

CULTURE DATE WITH DUBLIN 8 YOUR CULTURE, YOUR HISTORY, YOUR STORY

From medieval history to modern art, Dublin 8 is home to some of Ireland's richest cultural and heritage sites, many of which are within walking distance of one another. Culture Date with Dublin 8 invites you to celebrate the cultural, historical and architectural heritage of the area by taking a visit to some of its top landmarks.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Culture Date with Dublin 8 offers a year-long programme of free family friendly events, activities and workshops during a weekend-long festival in May and a host of free events that take place across the calendar year. Culture Date with Dublin 8 highlights all the great things there are to see and do in Dublin 8 to locals and visitors alike, encouraging people who are living, working and visiting the area to explore what is on their doorstep.



News and information about our upcoming free events, tours, activities, and workshops can all be found on our website: www.CultureDateWithDublin8.ie

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The Phoenix Park is the largest urban park in Europe and contains a number of stately homes, including the official residency of the President of Ireland, Áras an Uachtaráin, and the US Ambassador. The Phoenix Park is also home to a large herd of fallow deer who have been present in the park since the 17th century. An exhibition on the history and wildlife of the Phoenix Park s on display in the Visitor Centre. Here visitors can receive information and view a historical interpretation of the park from 3500 BC to present day.

www.phoenixpark.ie Address: Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, Email: phoenixparkvisitorcentre@opw.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-677 0095

2. IRISH NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAI GARDENS



Designed by the famous architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, these gardens are dedicated to the memory of 49,400 Irish soldiers who died in the 1914-1918 war. The names of all the soldiers are contained in the beautifully illustrated Harry Clarke manuscripts in the granite bookrooms in the gardens. These gardens are not only a place of remembrance but are also of great architectural interest and beauty. Sunken rose gardens, herbaceous borders and extensive tree planting make for an enjoyable visit in any season.

www.opw.ie Address: South Circular Rd, Islandbridge. Email: info@opw.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-475 7816

3 KUMAINHAM GADI



Kilmainham Gaol opened in 1796 as the new County Gaol for Dublin. While most of the prisoners were common criminals, it also held political prisoners involved in Ireland's struggle for independence, including Charles Stewart Parnell, Robert Emmet, Countess Markievicz and the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising, 14 of whom were executed by firing squad in the Stonebreaker's yard. The Gaol was closed in 1924 but was preserved as a national monument in the 1960s and restored by the Kilmainham Gaol Restoration Committee. It was handed over to the State in 1986 and today is run by the Office of Public Works.

www.kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie Address: Inchicore Road, Kilmainham, Email: kilmainhamgaol@opw.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-453 5984

4 RICHMOND BARRACKS



Richmond Barracks is a building of historical importance located Inchicore. Along with tours and talks about the history of the barracks and the surrounding area it runs Culture Connects, a programme of cultural activities that celebrate the experiences and interests of the local community and people of all ages.

www.richmondbarracks.ie Address: Off Bulfin Road, Inchicore, Email: info@richmondbarracks.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-524 2532

5. GOLDENBRIDGE CEMETERY



Founded in 1828 by Daniel O Connell, Goldenbridge Cemetery was the first of its kind in Ireland. A non-denominational. arden cemetery that welcomed those of all religions and none in the wake of the Penal Laws, and took inspiration from the famous Pere Lachaise Cemetery in Paris. It was closed to the public in 1869, following a dispute with the British War Office that operated at nearby Richmond Barracks, and has since reopened to the public from 2017. Goldenbridge Cemetery contains a number of historically significant graves.

www.glasnevintrust.ie Address: St Vincent's Street, Inchicore Email: info@glasnevintrust.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-882 6500

6. IMMA - IRISH MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

IMMA, the Irish Museum of Modern Art, is Ireland's National Cultural Institution for Modern and Contemporary Art. Nestled in 48 acres of land in the heart of Dublin 8, IMMA's acres of land in the heart of Dublin 8, IMMA's home is the extraordinary historical site of the 17th century Royal Hospital Kilmainham. Our programme extends beyond the gallery space, activating the beautiful grounds and buildings of the entire campus. A visit to IMMA can include time to discover, connect and reflect in our galleries, formal gardens, meadows, café and shop. IMMA is home to the National Collection of Modern and Contemporary Art, now numbering over 3,500 artworks by Irish and international artists.

www.imma.ie Address: Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Military Rd, Kilmainham, Dublin 8 Email: info@imma.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-612 9900

7 EDWARD WORTH LIBRARY

The Edward Worth Library in Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8, is a treasure trove of a collection. With its wonderfully preserved glittering spines and its unique early 18th century glass bookcases, it offers readers and visitors an opportunity to enter the private world of a Dublin physician and connoisseur book collector at the start of the eighteenth century. All tours of The Edward Worth Library must be booked in advance by contacting the library.

www.edwardworthlibrary.ie Address: The Edward Worth Library, Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8 Email: info@edwardworthlibrary.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-635 2215

8 DUBLINIA



Dublinia, located at the heart of Viking and Medieval Dublin, is a step back in time and a journey through the city as it was back then. Experience what life was like onboard a Viking warship, visit a Viking house, take a trip down a Viking street, and learn of the myths and the mysteries surrounding the Vikings and their legacy. See a magnificent range of Viking and Medieval artefacts, and experience an immersive audio-visual show of one man's life growing up in Medieval Dublin. Finish your journey with a 96-step climb up the original medieval tower of St. Michael where you can see spectacular views of the city.

www.dublinia.ie Address: St Michael's Hill. Christchurch Dublin 8 Email: info@dublinia.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-6794611

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9 CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral is Dublin's oldest building, a leading visitor attraction and a place of pilgrimage for almost 1,000 years. Renowned for its beauty, architecture and exquisite floor tiles, it is home to the famous 12th Century crypt, one of the oldest and largest in Britain and Ireland. Perfectly located in the heart of Medieval Dublin it was founded in 1030 by Sitriuc, King of the Dublin Norsemen and was incorporated into the Irish Church in 1152 and eventually led by the famous Archbishop and patron saint of Dublin, Laurence O Toole.

www.christchurchcathedral.ie Christchurch Pl. Wood Quay, Dublin 8 Email: welcome@christchurch.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-6778099

10. ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Saint Patrick's Cathedral is Ireland's' National Cathedral and has been at the heart of Dublin and Ireland's history and culture for over 800 years. Built on the original site where Saint Patrick baptised people into Christianity, the busy Cathedral serves as a place of worship, a visitor attraction and as a host for many exciting events. The expression "to chance your arm" derives from an epic battle that took place at the Cathedral, and the building is the final resting place for one of Ireland's most famous men, Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels, who was the Dean (head) of the Cathedral for over 30 years. Come and discover the fascinating characters and stories that make this stunning building what it is today.

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie Address: St Patrick's Close, Dublin 8 Email: info@stpatrickscathedral.ie Tel: +353-(0)1-453 9472

11 MARSH'S LIBRARY



Marsh's Library is a beautifully preserved building from the early eighteenth century, built by Archbishop Narcissus Marsh (1638- 1713). It was the first public library in Ireland opening in 1707 and contains original oak bookcases which thouse more than 25,000 rare and fascinating books. It was designed by Sir William Robinson (d. 1712) the Surveyor General of Ireland, and is one of the very few 18th century buildings left in Dublin that is still being used for its original purpose. Famous readers have included Jonathan Swift, Bram Stoker, and James

www.marshlibrary.ie Address: St Patrick's Close, Dublin 8 Email: information@marshslibrary.je Tel: +353-(0)1-454 3511

12 NATIONAL ARCHIVES



The National Archives is the official archives of central government in Ireland and preserves the records of the Irish State. They collect, manage and preserve the public record of Ireland, ensuring its future and its availability as an information resource and to safeguard citizens' rights. They contribute to the cultural life and memory of Irish society and provide free public access to its archives.

www.nationalarchives.ie Address: 8 Bishop St, Dublin 8 Email: query@nationalarchives. Tel: +353-(0)1-407 2300

