



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 2017

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 2017.

Scéalaíocht sa Leabharlann

A number of **Storytelling & Song Sessions** for children – very young children 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 & Rannta/Storytelling & Songs as Gaeilge** for toddlers and pre-school children in various Libraries as follows:

- Friday, 3rd March @ 11am in Ardkeen Library (*with Ardkeen Parent & Toddler Group*)
- Tuesday, 7th March @ 10.30am in Dungarvan Library (*with Coiste Tuismitheoirí & Leanaí Glór na nGael*)
- Tuesday, 14th March @ 11am in the Central Library, Waterford City (*with Inner City Parent & Toddler Group*)
- Wednesday, 15th March @ 11am in Tramore Library (*with Tramore 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.

Niall de Búrca

Children's favourite seanachaí, Niall de Búrca returns to Waterford for this year's Seachtain na Gaeilge. On Wednesday, March 1st Niall will entertain children from Glór na Mara and Gaelscoil Philb Barúin in Tramore Library in the morning, and he will bring his eclectic and madcap performance to the Presentation Secondary School in Waterford City in the afternoon, entertaining more than 200 children over the course of the day.

Dungarvan Library

Art and music form the basis of Seachtain na Gaeilge events in Dungarvan Library this year. 4th class children from St. Joseph's and St. Mary's primary schools in Dungarvan, and from Scoil Mhuire in Abbesside will be able to design a special Irish language St. Patrick's Day T-shirt at a number of sessions from the 8th - 10th March and the Library will also host a traditional music session with a local group of



young musicians who attend Meánscoil San Nioclás, An Rinn. They have a beautiful unique sound, so why not pop along to this free event in Dungarvan Library on Thursday, 16th March at 6:30pm?

Bingó as Gaeilge

Ardkeen, Browne's Road, Tramore and Portlaw Branch Libraries will all host Bingó as Gaeilge sessions for local primary school children during the first two weeks of March – some 20 sessions hosting more than 600 children in total. In addition, Tramore Branch Library will host Bingó as Gaeilge for seniors on Monday, March 13th @ 11am, followed by a 'cupán tae/caifé agus císte'. For further information on any of the bingo sessions, please contact Tracy McEaney 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 Friday, 3rd March @ 8.30pm. 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. So come along and join us for some 'craic agus comhrá'!

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 1.15pm on Thursday, 9th March for a bilingual tour with Donnchadh Ó Ceallacháin and his tour of the Museum of Treasures will take place at 1.15pm on Thursday, 16th March, with both of these at a reduced cost of €4. Fáilte roimh gach éinne.

OTHER EVENTS

SnaG on the Greenway - SnaG ar an Rian Glas

To help celebrate the upcoming official opening of Rian Glas na nDéise (the Waterford Greenway), Waterford City & County Childcare Committee and national Irish language lead organisation, Glór na nGael are organising a **Siúlóid Síoga do Pháistí** (Children's Fairy Walk) on the Greenway. Parents/minders and young children are asked to meet at Durrow Carpark on Saturday, 11 March at 11am to take a walk to discover the fairy doors from Durrow to the tunnel.

An Trá Mhór

Tramore's **Ciorcal Comhrá (Conversational Irish group)** will continue throughout March, with 'Comhrá as Gaeilge' in the Library on Thursday nights (2nd & 9th 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. 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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