



PRESS RELEASE

Family Friendly Heritage Week Events in Fingal

Heritage Week runs from Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th August this year. “It’s a great opportunity to get out and about and explore your local heritage” says Gerry Clabby, Fingal County Council’s Heritage Officer. “There are many family friendly events taking place in Fingal during the week such as art classes, talks and walks. So why not go and see what there is to enjoy in Fingal during Heritage Week?”

Events include a rockpool ramble on Donabate Beach on 23rd August and a walking tour in Balbriggan on 22nd August. During the week Malahide Demesne will host drawing classes for children from 5 to 12 yrs by international artist Maura O’Rourke; and a walk to look for bats on 22nd August with the Council’s Biodiversity Officer Hans Visser and Colum Fitzgerald of the Bat Conservation Group. Fingal Parks Division are hosting a community day in Tayleur’s Point field in Rush on 28th August. Launched by the Mayor of Fingal Ken Farrell, it will host games and a barbeque with music provided by Rush pipe band. The residents of Royal Oak Estate in Santry and the Parks Division will be bulb planting 28th August. Blanchardstown Library will host talks on local Dublin 15 stories by Brendan Nolan on 23rd August and Jim Lacey on 25th August. An exhibition of the papers and photographs of illustrious Swords family the Hely Hutchinsons is running from 23rd to 27th August in the Fingal Local Studies library in Swords.

And there’s much, much more. With over 1100 events nationally there’s something for everyone to enjoy during Heritage Week. Full details of all events in Fingal are listed on the heritage week website www.heritageweek.ie or on the Council’s own website www.fingalcoco.ie

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Notes to Editors:

The Heritage Council is the statutory body charged with identifying, protecting, preserving and enhancing Ireland's national heritage. National heritage includes Monuments, Archaeological objects, Heritage objects, Architectural heritage, Flora, Fauna, Wildlife habitats, Landscapes, Seascapes, Wrecks, Geology, Heritage gardens and parks, and Inland waterways.

Established under the Heritage Act 1995, and operating under the aegis of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the Heritage Council provides advice to the Minister, and partners and networks with Local Authorities and a wide range of other organisations and individuals to promote Ireland's heritage.

Heritage Week is co-ordinated in Ireland by the Heritage Council in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and is part of European Heritage Days, which is celebrated in over 40 countries across Europe.

Full information on Heritage Week events throughout the country is available on www.heritageweek.ie or from CallSave 1850 200 878