

THE LIBERTIES FESTIVAL 2025



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FESTIVAL DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to The Liberties Festival. I'm delighted to present a programme which I hope reflects the essence of community and allows everyone free and affordable opportunities to connect and explore. One focus of the festival this year is rediscovering the connections and history of the Liberties in new and original ways. Our launch brings together two unique voices who grew up here and reflect on their childhood relationship with the area and the journeys they have travelled since.

Holding Space is an intimate multi-sensory experience in which the scent of the Liberties will be revealed. It has been co-created with over 30 participants who have shared their stories and memories with us to compose a scent dedicated to the Liberties. We are also thrilled to have developed a special Liberties Brew, with the Open Gate Brewery, which you can sample over the summer and raise funds for future programming.

I'm delighted to have Fighting Words (St James's) and Cartoon Saloon (Warrenmount) start workshops with our after schools programme last month and we hope to share what they've conjured up during the festival. Another highlight will be Talking Shop in which we delve into the stories of special local businesses and the world premiere of a newly commissioned work for the organ in St Audoen's. We are also delighted to be using St Catherine's Church on Thomas Street for a number of key events. It is a honour to have a base from which we hope laughter, memories and new connections will flow forth.

Finally, I would like to thank our funders, sponsors, supporters, participants, the newly established Advisory Committee and all at the Liberties Community Project. But, most importantly, the people of the Liberties.

I welcome you all to experience the Festival and its many offerings.

- **Michael McDermott, Festival Director**

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LIBERTIES COMMUNITY PROJECT

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of The Liberties Community Project, to welcome you to this year's Liberties Festival – a celebration of creativity, culture, and community in one of Dublin's most historic and vibrant neighbourhoods.

This festival is more than a series of events; it's a testament to the enduring spirit of the Liberties Community – resilient, welcoming, and proud. It's also a chance for us to celebrate local stories, support local artists and performers, and connect

with one another in joyful and meaningful ways that accords directly with, and adds to, the everyday work of The Liberties Community Project.

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the dedicated team of staff and volunteers at The Liberties Community Project, to our local partners and sponsors- in particular our primary sponsors DCC & Diageo- and most importantly, to the community of The Liberties, whose energy and enthusiasm bring this festival to life year after year. Whether you're a lifelong resident, working in the Liberties or visiting for the first time, we hope you find something in the programme for you.

Enjoy the festival!

- **Denis Murphy | Chairperson**
The Liberties Community Project





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FESTIVAL LAUNCH

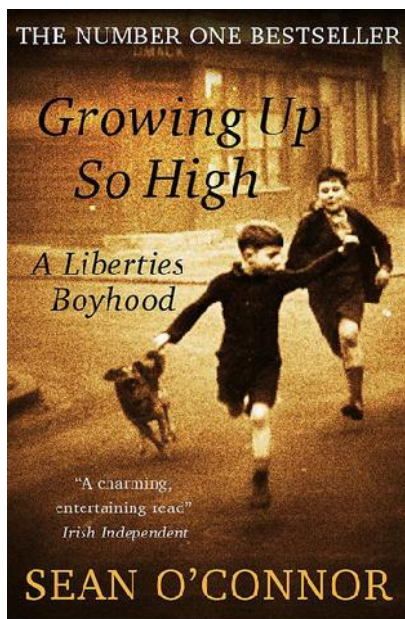
MONDAY JULY 21ST | 7:00PM
FREE EVENT | BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €10

IN CONVERSATION WITH
FESTIVAL DIRECTOR
MICHAEL MCDERMOTT

SHEILA O'FLANAGAN

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, THOMAS STREET

Sheila O'Flanagan is the author of more than 30 contemporary novels and short stories. She worked at the family grocery store in the Iveagh Markets in the Liberties before pursuing a successful career in banking and finance. Her first novel, *Dreaming of a Stranger*, was published in 1997 and was an immediate bestseller. Sheila has also written a historical novel based on the life of her grandmother during the Civil War, two fantasy novels for children and contributed to a number of anthologies. Her latest novel, *The Honeymoon Affair*, is another number one bestseller.



SEÁN O'CONNOR

Seán O'Connor was born in Francis Street, in the Liberties. *Growing Up So High* was a best-selling book in which he recounts the unique and colourful upbringing: the neighbours who lived there, their traditions, talk and lore, the music and poetry of the laneways and markets. O'Connor, father of the novelist Joseph and singer-songwriter Sinéad, tells his story with honesty, warmth and style, and often with wit of the area. This tenderly written testament of one Liberties boy builds into a vivid and heart-warming picture of his own extended family as part of a proud community and its all-but-vanished way of life.



GUINNESS
OPEN GATE
BREWERY

THE LIBERTIES FESTIVAL BATCH BREAD **RED** LIMITED EDITION **NITRO RED ALE**

Designed in collaboration with the local community, the recipe for this limited-edition nitro red ale is a **celebration of the urban brewing and baking heritage of the area.**

Evoking The Liberties' **famous batch-bread** trade and tradition, and using **local honey**, this brew balances **toasted biscuit** and **malt** notes with a **satisfying dried-fruit** finish.

Visit us in Dublin 8
www.guinnessopengate.com

MONDAY 21ST JULY

7:45AM - 8:30AM

FREE EVENT

WELLNESS

SUNRISE YOGA AT THE GRAVITY BAR

GUINNESS STOREHOUSE (GRAVITY BAR)

Rachel Maher has been teaching yoga for the past four years, sharing her love for a vinyasa flow style class with groups in both Trinity College and in the Guinness Storehouse. 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 join this class to practice under a beautiful sunrise in the amazing surrounds of the Gravity Bar. @talamhgospeir

Please Note: Participants need to bring their own mat and water.

BOOKING REQUIRED

SUGGESTED DONATION €10

Proceeds will support the Bee8 Inner City Beekeeping initiative.

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CULTURE

12+ EVENT

10.15AM & 2:00PM

CRYPT 2 CRYPT

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Accompany guide Tom O'Sullivan on a light-hearted tour of some of Christ Church's most interesting and hair-raising stories. The crypt at St Michan's dates from 1686 and offers an amazing insight into Irish history through the people interred there including the Sheares Brothers and the 3rd Earl of Leitrim.

BOOKING REQUIRED | €7



PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR

10.30AM

FREE EVENT

CULTURE

PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY, JAMES'S STREET

Discover the fascinating story of the distillery, uniquely housed in the former St. James's Church —an iconic landmark with roots stretching back to the 12th century. This tour does not include a whiskey tasting.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5



IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS

2:00 - 3:30PM

FREE EVENT

WALKING TOUR

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 walking tour, given by local guides.

www.inourshoeswalkingtours.ie

**BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5**



WORKSHOP

FREE EVENT

6:00PM



CHANGE CLOTHES: RAG RUGS

10-13 THOMAS STREET

Make your own rug from scrap materials.

**BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €7**



SOUNDWALK

FREE EVENT

6:30 - 8:30PM



WALK & WORKSHOP

MEET OUTSIDE ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA, FRANCIS STREET

Join composer and sound artist Gabriela Waklawska for a walk of the Liberties where you will record audio and workshop on it. Your work will be presented as part of the 'Sounds of the Liberties' concert on Friday. Workshop will end at Flux Studios.

**BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5**



YOGA IN THE NAVE

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Join Sophie, a certified 200hr RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher) and member of the cathedral team, for a 45-minute gentle vinyasa flow in the stunning surroundings of the Spiritual Heart of Dublin – Christ Church Cathedral.

Please note: Participants need to bring their own mat and water.

BOOKING REQUIRED | €15

6:45 - 7:30PM

€15

WORKSHOP



TUESDAY 22ND JULY

7:45AM - 8:30AM

FREE EVENT

WELLNESS

SUNRISE PILATES AT THE GRAVITY BAR

GUINNESS STOREHOUSE (GRAVITY BAR)

Rachel Maher has been teaching yoga for the past four years, sharing her love for a vinyasa flow style class with groups in both Trinity College and in the Guinness Storehouse. Rachel has also recently started training as a Pilates teacher and will be offering Pilates classes as part of the Liberties Festival for the first time in the Gravity Bar. @talamhgospair
Please Note: Participants need to bring their own mat and water.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €10

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10:00AM

FREE EVENT

WELLNESS

MIND MOVEMENT AND MINDFULNESS

GUINNESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

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CULTURE

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BOOKING REQUIRED | €7



10.30AM FREE EVENT CULTURE

PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR

PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY, JAMES'S STREET

Discover the fascinating story of the distillery. See page 8 for more information.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5



2:00 - 3:30PM

FREE EVENT

WORKSHOP

BEE8: BEE-KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

WATLING STREET, LEO FREEMAN MEADOW

Discover the fascinating world of bees with our Beekeeping Experience—an unforgettable opportunity to meet the bees, learn how they live and communicate, and gain hands-on insight into the essential role of beekeepers in sustaining our environment.

BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €10



WELLNESS

FREE EVENT

3:00PM

LAUGHTER YOGA

ST CATHERINE'S PARK

This laughter yoga session with Simone Meschnig combines gentle movement, playful exercises, and intentional laughter to lift your mood and energise the body. It's a fun and accessible way to reduce stress, boost wellbeing, and share joy with others. Subject to licence.

What to bring and wear:

A blanket/mat, comfy clothes, water. If the weather doesn't play ball, we will notify you of an alternative indoor location nearby in advance

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5
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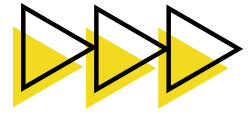


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SPOKEN WORD

FREE EVENT

6:30 - 8:00PM

SAYS SHE

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, THOMAS STREET

Jan Brierton and Martina Keegan return with their poetry and spoken word evening in which they will be inviting community members and attendees to share stories under the theme of, 'Do You Remember the First Time'. Take to the stage or observe from the crowd.

Photo credit: Ferdia Mooney

SUGGESTED DONATION €5



6:30 - 8:30PM

FREE EVENT

CULTURE

HOLDING SPACE

BRIDGEFOOT STREET PARK

Holding Space is a unique and intimate experience, a scent poem for everyone. Step into a special space containing the scent of the Liberties, created this spring through workshops with artist Erin Quinn. Hold hands, connect through touch and sense, and feel embraced by a community. Subject to licence.

BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5



6:30 - 8:30PM

FREE EVENT

CLASSICS

GARDAÍ VS TRADERS

OLIVER BOND HOUSE FOOTBALL PITCH

There's El Clásico, The Old Firm and Merseyside Derbies and then there's the true classic. Watch the finest tog out, slide, tackle and score as they play for the Tony O'Rourke Memorial Cup. Ladies first, lads after and there might even be a kids match.



DOORS 7PM**7:30 - 8:15PM****FREE EVENT****OPEN CALL: THEATRE**

ALL MY FRIENDS ARE IN AUSTRALIA

ARTHUR'S PUB (UPSTAIRS)

In this new interactive play, you are now Trudy's new best friends, whether you like her or not! In the same Dublin and the same job, Trudy's decided to become a completely new person. Meanwhile, her best friend, Gráinne, is on the other side of the world. They're still best friends. They just haven't spoken in a while...With emigration in Ireland on the rise 'All my friends are in Australia' explores how we cope with distance - from what we know and to the people who shaped us. Prepare yourself for this vibrant, oddly personal, and, at times unsettling, hybrid yoga/spin class meets nightclub extravaganza! LEGROOM Collective is an emerging Irish theatre company interested in theatre that sparks connection.

Credits: Co-Creators: Lucy Bruton & Caoimhe O'Farrell, Performers: Éabha Fitzpatrick & Amy Scollard, Lighting: Cillian O'Donnell, Sound: Eli Harris, Set: Laura Pendlebury, Stage Management: Fionnuala Maher, Producer: Olivia Orr, Costume: Elena Mullen, Photography: Helen Fexy.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5

**9:00 - 11:00PM****FREE EVENT****MUSIC**

LIFFEY TONES

LIBERTY BELLE, FRANCIS STREET

For whom the trad tolls, join Áine Nally (whistle), Ian Kelly (banjo, bodhrán, guitar, vocals), Cormac Maloney (box), Shay McGovern (box) & Tom O'Connor (bodhrán) for some classics.





Hay

Peppercorns

Honey

Hops

Rose

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JULY BRIDGEFOOT 22nd – ST. PARK 6.30 – 24th 8pm

- Tickets free of charge and available through the Liberties Festival website.
thelibertiesfestival.com
- Walk-ups welcome, with priority given to ticket holders.
- On the day priority will be given to Bridgefoot Street residents and workshop participants.

Workshop Participants

Local Ladies : Phyllis Fitzgerald, Fiona Green, Linda Conway, Jane Tobin, Angela Tobin, Annette Byrne, Elizabeth Barrett, Angela Brown, Josephine Murray-Golden

Ukrainian Integration Participants :

Dariia Zozulia, Svitlana Deshko, Anhelina Kucheruk, Tatiana Smyrnova, Volodymyr Samagala, Nina Romanova, Tetiana Marchenko, Olena Hencheva, Olha Dunda, Tetyana Usychenko, Nadiia Bakun, Alla Morozova, Iryna Bronistovska

Warrenmount 5th Year students :

Ayeshah Hameed, Bakhti Hameed, Lacey Kavanagh, Lucy Kavanagh, Faye Mahony, Mia O'Connor, Kayden Spooner, Ellie Stevenson

With **Thanks** To

IMMA's Creativity Hub, Claire Campion (NCAD), Sarah Edmondson (Warrenmount Presentation Secondary School), O'Dwyer & Sons Funeral Directors, DCC Parks, Olena Ponomarenko, Hilda Mungereza and Fran Farrell at the Liberties Community Project.

Artist: Erin Quinn
Producer: Michael McDermott
Design: Claire Campion (lead), Kristine Lauron & Erne Rodgers (NCAD)
Workshop Assistants: Bláthnaid Ní Mhurchú, Senan Geraghty, Stephen Behan
Set Design: Caroline Martin
Tapestries : The Liberty Weavers

Holding Space is made possible by a Dublin City Council Neighbourhood Grant Award.

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY

11:00AM & 4:00PM

12+

FREE EVENT

CLASSICS

HISTORIC TOUR WITH DR RUTH KENNY

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Join Ruth Kenny, Head of Learning and Interpretation, for a historical tour of Christ Church. Visit Strongbow's tomb, explore the crypt, meet the famous Cat and Rat, and hear the amazing story behind the recovery of St Laurence O'Toole's heart.

BOOKING REQUIRED

12:30PM

FREE EVENT

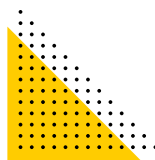
WORKSHOP

CHANGE CLOTHES: BAG CHARMS

10-13 THOMAS STREET

Bag charms from upcycled materials.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €7



ZEN

1:00PM

FREE EVENT

WELLNESS

GUINNESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Matt Burke from Magic Minds, welcomes you to a space of transformation, connection and love. He will facilitate a series of breathwork sessions and wellbeing workshops, all designed to guide you on a journey of self-discovery and real long term change.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5

OTHER EVENTS

7:45 - 8:30AM | SUNRISE YOGA AT THE GRAVITY BAR

See page 7 for more information

10.15AM & 2:00PM | CRYPT 2 CRYPT

See page 7 for more information

11:00AM | IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS

See page 8 for more information

2:30PM | PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR

See page 8 for more information

6:30 - 8:30PM | HOLDING SPACE

See page 14 for more information

6:45 - 7:30PM | YOGA IN THE NAVE

See page 9 for more information

The Liberties Festival
in association with the Dublin Night-Time Economy Advisor & The Dublin Inquirer
presents

TALKING SHOP

A series of conversations after-hours
with local business owners.

Wednesday July 23

Noel's Deli.....6.30pm

Little Flower Penny Dinners.....7.30pm

Thursday July 24

Model Shop, James's Street.....6.30pm

Straffan Antiques, Francis Street...7.30pm

Friday July 25

Assisi, Liberty Market.....6.30pm

Fusco's, Meath Street.....7.30pm

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TICKETS ARE FREE 0.00
BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
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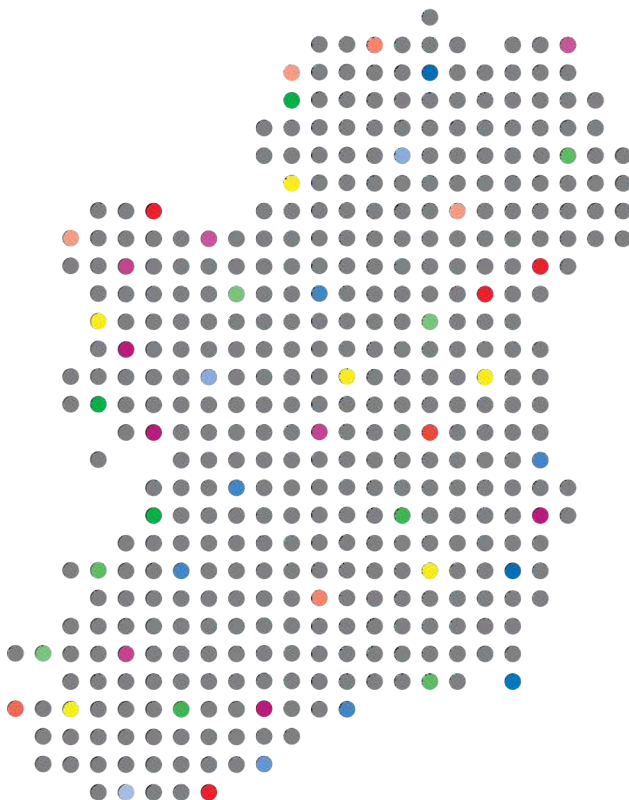


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TALK

FREE EVENT

1:15 - 1:45PM



LILLIAS MITCHELL @ NIVAL ARCHIVE

NATIONAL IRISH VISUAL ARTS LIBRARY (NIVAL) @ NCAD

Lillias Mitchell set up the Irish Guild of Weavers Spinners and Dyers in 1975. She also set up the Weaving Department of the National College of Art. By bequest, Mitchell established The Golden Fleece Award which is an annual independent artistic prize fund. Her legacy is explored through records and files kept in NIVAL. This talk will be delivered by a member of the Guild.

If people have accessibility requirements, please get in touch in advance via nivalinfo@ncad.ie.

Materials from the Helen Lillias Mitchell Collection, National Irish Visual Arts Library (NIVAL), NCAD, Dublin.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5

MEDIEVAL WALLS WALK

MEETING POINT: OUTSIDE THE GUTTER BOOKSHOP IN TEMPLE BAR

Walk the entire circuit of Dublin's old city walls, with Arran Henderson of Dublin Decoded tours. This is a very special tour, walking with our maps in hand, to help us identify the locations of the former gates and watch towers that once lined the medieval walls. You'll also explore and discuss the layered, often violent history those walls witnessed through the Middle Ages, including war, invasion, fire, plague and bloody rebellion, and Viking History, the Normans, vanished churches, priories and medieval guildhalls.

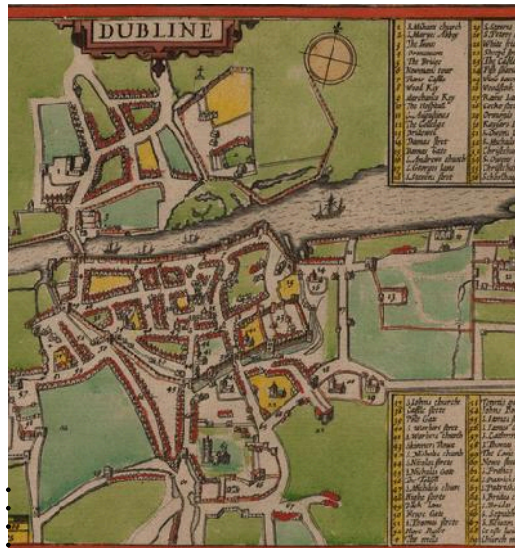
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2:00PM

FREE EVENT

WALK



6:30 - 9:00PM

FREE EVENT

PREMIERE

MUSIC IN ST AUDOEN'S: THE SINGING HOLLOW

ST AUDOEN'S CHURCH

The Singing Hollow sculpture in St Audoen's Park invites visitors to put their heads into a hole inside a rock. It creates an acoustic transformation reminiscent of the feeling of sanctuary from the outside world that comes when you walk into a church. This sculpture is the inspiration behind this live sound installation featuring the premiere of a original composition for the organ by Sebastian Adams. With it being played inside the church, musicians in the grounds, and church bells bridging both worlds - all parts of The Singing Hollow will be both independent and interdependent. Produced by Olesia Borsuk.

Photo credit: Ana Duca

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MUSIC

FREE EVENT

6:30 - 8:00PM



SWICN OPEN MIC

THOMAS COURT, RAINSFORD ST

SWICN (South West Inner City Network) Open Mic Night is a special evening dedicated to celebrating local talent. Whether you're a musician, comedian, or poet, this is your chance to take the stage and share your passion for the arts in a welcoming and supportive environment. The event is open to all ages and experience levels, providing a relaxed space where creativity, expression, and community come together. So grab your guitar, prepare your best jokes, or bring along your latest poem — and join us for a night of inspiration, connection, and fun!

To take part, email Katie on katie.lyons@swicn.ie before 17th of July to secure your spot.

THROWING SHAPES

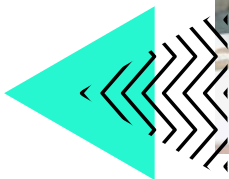
UNIT 2A, MILL STREET

Come and visit an open-access community ceramic studio in Dublin 8. Throwing Shapes opens its doors for visitors to meet and observe their members at work on their ceramic creations.

6:30 - 8:00PM

FREE EVENT

OPEN STUDIOS



7:00 - 8:30PM

FREE EVENT

BROADCAST & DISCUSSION

RECALLING THE LAYERS - MARSHALSEA BARRACKS

TAILOR'S HALL

A live airing of Patricia Baker's Curious Broadcast feature on Marshalsea Barracks for Lyric FM followed by a panel discussion on it, chaired by Emmet Scanlon (Irish Architecture Foundation).

Recalling The Layers uncovers a hidden story embedded in the oral histories and architectural fragments in the Liberties in Dublin 8, a place steeped in centuries of history and destruction. Through historical documents and oral histories this hidden story is recalled, a story of Marshalsea Barracks; once Ireland's national debtors' prison, later a tenement, it stood for nearly 200 years at the top of Bridgefoot Street. All that remains is the atmospheric locked and overgrown Ballcourt and surrounding stone walls. Architectural fragments quietly holding the past. This is a journey into the intangible cultural heritage of a community, capturing the rich tapestry of memory, place, and identity, recalling hidden stories and layers of history, so they remain part of both the heritage and the living fabric of the area.

Credit: Marshalsea Exhibition by Hassett Ducatez Architects
the Irish Architectural Archive Merrion Square June-Sep 2025



Contributors include historians Dr Brian Crowley, Dr Liz Gillis, Dr Cathy Scuffil, Angela Tobin Liberties dweller, Elizabeth O Connor, Oliver Bond House Bridgefoot Street resident, Janet Cullen, Bridgefoot Street resident, Tracey Sands, Marshalsea Lane resident and Architect Grainne Hassett.

Presented and produced by Patricia Baker
Soundmix by Bryan Fleming Contact Studio
Music by Gerry Horan

Recalling The Layers is a Curious Broadcast production for The Lyric Feature on RTÉ lyric fm and is available to podcast from <https://www.rte.ie/radio/lyricfm/the-lyric-feature/>
Funded by RTÉ and Coimisiún na Meán from the television license fee.

BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5



7:30PM

FREE EVENT

CLASSIC

QUIZ NIGHT

TOM KENNEDY'S, THOMAS STREET

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



CONVERSATIONS

FREE EVENT

6:30 - 8:30PM

TALKING SHOP

A series of pop-up conversations after-hours with local businesses. First up Noel's Deli (6.30pm) & Little Flower Penny Dinners on Meath Street (7.30pm). In association with Dublin Inquirer. (See page 19)

BOOKING REQUIRED

KINDLY SUPPORTED BY THE NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY ADVISER

7:45PM

WELLNESS

LIBERTIES FUN RUN

STARTING POINT: IMMA

Whether you're running, walking, or jogging, every step you take will make a difference. This isn't just a fun run — it's a meaningful way to support the St. James's Hospital Foundation and help improve lives.

€45 (free with minimum fundraising target of €200)

Reduced entry fee of €30 for friends of the Festival.

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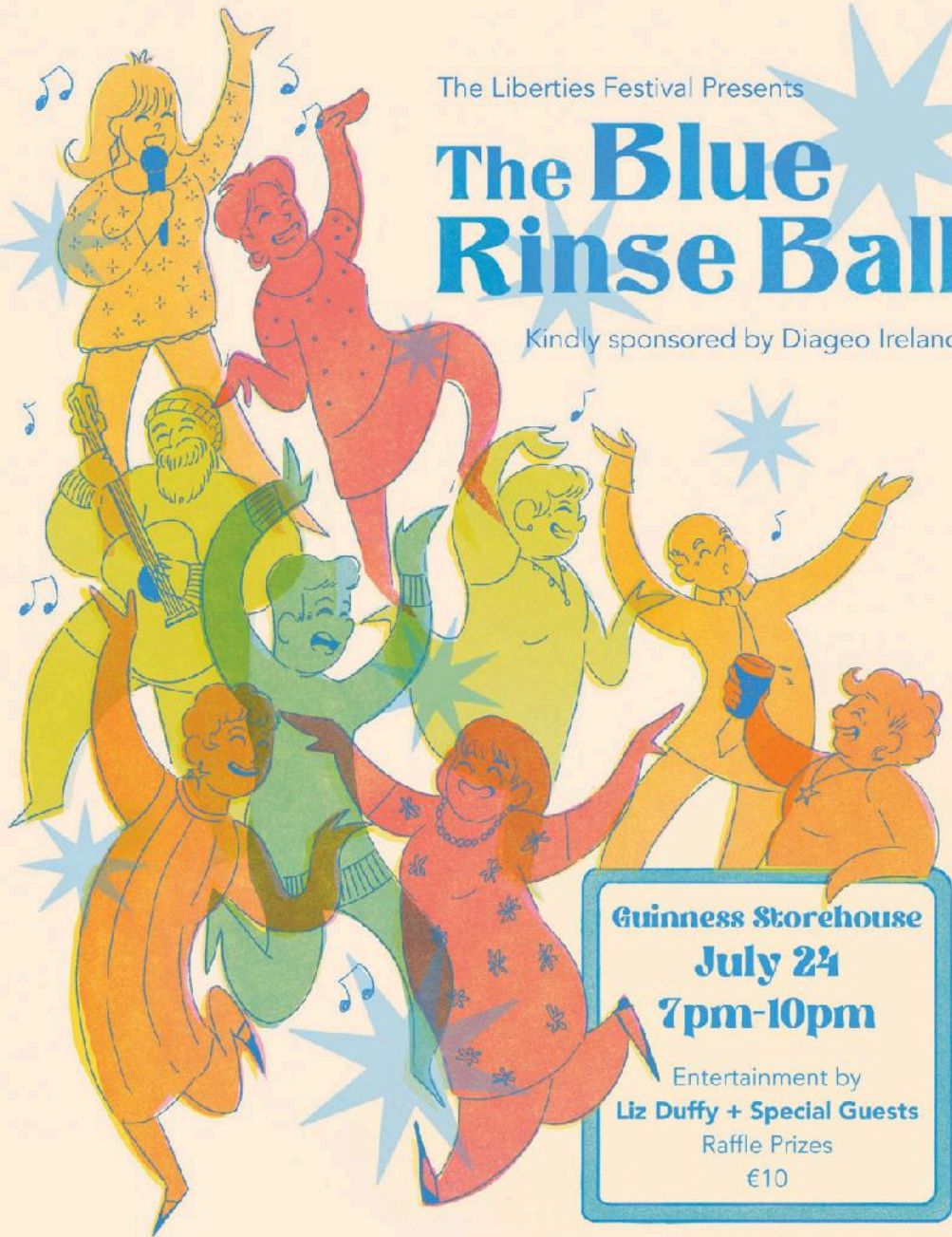
BOOKING REQUIRED



The Liberties Festival Presents

The Blue Rinse Ball

Kindly sponsored by Diageo Ireland



Guinness Storehouse

July 24

7pm-10pm

Entertainment by
Liz Duffy + Special Guests

Raffle Prizes

€10

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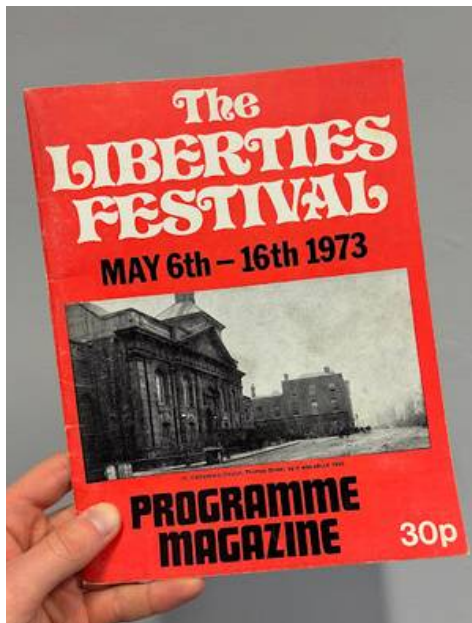
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THURSDAY 24TH JULY

TALK

FREE EVENT

1:15 - 1:45PM



THE LIBERTIES FESTIVAL @ NIVAL ARCHIVE

**NATIONAL IRISH VISUAL ARTS LIBRARY
(NIVAL) @ NCAD**

Explore the history of the Liberties Festival, in the company of current Festival Director Michael McDermott, through a collection of programmes over the years.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5

BELL-RINGING EXPERIENCE

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Climb the 86 steps up to our belfry, enjoy the incredible city views from the gangway and then try your hand at ringing the famous Christ Church bells. A 12+ event.

**BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5**

2:30PM

FREE EVENT

CULTURE



TOWER TOUR

2:30 - 3:00PM

FREE EVENT

CULTURE

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Discover the rich history and breathtaking architecture of Saint Patrick's Cathedral on an unforgettable Tower Tour that takes you behind the scenes and high above the city. As you ascend the narrow spiral staircase, you'll uncover hidden parts of the Cathedral not usually seen by the public, offering a rare glimpse into the past.

BOOKING REQUIRED

4:00 - 5:15PM

FREE EVENT

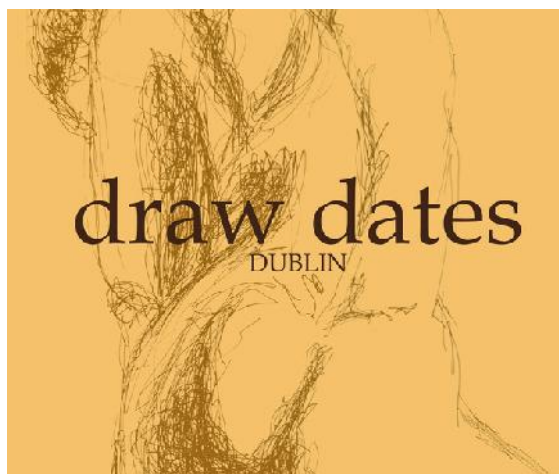
WORKSHOP

DRAW DATES

FLUX STUDIOS, THE DIGITAL HUB

Loosen up at Draw Dates, a relaxed, welcoming space to explore the art of capturing the human form. Whether you're a seasoned sketcher or just curious, you'll find plenty of techniques to try and learn. We provide all the materials and set the tone with music, refreshments, and good vibes. Just bring yourself and an open mind. Expect a warm, creative atmosphere that encourages conversation, connection, and playful approaches to drawing.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5
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NETWORKING

FREE EVENT

6:00 - 8:00PM



GIRLS IN FILM

STUDIO A, GRIFFITH COLLEGE CAMPUS

Want to work in film but don't know where to start? Whether you're 18 or 48, into wardrobe, makeup, camera, or acting—this is for you. Girls in Film is a networking event for girls, non-binary, and trans creatives to connect with directors, designers, editors, producers, and more. Get real advice, build your crew, and find your way in—no experience needed. Just bring yourself. GirlsInFilm.net

SUGGESTED DONATION €5

PAT CURRAN: UNTOLD LIVES – PEOPLE AND PLACES OF DUBLIN

THE BANK, THOMAS STREET

“This series of paintings, Untold Lives – People and Places of Dublin are a culmination of approximately six years work. Many of the subjects and ideas for my paintings come from my own lived experience and my analysis and ideas surrounding social and political topics relevant to wider conversations on social justice and cultural expression. Since 2016, my studio-based practice has changed and I now engage with the public through conversation. Opening up what is usually, the private space of the painter’s studio to the public continues to be a new experience for me. I invite residents from the flat complexes of Dolphin House, Fatima Mansions, St Michael’s Estate Inchicore and where I live in Ballyfermot, to share images of their community through my open studio practice. Through that, local people discuss with me their lived experience and I reflect this in the paintings I make based on their images and conversations we have together. The paintings include people that I knew and grew up with in Rialto, Dolphins Barn, Fatima Mansions and St Michael’s Estate in Dublin 8 and Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. My paintings are often representative of individuals on the margins, people often excluded from society, or have been historically made invisible in the city’s visual representation. It is also of places, soccer matches and locations well-loved and remembered by local people. It is my intention and ambition that this work will contribute to and expand a social archive through painting, of life in Dublin city, particularly the loss of social housing and flat life in the city.”



About Pat Curran

Pat Curran was born in Dolphin House flats complex, Dublin 8 and moved to Pimlico at the age of 13. He now lives in Ballyfermot with his wife Breda and son Luke. Pat has two older children and three grandchildren. An early school leaver, Pat returned to formal education in early middle age. In 2014 Pat graduated from NCAD with an MFA in painting. Pat’s work reflects how inner city Dublin life is changing and how it contributes to a wider conversation about class, social justice and access to artistic expression. Pat often paints on found and collected objects that have a relevance to his painting subjects. Pat currently has a studio in Pallas Projects at the Digital Hub.

patcurranartist.com

BOOKING REQUIRED

KINDLY SUPPORTED BY HERITAGE CREDIT UNION

7:00 - 10:30PM

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CLASSIC

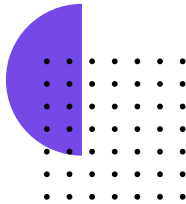
THE BLUE RINSE BALL

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BOOKING REQUIRED | €10

KINDLY SUPPORTED BY DIAGEO IRELAND



CONVERSATIONS**FREE EVENT****6:30 - 8:30PM**

TALKING SHOP

A series of pop-up conversations after-hours with local businesses. Tonight Model Shop on James's Street (6.30pm) & Staffan Antiques on Francis Street (7.30pm). In association with Dublin Inquirer. (See page 19)

BOOKING REQUIRED | KINDLY SUPPORTED BY THE NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY ADVISOR

EXHIBITION LAUNCH**FREE EVENT****7:00PM**

A MATTER OF TIME VOL:2

TAILOR'S HALL

A Matter of Time Vol:2 explores the interwoven nature of labour, locality, and time, revealing how our tools, rooted in culture and place, shape our experience of the world. Featuring Ishmael Claxton's photography, Maria Baez's printmaking, and Jye O'Sullivan's sound installation, the show highlights the social and sensory fabric of Dublin 8. Each artist will also lead a workshop over the three-day event, offering deeper engagement with their practice and the localised perspectives that inform it.

SUGGESTED DONATION €5

SCREENING**FREE EVENT****7:00PM**

THE LIBERTIES SCREENING @ LIVING CANVAS

IMMA

The Festival is delighted to air this colourful, affectionate and humorous portraits of Liberties locals. Filmed by Shane Hogan and Tom Burke and first aired in 2009, it features the likes of Brenda Fricker, the Larkin Brothers and Eugene Fagan.

Living Canvas at IMMA is a partnership between IMMA and IPUT Real Estate, Ireland's leading property investment company and visionary supporter of the arts, that brings Europe's largest digital art screen to the grounds of IMMA. The two-year programme presents contemporary art films and moving image works by Irish and international artists. Living Canvas at IMMA runs daily from Monday to Sunday from 9.30am to 6.30pm. The summer programme includes one-off film screenings on select Thursday evenings from 7pm. Note: This is an outdoor screening so please bear this in mind.

OTHER EVENTS

7:45 - 8:30AM | SUNRISE PILATES AT THE GRAVITY BAR

See page 10 for more information

10:00AM | EVERYONE CAN MEDITATE | GEC

See page 10 for more information

10:15AM & 2:00PM | CRYPT 2 CRYPT

See page 7 for more information

10:30AM | PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR

See page 8 for more information

2:00PM | BEE8: BEE-KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

See page 11 for more information

6:30 - 8:30PM | HOLDING SPACE

See page 14 for more information

7:30PM | ALL MY FRIENDS ARE IN AUSTRALIA

See page 15 for more information

FRIDAY 25TH JULY

11:00AM

FREE EVENT

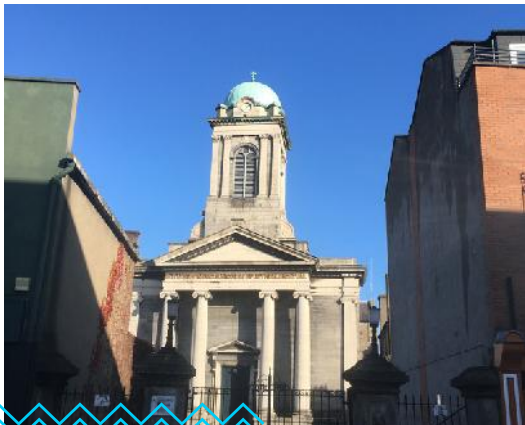
WALK

HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE IN THE FRANCIS STREET- MEATH STREET AREA

MEETING: BY THE MEDIEVAL TOWER OF ST AUDOEN'S CHURCH

Learn about a fascinating mix of history & architecture in the Francis St- Meath Street area with Arran Henderson of Dublin Decoded tours. You'll explore and discuss the history of churches, guild halls, market places in the area, and a host of beautiful historic architecture from the 18th and 19th century

BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5



EXHIBITION

FREE EVENT

10:00AM - 5:00PM

UKRAINIAN MAKERS

KEVIN STREET LIBRARY

Ukrainian Makers group will present their project on The Liberties Area and their connection and relationships with the locality. This is the showcase of artwork created by Ukrainian women living in the area, giving them a platform to express their creativity and find connection with the local community through art. Note: Closed for lunch 1-1.45pm



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12:00 - 6:00PM

FREE EVENT

EXHIBITION

LUCY ANDREWS: EARTHLY REMAINS

PALLAS STUDIOS

Earthly Remains is concerned with the idea of architecture as porous, volatile, and constantly in process. A building is a slippery interface between the ground it stands on, and the bodies it hosts. The exhibition features kinetic elements, found objects and architectural interventions that describe traces of humans and of other forms of life. Andrews is drawn to materials that accrue or disintegrate over time, and in this body of work she combines fluff, dust, hair and fungus with domestic and architectural fragments in various states of activity and instability. Lucy Andrews was born in Stoke-on-Trent, UK, and studied at NCAD.

Open 12pm-6pm Wednesday to Saturday.
Runs until August 2nd.



TALK

FREE EVENT

1:15PM



BEATRICE O'CONNELL @ NIVAL ARCHIVE

NATIONAL IRISH VISUAL ARTS LIBRARY
(NIVAL) @ NCAD

Join artist Beatrice O'Connell at the National Irish Visual Arts Library (NIVAL) for a discussion of her eco-feminist art practice and collaboration with Rayleen Clancy, *MUTUALISM*, which was shown at the Courthouse Gallery & Studios in January 2025. Beatrice's work hopes to foster a conversation about the interconnectedness of life and invites audiences to reflect on the power of creativity, play, and community in navigating the complexities of our shared environment. We will also explore further connections and examples of eco-feminist and ecological practice in the archives at NIVAL.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5

2:00 - 5:00PM

FREE EVENT

WORKSHOP

SCREEN PRINTING

TAILOR'S HALL

As part of the A Matter of Time exhibition, this workshop with María Báez Troin offers a glimpse into the screen printing process and into our way of working collaboratively. Participants will get the chance to print a one-color layer of a flyer using pre-prepared screen. No experience is needed - just curiosity and a willingness to get involved.

SUGGESTED DONATION €5



2:00 - 4:00PM

FREE EVENT

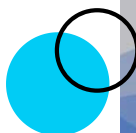
WORKSHOP

OUTDOOR SKETCHING

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Explore the beautiful Cathedral grounds, where you'll take in the stunning architecture and natural surroundings. Families will have the chance to sketch and capture the beauty of the Cathedral and its gardens, with plenty of inspiration around every corner. This workshop is a great way to enjoy nature while drawing and spend time together as a family. All materials will be provided, so just bring your creativity and a love for the outdoors!

BOOKING REQUIRED



6:00PM

FREE EVENT

WORKSHOP

CHANGE CLOTHES: REPAIR CAFE

10-13 THOMAS STREET

Repair Cafe - bring along an item of clothes you'd like to fix

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €7

SUMMER AT IMMA

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST 2025

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

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6.30PM & 7.30PM

FREE EVENT

CONVERSATIONS

TALKING SHOP

The final night of Talking Shop has Niamh from Assisi in the Liberty Market talk all things vintage,(6:30) while we conclude with the legendary Mr Filippo Fusco (7:30). (See page 19)

BOOKING REQUIRED

KINDLY SUPPORTED BY THE NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY ADVISOR.

7:00PM & 8:00PM

FREE EVENT

WELLNESS

SAUNA IN THE CITY

THE MINDFUL YARD, CROSTICK ALLEY

A Wood-fired sauna set up for wellness and relaxation.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5



8:00PM

FREE EVENT

OPEN CALL: PERFORMANCE

SOUNDS OF THE LIBERTIES

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, THOMAS STREET

Selected from our Open Call earlier this year, pianist, composer and sound artist Gabriela Wacławska performs a concert inspired by sounds recorded in The Liberties and workshopped earlier in the week. Gabriela Wacławska - piano, vocals, Ross McDonnell - trombone, Emilio Yanez Ruiz - percussion, James Ho - synths, Raisa Ihnat - live sound.

BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5



OTHER EVENTS

11:30AM | PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR

2:00PM | IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS

5:15PM | BELL-RINGING EXPERIENCE

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SATURDAY 26TH JULY

PERFORMANCE FREE EVENT 10:00AM - 4:00PM

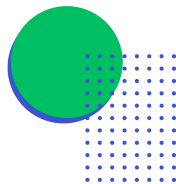


SACRED HARP

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, THOMAS STREET

Drop in and catch The Sacred Harp singers, a community of individuals who come together to sing traditional a cappella music in a style which has roots in the singing schools that developed over the period 1770 to 1820 in and around New England.

SUGGESTED DONATION €5



DUBLINIA

ST MICHAEL'S HILL, CHRIST CHURCH

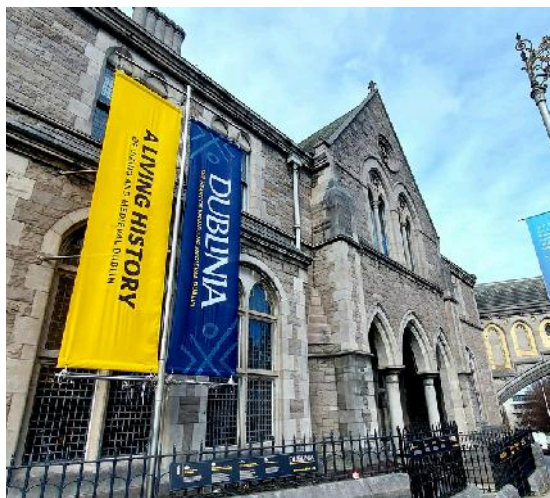
Starting at their landmark building located in Dublin's historic heart, join Dublinia's brilliant storytelling guide for a walking tour to discover the Viking and Medieval past of this 1,000-year-old city.

BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5

10:30AM

FREE EVENT

WALK



11:00AM - 12:00PM

€10

WALK

THE MARION TOUR

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, MEATH STREET

Come meet Our Ladies of the Liberties on this walking tour with photographer 1EuroFiddy and Republic of Shame author Caelainn Hogan, who collaborated together on The Marian Year zine, first launched in Dublin 8's own Pallas Studios. From a burnt virgin to a holy bomb shelter, hear the stories behind the Marian grottos that punctuate shared spaces in one of the oldest neighbourhoods of Dublin's inner city. While gentrification threatens tight knit communities, the Marys that were built amongst public housing are now overshadowed by aparthotels and cranes building for private interests.

BOOKING REQUIRED

€10 (TOWARDS RAPE CRISIS CENTRE)



SOUND

TAILOR'S HALL

Sound is rooted in materials, and materials in place. As part of the A Matter of Time exhibition, this workshop with Jye O'Sullivan guides participants in thinking about place and materiality and conveying it artistically.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5

11:00AM - 4:00PM

FREE EVENT

WORKSHOP



11:00AM

FREE EVENT

TOURS

HIDDEN RIVERS OF THE LIBERTIES

ACROSS FROM THE DUBLIN LIBERTIES DISTILLERY, MILL STREET

Author and psychogeographer Karl Whitney illuminates hidden places and untold stories on this walk of the Liberties, learning about its underground rivers, history, city planning, and the sometimes invisible boundary lines that exist there.

BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5
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11:00AM

FREE EVENT

WALK

WALK : ARCHITREK

OUTSIDE ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH ON THOMAS STREET

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.

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

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5

11:00AM - 3:00PM

FREE EVENT

TOURS

TAPLIN'S FIELDS

BRIDGEFOOT STREET PARK

Situated in Bridgefoot Street 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. Explore the garden, meet community members, and see how you can get involved!



1:00 - 5:00PM

FREE EVENT

CLASSIC

LIBERTIES X - COMMUNITY GOT TALENT

SACRED HEART STATUE ON REGINALD STREET

After its acclaimed debut last year, the community talent showcase returns. With local musicians, the Masamba Samba collective, and loads more...MC: Anita (Gogglebox). Subject to licence

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3:00PM**FREE EVENT****WELLNESS**

ZUMBA

ST CATHERINE'S PARK

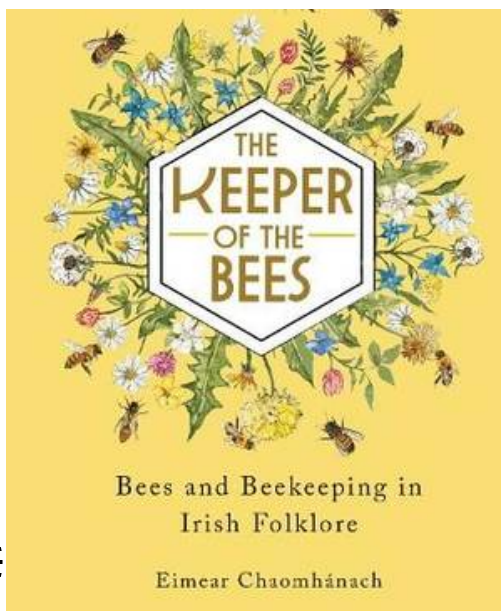
This high energy Zumba class with Gita Prabhandhari blends Latin inspired dance with easy to follow moves to get your heart pumping and body moving. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels, it's a fun way to boost your mood, fitness, and sense of community. Subject to licence.

BOOKING REQUIRED**SUGGESTED DONATION €5****6:30 - 7:30PM****FREE EVENT****CONVERSATION**

THE KEEPERS OF THE BEES

WATLING STREET, LEO FREEMAN MEADOW

Anthony Freeman from Bee8, our own social enterprise and Ireland's largest urban apiary project which manages 40 beehives across 14 city wide sites talks with Eimear Chaomhánach, author of The Keeper of the Bees (O'Brien Press) and website beefolklore.ie

BOOKING REQUIRED**SUGGESTED DONATION €5**

OTHER EVENTS

11:30AM | PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR**12:00PM | BELL-RINGING EXPERIENCE****5:00PM | SAUNA IN THE CITY****6:00PM | SAUNA IN THE CITY**

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SUNDAY 27TH JULY

10:00 - 11:00AM

FREE EVENT

WELLNESS

SOMATIC COACHING

ST CATHERINE'S PARK

This somatic coaching workshop with Christina Kenny explores how we move through cycles of energy - idea, action, holding and completion - using body-based tools and reflection. Participants will learn how to tune into their own patterns and leave with practical ways to support personal or project goals. Subject to licence.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5

MARKET

FREE EVENT

11:00AM - 5:00PM



WE LOVE MARKETS

THE DIGITAL HUB

This year We Love Markets have biggest market to date in the heart of the Liberties with over 100 stalls, featuring Local Makers & Crafters, Vintage Collectors, Bric-a-Brac, Mid Century Furniture, Homewares and Vinyl Records. There will be live DJ's, delicious Street Food Trucks and hot coffee from The Container Coffee. Come soak up the atmosphere and grab a bargain at St Patrick's Tower, which used to power Ireland's largest Whiskey Distillery once upon a time...

PORTRAIT

TAILOR'S HALL

As part of the A Matter of Time exhibition, photographer Ishmael Claxton will do a special portrait session. Throughout the day, he will be creating portraits of local participants while also teaching a Basic Cell Phone Portrait Class.

All skill levels are welcome — whether you're just starting out or looking to improve your technique, there's something for everyone.

BOOKING REQUIRED | SUGGESTED DONATION €5

11:00AM - 17:00PM

FREE EVENT

WORKSHOP

FAMILY FUN DAY

ST AUDOEN'S PARK

1:00 - 5:00PM

FREE EVENT

CLASSICS

Expect a jam-packed afternoon of entertainment for kids with magicians, face-painters, tie-dye workshops, circus performers, Party Bears and more...

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12:00AM - 3:00PM

FREE EVENT

WORKSHOP

TAPLIN'S FIELDS

BRIDGEFOOT STREET PARK

A drop-in sensory drawing activity with artists from Hugh Lane Gallery. Together we'll explore the community garden space by tuning into light, colour, sound and smell as we weave through the visible and invisible 'corridors' within the landscape.

All materials provided by Hugh Lane Gallery, no experience necessary! Suitable for adults and families, all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

FAMILY

6 - 12 YEAR OLDS

FREE EVENT

2:00PM



FAMILY MONKS TOUR

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Dress up in a monk's robe and learn all about how monks lived at Christ Church on this fun guided walk around the cathedral.

Children must be accompanied.
1 free adult per child.

BOOKING REQUIRED
SUGGESTED DONATION €5



4:30PM

FREE EVENT

CLASSIC

CHURCH BINGO

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Eyes down and dabbers at the ready as we wrap up the Festival with some fun bingo & prizes.

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OTHER EVENTS

10:30AM | DUBLINIA

11:00AM | HIDDEN RIVERS OF THE LIBERTIES

2:30PM | PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR

4:00PM | SAUNA IN THE CITY

5:00PM | SAUNA IN THE CITY

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Owing to capacity at most events we highly recommend you book tickets in advance to avoid disappointment. Or contact us at 01-4536098 if you are unable to book online. Please note all tickets will be distributed on a first come basis with a waitlist also.



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.



What does 'Suggested Donation' mean?

A Festival costs money and while we have core funders and many great supporters, we want to expand the Festival out of season and put on more events. We can only do this with your support and appreciation of the fair suggested donation we assign to each event. Of course, additional generosity is most welcome.



Can I volunteer with the festival?

All our volunteers spaces have now been filled following an open call in May.



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.



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 2026 festival? What should I do?

There will be an Open Call for ideas this autumn. You can see in our programme events which were chosen from the Open Call this year. We are always keen on ideas and projects with connections to The Liberties so do drop us a line, after the Festival.



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.

TOM KENNEDY'S

IN THE HEART OF THE LIBERTIES



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SUPPORT THE LIBERTIES FESTIVAL

A community festival takes a lot of effort, goodwill and support to be realised. We are fortunate to have some great sponsors and partners at The Liberties Festival but we need more help for us to expand our programme of activities beyond the festival.

We are seeking small businesses and individual patrons who are willing to aid our ambitions.

Benefits include acknowledgement on our website and in our 2026 brochure, complimentary tickets, merchandise and programme briefings.

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JOIN OUR REGISTER OF LOCAL ARTISTS

The Liberties Festival is looking to compile a register of local artists (those who live and/or are based in the Liberties) across all artforms. This will help us ensure we can engage with, commission and support artists where relevant to our programming.

We will be in touch with everyone who has registered to date this autumn.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO OF THE LIBERTIES COMMUNITY PROJECT

2025 marks an important new chapter for the Liberties Festival – the first to be presented under the banner of the Liberties Community Project, an organisation formed through the voluntary amalgamation of two long-standing South West Inner City Dublin community development organisations: South Inner City Community Development Association (SICCCA) and Robert Emmet CDP.

For over 50 years, the Liberties Festival was delivered with heart and dedication by SICCCA; now, as The Liberties Community Project, we look ahead with energy and excitement to the next 50 years! This year's programme is a reflection of that renewed vision – a mix of tradition and innovation, of old classics and bold new ideas designed to bring our community together in joyful, inclusive, and meaningful ways.

The festival is not a stand-alone event. Importantly, it serves as a platform to celebrate the individuals and organisations delivering, taking part in and supporting programmes delivered by The Liberties Community Project day in, day out: our Community Development, Community Employment, Afterschool, Integration, Social Enterprise, Regeneration, Smart D8 and Drugs Task Force programmes of work. The Festival also provides a means to attract new individuals to these programmes as well as potential organisational partners to share the journey towards building resilient, empowered and appropriately resourced community in South West Inner City Dublin.

Many thanks to our festival director Michael McDermott for delivering a fantastic programme once again this year, to the full team at The Liberties Community Project for supporting this, to our festival sponsors for making the vision a reality and to the wider community of The Liberties for making the work meaningful and fun.

I look forward to celebrating The Liberties Festival 2025 with you.
See you soon!

- Austin Campbell | CEO
The Liberties Community Project

Credits

Festival Director & programming: Michael McDermott
Programme design & layout: Alison Fernandes

Liberties Festival Advisory Committee: Con Kennedy, Laura Gibbons, Michael Quinn, Sarah Byrne.

Blue Rinse Ball poster: Amy Louise @amylouioc
Talking Shop poster: Mr + Mrs Stevens @mrandmrsstevens
Holding Space: Claire Campion (lead), Kristine Lauron & Erne Rodgers (NCAD)

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MONDAY 21ST

7:45AM
**SUNRISE YOGA AT
THE GRAVITY BAR**
Guinness Storehouse

10:30AM
**PEARSE LYONS
DISTILLERY TOUR**
Pearse Lyons Distillery

2:00PM
CRYPT 2 CRYPT
Christ Church
Cathedral

6:30PM
WALK & WORKSHOP
meet outside St Nicholas
of Myra, Francis Street

7:00PM
FESTIVAL LAUNCH
St Catherine's Church,
Thomas Street

10:15AM
CRYPT 2 CRYPT
Christ Church
Cathedral

2:00PM
IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS
Starting from Dublin City Gates,
Cook St

6:00PM
**CHANGE CLOTHES:
RAG RUGS**
10-13 Thomas Street

6:45PM
YOGA IN THE NAVE
Christ Church
Cathedral



TUESDAY 22ND

7:45AM
**SUNRISE PILATES AT
THE GRAVITY BAR**
Guinness Storehouse

10:30AM
**PEARSE LYONS
DISTILLERY TOUR**
Pearse Lyons Distillery

2:00PM
CRYPT 2 CRYPT
Christ Church Cathedral

6:30PM
HOLDING SPACE
Bridgefoot Street Park

6:30PM
GARDÁ VS TRADERS
Oliver Bond House
Football Pitch

10:00AM
**MIND MOVEMENT
AND MINDFULNESS**
St Catherine's Park

2:00PM
**BEE8: BEE-KEEPING FOR
BEGINNERS**
Watling Street, Leo Freeman Meadow

3:00PM
LAUGHTER YOGA
St Catherine's Park

6:30PM
SAYS SHE
St Catherine's Church

7:30PM
**ALL MY FRIENDS ARE IN
AUSTRALIA**
Arthur's Pub (upstairs)

10:15AM
CRYPT 2 CRYPT
Christ Church
Cathedral

9:00PM
LIFEFY TONES
Liberty Belle, Francis
Street



WEDNESDAY 23RD

7:45AM

SUNRISE YOGA AT THE GRAVITY BAR
Guinness Storehouse

11:00AM

IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS
Starting from Dublin City Gates, Cook St

10:15AM

CRYPT 2 CRYPT
Christ Church Cathedral

12:00PM

LUCY ANDREWS: EARTHLY REMAINS
Pallas Studios

11:00AM

HISTORIC TOUR WITH DR RUTH KENNY
Christ Church Cathedral

12:30PM

CHANGE CLOTHES: BAG CHARMS
10-13 Thomas Street

1:00PM

ZEN
Guinness Enterprise Centre

1:15PM

LILLIAS MITCHELL @ NIVAL ARCHIVE
National Irish Visual Arts Library @ NCAD

2:00PM

CRYPT 2 CRYPT
Christ Church Cathedral

2:00PM

MEDIEVAL WALLS
Outside The Gutter Bookshop in Temple Bar

2:30PM

PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR
Pearse Lyons Distillery

4:00PM

TOWER TOUR
Christ Church Cathedral

6:30PM

TALKING SHOP
Noel's Deli

6:30PM

MUSIC IN ST AUDOEN'S
St Audoen's Church

6:30PM

SWIGN OPEN MIC
Thomas Court, Rainstord St

6:30PM

THROWING SHAPES
Unit 2A, Mill Street

6:45PM

YOGA IN THE NAVE
Christ Church Cathedral

7:30PM

TALKING SHOP
Little Flower Penny Dinners

7:30PM

QUIZ NIGHT
Tom Kennedy's, Thomas Street

7:45PM

LIBERTIES FUN RUN
Starting point: IMMA

THURSDAY 24TH

7:45AM

SUNRISE PILATES AT THE GRAVITY BAR
Guinness Storehouse

10:00AM

EVERYONE CAN MEDITATE
Guinness Enterprise Centre

10:15AM

CRYPT 2 CRYPT
Christ Church Cathedral

10:30AM

PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR
Pearse Lyons Distillery

12:00PM

LUCY ANDREWS: EARTHLY REMAINS
Pallas Studios

1:15PM

LIBERTIES FESTIVAL @ NIVAL ARCHIVE
National Irish Visual Arts Library @ NCAD

2:00PM

TOWER TOUR
St Patrick's Cathedral

2:00PM

BEE8: BEE-KEEPING FOR BEGINNERS
Watling Street, Leo Freeman Meadow

2:30PM

BELL-RINGING EXPERIENCE
Christ Church Cathedral

4:00PM

DRAW DATES
Flux Studios, The Digital Hub

6:00PM

GIRLS IN FILM
Studio A, Griffith College Campus

6:30PM

TALKING SHOP
Model Shop, James's Street

6:30PM

PAT CURRAN: UNTOLD LIVES – PEOPLE AND PLACES OF DUBLIN
The Bank, Thomas Street

7:00PM

A MATTER OF TIME VOL:2
Tailor's Hall

7:30PM

TALKING SHOP
Straffan Antiques, Francis Street

7:00PM

BLUE RINSE BALL
Guinness Storehouse

7:00PM

SCREENING @ LIVING CANVAS
IMMA

7:30PM

ALL MY FRIENDS ARE IN AUSTRALIA
Arthur's Pub (upstairs)



SATURDAY 26TH

10:00AM

SACRED HARP
St Catherine's Church



10:30AM

DUBLINIA
St Michael's Hill, Christ Church

11:00AM

HIDDEN RIVERS OF THE LIBERTIES
Across from the Dublin Liberties Distillery, Mill Street



12:00PM

LUCY ANDREWS: EARTHLY REMAINS
Pallas Studios

12:00PM

BELL-RINGING EXPERIENCE
Christ Church Cathedral

12:00PM

TAPLIN'S FIELDS
Bridgefoot Street Park

11:00AM

WALK : ARCHITREK
Outside St Catherine's Church on Thomas Street

11:00AM

SOUND
Tailor's Hall

11:30AM

PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY TOUR
Pearse Lyons Distillery

1:00PM

LIBERTIES X - COMMUNITY GOT TALENT
Sacred Heart statue on Reginald Street

3:00PM

ZUMBA
St Catherine's Park

5:00PM

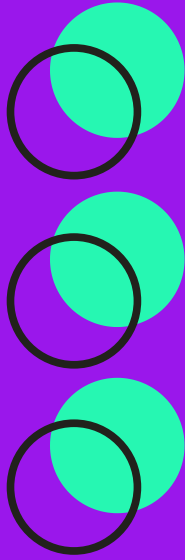
SAUNA IN THE CITY
The Mindful Yard, Crosstick Alley

6:00PM

SAUNA IN THE CITY
The Mindful Yard, Crosstick Alley

6:30PM

THE KEEPERS OF THE BEES
Watling Street, Leo Freeman Meadow



FRIDAY 25TH

10:00AM
UKRAINIAN MAKERS
Kevin Street Library

11:00AM
**FRANCIS STREET -
MEATH STREET**
Meeting: by the
medieval Tower of St
Audoen's church

11:30AM
**PEARSE LYONS
DISTILLERY TOUR**
Pearse Lyons Distillery

12:00PM
**LUCY ANDREWS:
EARTHLY REMAINS**
Pallas Studios

1:15PM
**BEATRICE O'CONNELL
@ NIVAL ARCHIVE**
National Irish Visual Arts
Library @ NCAD

2:00PM
**OUTDOOR
SKETCHING**
St Patrick's Cathedral

2:00PM
**IN OUR SHOES
WALKING TOURS**
Starting from Dublin
City Gates, Cook St

2:00PM
SCREEN PRINTING
Tailor's Hall

5:15PM
**BELL-RINGING
EXPERIENCE**
Christ Church
Cathedral

6:00PM
**CHANGE CLOTHES:
REPAIR CAFE**
10-13 Thomas Street

6:30PM
TALKING SHOP
Assisi, Liberty Market

7:00PM
SAUNA IN THE CITY
The Mindful Yard,
Crosstick Alley

7:30PM
TALKING SHOP
Fusco's, Meath Street

8:00PM
SAUNA IN THE CITY
The Mindful Yard,
Crosstick Alley

8:00PM
**SOUNDS OF THE
LIBERTIES**
St Catherine's Church

SUNDAY 27TH

10:00AM
SOMATIC COACHING
St Catherine's Park

10:30AM
DUBLINIA
St Michael's Hill, Christ Church

11:00AM
WE LOVE MARKETS
The Digital Hub

11:00AM
**HIDDEN RIVERS OF THE
LIBERTIES**
Across from the Dublin
Liberties Distillery, Mill Street

11:00AM
PORTRAIT
Tailor's Hall

12:00PM
TAPLIN'S FIELDS
Bridgefoot Street Park

1:00PM
FAMILY FUN DAY
St Audoen's Park

2:00PM
FAMILY MONKS TOUR
Christ Church Cathedral

2:30PM
**PEARSE LYONS
DISTILLERY TOUR**
Pearse Lyons Distillery

4:30PM
CHURCH BINGO
St Catherine's Church

4:00PM
SAUNA IN THE CITY
The Mindful Yard,
Crosstick Alley

5:00PM
SAUNA IN THE CITY
The Mindful Yard,
Crosstick Alley

