



PRESS RELEASE

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Bain triail aisti - Seachtain na Gaeilge á ceiliúradh sna Déise

Looking for ways to use your cúpla focal?

Waterford City & County Council celebrates Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018

Tá Seachtain na Gaeilge á ceiliúradh i gContae Phort Láirge arís i mbliana, le réimse leathan imeachtaí á n-eagrú in áiteanna éagsúla ar fud an chontae agus na cathrach.

Once again, the Irish Office and Library Service of Waterford City & County Council and Waterford Childcare Committee have come together to organise a range of events to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, the national Irish language festival, which takes place from the 1-17 March 2018.

Scéalaíocht sa Leabharlann

A number of **Storytelling & Song Sessions** for children – very young children (0-3 years) and pre-schoolers - are being organised in various libraries across City and County and there will also be annual favourites such as Bingó as Gaeilge.

Jacqui de Siún from Waterford City & County Childcare Committee will host **Scéalaíocht & Amhráin/ Storytelling & Songs as Gaeilge** for toddlers and pre-school children in various Libraries as follows:

- Tuesday, 6th March @ 10.30am in Dungarvan Library (*with Coiste Tuismitheoirí & Leanaí Ghlór na nGael*)
- Wednesday, 7th March @ 11am in Tramore Library (*with Tramore Parent & Toddler Group*)
- Friday, 16th March @ 11am in Ardkeen Library (*with Ardkeen Parent & Toddler Group*)
- Tuesday, 20th March @ 11am in the Central Library, Waterford City (*with Inner City Parent & Toddler Group*)

These free sessions are all open to the public, with parents/child minders and young children all welcome to attend – beidh fáilte roimh chách. In addition, Jacqui will run interactive storytelling sessions with local preschool groups in Carrickphierish Library (Naíonra na nDéise), Lismore Library (Sallywags) and Ballyduff Upper Library (Butterflies).

Niall de Búrca

Children's favourite seanachaí, Niall de Búrca returns to Waterford again this year for Seachtain na Gaeilge. On Thursday, March 8th Niall will entertain local schoolchildren in Dungarvan, Ardkeen and Portlaw with his eclectic and madcap performances, entertaining more than 250 children over the course of the day.

Bingó as Gaeilge

Ardkeen, Portlaw, Browne's Road and Dunmore Branch Libraries will all host Bingó as Gaeilge sessions for local primary school children during the first two weeks of March – some 15 sessions hosting more than 350 children in total – and details are available locally. In addition, Tramore Branch Library will host Bingó as Gaeilge for seniors on Monday, March 5th @ 11.30am, followed by a 'cupán tae/caifé agus císte'. For

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Waterford City and County Council, City Hall, The Mall, Waterford.



further information on any of the bingo sessions, please contact Tracy McEneaney in Ardkeen Library at 0761 10 2844.

Sa Chathair – Waterford City

Tráth na gCeist – Bilingual Table Quiz

The Irish Office of Waterford City & County Council is organising a Bilingual Table Quiz (Tráth na gCeist Dátheangach) in the Cove Bar on the Dunmore Road in Waterford on Tuesday, 6th March @ 8.00pm. This event will be a fun quiz to encourage people to use whatever Irish they have – no matter how little – and there will be ‘spotduaiseanna’ – spot prizes – on the night as well, with all proceeds going to prize money. There will be a music and song session afterwards, so come along and join us for some ‘craic agus comhrá’ and the chance to win ‘cúpla euro’!

Waterford Museum of Treasures will also host **Bilingual Historical Tours** of both the Museum of Treasures and the Bishop’s Palace. Come along to the Bishop’s Palace at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 7th March for a bilingual tour with Donnchadh Ó Ceallacháin and his tour of the Museum of Treasures will take place at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 14th March, with both of these at a reduced cost of €4. Fáilte roimh gach éinne.

Lón Gaeilge – Lunch ‘as Gaeilge’

Tuesday, 6th March will be ‘Lón Gaeilge’ day in the Espresso restaurant on Parnell Street from 1-2pm. Anyone wishing to come along and have lunch with the chance to chat ‘as Gaeilge’ and enjoy the company of other ‘Gaeilgeoirí’ of varying abilities is more than welcome – beidh céad míle fáilte romhat! Further information is available by calling Séamus on (087) 241 3826.

OTHER EVENTS

An Trá Mhór

Tramore’s **Ciorcal Comhrá (Conversational Irish group)** will continue throughout March, with ‘Comhrá as Gaeilge’ in the Library on Thursday nights (1st, 8th & 15th March) from 7-8pm, and new people are always welcome. So, if you want to practice/improve on your ‘cúpla focal’ for Seachtain na Gaeilge, pop along to Tramore Library any Thursday night, and join in the fun!

Mar sin, má tá suim agat freastal ar réimse imeachtaí trí Ghaeilge, nó do chúpla focal féin a chleachtadh, tá rud éigint duit le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana. For further information on any events locally, please contact your local library. So, whether you want to listen to the spoken Irish word, practice your own ‘cúpla focal’, or even play Bingo, there’s something for you to partake in during this year’s Seachtain na Gaeilge. Bain taitneamh as!

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