal for young people and families with children aged 7-12. Parents / guardians must attend with their children.

FREE EVENT

SIOBHÁN MCGIBBON— NETFLIX AND DISINTEGRATE INTO NOTHING AND EVERYTHING

12PM – 6PM

PALLAS PROJECTS/STUDIOS,
115-117 THE COOMBE

Visual Artist, Researcher and World-builder
Dr. Siobhán McGibbon's work merges
sculpture, animation, drawing, text,
permaculture and participatory installations.
See page 19 for more information.

FREE EVENT

BELL-RINGING EXPERIENCE

12PM – 1PM

2PM – 3PM

CHRIST CHURCH CATHERDRAL

Join some of the Christ Church bell-
ringing team in the cathedral belfry to
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OPEN DAY

JIU JITSU

TIME TBC

67 - 70 MEATH STREET

Jungle BJJ is a jiu-jitsu and
wrestling club based on Meath
Street, where dozens of local
kids and adults training this
amazing martial art that
promotes fitness, coordination,
discipline and community on
top of developing vital self
defence skills. Some of the club
members, both kids and adults,
will be performing a live
demonstration of the Brazilian
Jiu-Jitsu skills during the
festival!

FREE EVENT



LIVE PERFORMANCE

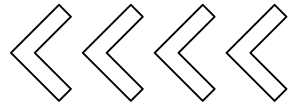
MARIA HASSABI 'WHITE OUT'

12PM – 1PM

IMMA

As part of the Take a Breath exhibition,
contemporary artist and choreographer Maria
Hassabi will stage a series of performances in the
East Wing. Hassabi's performance piece White
Out (2023) reflects on the concepts of time and
the human figure, with the breath being the
ultimate movement emphasising the passage of
time as a pinnacle of human experience.

FREE EVENT



WALKING TOUR

LIBERTIES WEAVERS

**11AM
OUTSIDE HYATT CENTRIC**

The Liberties Weavers created a guided walk around the area to discover places, people and textiles that have shaped Ireland's textile history. Marja Almqvist - textile artists, weaver and initial mind behind The Liberties Weavers - will conduct this amazing experience where the participants rediscover The Liberties as the centre of textile production for over 1000 years, an aspect of our heritage that is often overlooked.

**FREE | LIMITED PLACES SO ADVANCE BOOKING RECOMMENDED.
INCLUDES ENTRY TO ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.**



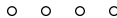
CULTURE

PEARSE LYONS HISTORY TOURS

**12:30PM
121 - 122 JAMES'S STREET**

Discover the rich distillery heritage of Dublin's Liberties, while exploring the restoration journey of St. James' Church to the now, award winning Pearse Lyons Distillery.

FREE EVENT



EXHIBITION

CARDBOARD CITIES

WINDOWS ACROSS THE LIBERTIES

See page 10 for more information.



WALKING TOUR

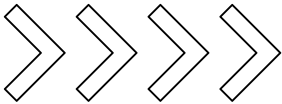
IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS

2PM – 3PM

STARTING FROM DUBLIN
CITY GATES, COOK ST

In Our Shoes Walking Tours invites you to discover The Liberties, Dublin; a Village in the City Centre where you will learn and see the city through this one of a kind taster walking tour, given by local guides. www.inourshoeswalkingtours.ie

FREE EVENT



COMMUNITY

LIBERTIES X — COMMUNITY GOT TALENT

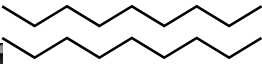
2PM – 6PM

THE JESUS STATUE ON GRAY &
REGINALD STREET

The community showcases its talent around the iconic Jesus (yes, Jesus not Mary) statue. Budding local musicians, the Masamba Samba collective, the Queen Bees, St James Street Brass Band and some additional surprises on the day. MC: Anita (Gogglebox)

FREE EVENT





WELLNESS

SAUNA IN THE CITY

3PM - 5PM
THE MINDFUL YARD SAUNA

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FREE EVENT

FAMILY

BRIDGEFOOT STREET PARK FAMILY DAY

2PM - 6PM
BRIDGEFOOT STREET PARK

Come together for a fantastic Family Day at Bridgefoot Street Park. Enjoy performances, workshops and more - expecting some additional surprises on the day. Join us for a celebration of local talent and community spirit!

FREE EVENT



CLASSIC

CHURCH BINGO

4PM - 6PM
ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH,
THOMAS STREET

Church bingo returns to St. Catherine's with even more excitement! Get ready for a lively evening of fun and games. Eyes down for a full house!

Proudly supported by HSSCU: Credit Union

FREE EVENT

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

LIBERTY MARKET

LIBERTY MARKET
MEATH STREET

A selection of images by photographer Pablo Marin Garcia of stallholders in the Liberty Market. See page 22 for more information.

FREE EVENT



THE LIBERTY BELLE

Traditional Irish family-run pub in the heart of The Liberties



OPENING HOURS:

10.30am-11pm Mon-Thurs. 10.30am-12.30am Fri & Sat. 12.30pm-11pm Sunday.

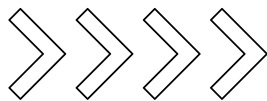
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Sunday 28th July



ENVIRONMENTAL

TAPLIN'S FIELDS

11AM - 2PM
TAPLIN'S FIELDS,
BRIDGEFOOT PARK

See page 28 for more information.

FREE EVENT

FOOD CULTURE

SKATE & FORAGE

11AM - 1PM

STARTING POINT - PEAR TREE AT
THE DIGITAL HUB

Sam Arnold is passionate about bringing the world of foraging into the lives of young people who are not necessarily exposed to the concept or to vast expanses of nature. In Skate + Forage he aims to merge one familiar activity with an estranged one, and in so doing, realising the connection between. Just as the skateboarder reimagines harsh concrete architecture into playful flow, the urban forager sees the bounty in neglected 'waste land'. Sam has designed a mapped trail in various parts of Dublin City at a skating distance, to forage various wild plants, berries and seeds.

FREE EVENT



MARKET

WE LOVE MARKETS

11AM - 5PM
THE DIGITAL HUB

Now in its third year on the amazing grounds of The Digital Hub Complex on Thomas Street, We Love Markets takes place on the last Sunday of each month and is regarded as one of the top things to do around Dublin. It is a proud market community filled with the finest local traders, collectors and food producers. Stop by for a browse, haggle for a bargain and soak up the unique atmosphere of the historical Liberties.

FREE EVENT

WALKING TOUR

IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS

2PM - 3PM

STARTING FROM DUBLIN
CITY GATES, COOK ST

See page 7 for more information.

SAUNA IN THE CITY

3PM – 5PM

THE MINDFUL YARD SAUNA,
CROSTICK ALLEY (BESIDE
LIBERTY MARKET)

See page 25 for more information.

FREE EVENT

OUT OF THE BOX: AN EXHIBITION INSPIRED BY THE SICCA ARCHIVE

2PM – 6PM

WITH TALK/WORKSHOP AT 3.30PM
ID8 STUDIO, DIGITAL HUB

See page 19 for more information.

FREE EVENT



FAMILY

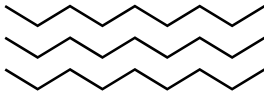
ST AUDEON'S FAMILY FUN DAY

2PM – 6PM

ST AUDEON'S PARK

The traditional family fun day returns to St Audeon's with magicians, face painters, a cyanotype workshops, party bears and much more besides.

Proudly supported by Staycity Aparthotels.



FOOD CULTURE

THE STORY OF HOSPITALITY

2:30PM

NCAD - IN THE FIELDS

What is hospitality and why does it matter? This performance is a celebration of the gorgeous system we have invented for welcoming strangers. We will delve into the origins of this poetic practice, the risks involved, the philosophy behind it, the strict rules, the honour attached to it, the folklore that surrounds it. This is an invitation to see hospitality, not as an industry, but as a gut instinct that we humans have for generosity and coexistence. Story of Hospitality is written by Jennie Moran/Luncheonette and animated by dance artist Aoibhinn O'Dea Followed by Hospitality Charm Making workshop and Potluck Picnic* Bring along some bits for a shared picnic - bread, crackers, cheese, dips, treats, plus your cutlery and plates. This site is outdoors so dress for the weather. We have been kindly allowed access to this ecologically experimental environment and so in keeping with the theme of the event, we must be good guests and leave absolutely no trace.



FREE EVENT | SUGGESTED DONATION €10

MONDAY

07:30

Sunrise Yoga at the Gravity Bar | Guinness Storehouse

10:30

Pearse Lyons History Tours | 121 - 122 James's Street

11:00

Fighting Words | Robert Emmet CDP

12:30

Pearse Lyons History Tours | 121 - 122 James's Street

19:00

Tony O' Rourke Memorial Garda vs Traders Football Match

19:00

Festival Launch: The Liberties Screening | Tailor's Hall

TUESDAY

07:30

Sunrise Yoga at the Gravity Bar | Guinness Storehouse

10:30

Pearse Lyons History Tours | 121 - 122 James's Street

11:00

Fighting Words | Robert Emmet CDP

11:00

In the Moment: Art & Mindfulness Workshop | IMMA

11:00

Beekeeping for Beginners | 10/11 Earl Street South

11:00

A Tour of Warrenmount House | Warrenmount Education Centre

12:00

Nellie's Flat | 3B The Iveagh Trust, Patrick Street

12:30

Pearse Lyons History Tours | 121 - 122 James's Street

13:00

Cardboard Cities Launch | Windows across the Liberties and NCAD

15:00

City Instincts | Foroige, Unit 2b Christchurch Hall

18:00

Music at St Audeon's | St Audeon's Church

18:00

In Our Shoes Walking Tours | Starting from Dublin City Gates

18:00

Says She | Kevin's Street Library

19:00

Paint by the Pints | Open Gate Brewery, James's Street

19:30

Local History: Cathy Sculiff & Angela Tobin | Arthur's Pub

21:00

Trad Night with The Liffey Tones | Liberty Belle

WEDNESDAY

07:30

Sunrise Yoga at the Gravity Bar | Guinness Storehouse

11:00

Fighting Words | Robert Emmet CDP

12:00

Nellie's Flat | 3B The Iveagh Trust, Patrick Street

12:30

Pearse Lyons History Tours | 121 - 122 James's Street

13:30

Library in the Community | St Catherine's Park

ANYTIME

Cardboard Cities | Windows across the Liberties

14:00

In Our Shoes Walking Tours | Starting from Dublin City Gates

15:00

City Instincts | Foroige, Unit 2b Christchurch Hall

17:00

Out of the Box Exhibition | iD8 Studio, Digital Hub

18:30

Relax & Draw | Flux Studios, The Digital Hub

19:30

Liberties Quiz | Tom Kennedy's, Thomas Street

19:30

Latin in the Liberties | Books at One

19:45

Liberties Fun Run | Starting from Irish Royal Hospital Kilmainham

THURSDAY

11:00

Beekeeping for Beginners | 10/11 Earl Street South

12:30

Pearse Lyons History Tours | 121 - 122 James's Street

12:00

Siobhán McGibbon—Netflix and Disintegrate into Nothing and Everything | Pallas Projects/Studios

14:00

Bell-ringing Experience | Christ Church Cathedral

14:00

In Our Shoes Walking Tours | Starting from Dublin City Gates

15:00

City Instincts | Foroige, Unit 2b Christchurch Hall

17:00

Out of the Box Exhibition | iD8 Studio, Digital Hub

18:00

Melaine Bonajo - When the body says Yes | IMMA

19:00

Blue Rinse Ball | Guinness Storehouse

FRIDAY

11:00

Family Workshop as Gaeilge | IMMA

11:00

Library in the Community | St Catherine's Park

12:00

Nellie's Flat | 3B The Iveagh Trust, Patrick Street

12:00

Siobhán McGibbon—Netflix and Disintegrate into Nothing and Everything | Pallas Projects/Studios

12:30

Pearse Lyons History Tours | 121 - 122 James's Street

13:00

Liberty Market Photography Exhibition Launch | Meath Street

14:00

In Our Shoes Walking Tours | Starting from Dublin City Gates

14:00

Girls Night Pop-up Photo Shoot | The Glamour Pit

16:00

Funny Girl | Lucky's, Meath Street

16:00

Sauna in the City | The Mindful Yard Sauna

17:00

Bell-ringing Experience | Christ Church Cathedral

SATURDAY

10:00

St Patrick's Cathedral Event | St Patrick's Cathedral

11:00

Taplin's Fields | Bridgefoot Park

11:00

Liberties Weavers Walking Tour | Starting from Hyatt Centric

12:00

Architrek Walking Tour

12:00

Siobhán McGibbon—Netflix and Disintegrate into Nothing and Everything | Pallas Projects/Studios

12:00

Bell-ringing Experience | Christ Church Cathedral

12:00

Maria Hassabi 'White Out' | IMMA

TBC

Ju-Jitsu | 67 - 70 meath street

12:30

Pearse Lyons History Tours | 121 - 122 James's Street

12:00

In Our Shoes Walking Tours | Starting from Dublin City Gates

14:00

Bell-ringing Experience | Christ Church Cathedral

14:00

Community Got Talent | The Jesus Statue on Gray Street

14:00

Bridgefoot street Park Family Day | Bridgefoot street Park

15:00

Sauna in the City | The Mindful Yard Sauna

16:00

Church Bingo | St Catherine's Church, Thomas Street

14:00

Community Got Talent | The Jesus Statue on Gray Street

SUNDAY

11:00

Skate & Forage | Starting point - Pear Tree at the Digital Hub

11:00

Taplin's Fields | Bridgefoot Park

11:00

We Love Markets | The Digital Hub

ANYTIME

Cardboard Cities | Windows across the Liberties

14:00

St Audeon's Family Fun Day

14:00

Out of the Box Exhibition | iD8 Studio, Digital Hub

14:00

In Our Shoes Walking Tours | Starting from Dublin City Gates

14:30

The Story of Hospitality | NCAD - In the Fields

15:00

Sauna in the City | The Mindful Yard Sauna

LUCKY'S

**78 MEATH ST
DUBLIN 8**



**COFFEE
FOOD
BEER
COCKTAILS**

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FESTIVAL FAQ's



Can I just turn up to most events?

Yes, most events are free and you can turn up. However, some such as workshops will require advance booking and are age specific. For example, Fighting Words and City Instincts will require teenagers to commit to three days. We suggest you check our website for specifics on events and up to date information.



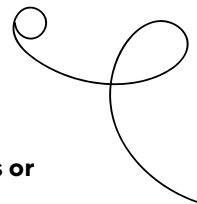
Are all events free?

We strive to make most of our events free. However, we have made a suggested donation for some events. This is for those who can afford to pay and wish to support our programming. A small number of events are also being used to fundraise for community charity initiatives.



Can I volunteer with the festival?

Yes, you can. Please check out our website and fill out the application form before July 11.



Where will I find out information about any event additions or changes?

The best place for information will be on our website - thelibertiesfestival.com or via our Instagram page [@thelibertiesfestival.com](https://www.instagram.com/thelibertiesfestival.com)



What does subject to licence mean?

This means the events will only go ahead once we have approval from relevant authorities.



I have an idea or would like to be part of the 2025 festival? What should I do?

We will be issuing guidelines for proposals and activities which we are interested in exploring in 2025 in the autumn. We are always keen on ideas and projects with connections to The Liberties.



Will there be photography or filming at the festival?

Photography and filming of attendees may take place during the festival. In buying a ticket or attending an event you agree that your image and likeness may be photographed or filmed and used by the Liberties Festival or Diageo Ireland for promotional purposes, advertising, inclusion on websites, social media, or any other purpose.



ENTERTAINMENT AT TOM KENNEDY'S DURING THE LIBERTIES FESTIVAL



joe mccabe

**MON
22ND**

Our Monday Club with resident Entertainer Mr Joe McCabe 8 till

Annual Liberties Festival Quiz night with fun and games along with a sing song with your host Damien McElligot

**WEDS
24TH**



**THURS
25TH**

Live on stage from 8pm, the very talented live band "Level Heads"

8.30pm; The Johnny Hopper show

**FRI
26TH**



joe mccabe

**SAT
27TH**

8.30pm with Joe McCabe

6.00pm - Our resident crooner Mr Michael Kelly will be joined by the powerful voice of Trudy McDermott followed by the Johnny Hopper sing-a-long

**SUN
28TH**



For more information, visit www.tomkennedysbar.ie
65 Thomas St, The Liberties, Dublin 8

THANKS & NEW BEGINNINGS



The Liberties Festival has been facilitated by SICCDA since its inception in the early 1970's and co-delivered by Robert Emmet CDP since 2022.

This year's festival marks a transformative juncture for both organisations who are engaged in a voluntary merger process. This process is set to be realised this summer with the consequent launch of The Liberties Community Project.

The voluntary amalgamation of Robert Emmet CDP and SICCDA is happening in order to deliver enhanced services that can meet the ever evolving needs of the Liberties Area, build capacity in the community to engage in strategic development opportunities (and increase bargaining power via one larger community organisation) as well as celebrating our unique identity and creativity through outputs like The Liberties Festival.

The Liberties Community Project is more than a union; it is a fusion of expertise, experience, and ethos. The commitment and belief of the staff and boards of both organisations has been vital and particular credit is due in this regard to the Chairs, Denis Murphy and Celine Kennedy, for getting this over the line. Special credit is also due to The Liberties Community for engaging in the strategic process related to this process and for continuing to attend and contribute to the various services we deliver. To you, thank you for the good times.

Thank you for your involvement in Liberties Festival this year and I look forward to welcoming you to The Liberties Festival 2025, the first iteration brought to you by 'The Liberties Community Project'. To quote our great festival director Michael McDermott, "this is just the beginning".

- Austin Campbell, CEO, SICCDA/RECDP

Credits

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To reserve or book tickets as well as up to date information about events, please visit our website, keep an eye on social media or drop our director a mail with any queries michael@thelibertiesfestival.com





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