

WHAT'S ON MAY-AUG 2026



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Space for the Arts – Space for Magic – Space for You

KidKast Showcase 2026

MUSICAL THEATRE



Tue 05 May, 7.30pm

Tickets: €22

KidKast Castleknock is delighted to be showcasing their year's work. Come see their fantastic students, ranging in age from 3-14 years, demonstrate their dancing, singing and acting skills. It's guaranteed to be a fun night of entertainment with something for everyone. Under the direction of Eunice McMenamin.

Song Sung Blue

CINEMA



Wed 06 May, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In English with Open Captions
Based on a true story, Song Sung Blue follows struggling musicians Mike and Claire, who form a Neil Diamond tribute act called Lightning & Thunder. Their unexpected rise as a cover band is matched by a blossoming romance, but health setbacks threaten their dreams. Charming and heartfelt, with Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson.

PATIENT:SOLDIER

THEATRE



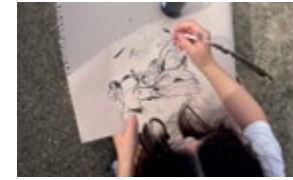
Thu 07 May, 8pm

Tickets: €18 / €16 conc

Black Death, Spanish Flu, Cholera, the Grim Reaper's greatest hits. Now it's 2020, and there's a new plague in town. Dr Reaper takes the stage in this darkly funny, but always true story of an Irishman's fight for life and love. At its core, the belief that words, connection, and sheer will can tip the scales between survival and surrender.

National Drawing Day – Messy Drawings

FAMILY EVENT



Sat 16 May, 1pm & 2.30pm

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age Range: 4-9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins
Celebrate National Drawing Day with some Messy Drawing with artist Corrina Askin. Together we'll create characters using mark-making, drawing with feathers, water, sticks, sponges, and of course fingers. Dress for mess. Not suitable for groups. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and all adults must be accompanied by a child.

The Summer Country Show

MUSIC



Tue 19 May, 8pm

Tickets: €32

This spectacular show promises to be one of the highlights of the country music calendar, bringing together five top acts for one incredible night of entertainment. Audiences will be treated to performances by legendary Irish country stars, Brendan Shine, Robert Muzzell, Ray Lynam, Shawn Cuddy and Owen Mac. Don't miss this diverse and dynamic celebration of Irish and American country music.

The Charlie O'Leary Story + Q&A

CINEMA



Wed 20 May, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

From the creators of '406 Days' and 'May-17-74', this documentary follows the remarkable life of Charlie O'Leary, born in 1924. Founder of Dublin's Street Leagues, he helped shape future football legends and later became a pioneering FIFA-affiliated referee. Invited by Jack Charlton in 1986 to serve as Ireland's kit-man, Charlie's journey spans a century of Irish football history.

Wonder Walls Graffiti Workshops

WORKSHOP



Fri 08, 15, 22, 29 May, 5.30pm-7.30pm

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age Range: 13-17 yrs | Dur: 2 hrs
Led by Waterford Walls artists for Cruinniú na nÓg, young people are invited to join four artist-led workshops to design and paint a large-scale mural while learning real spray-paint and street-art skills. Dress for mess; attendance on all four May dates is required.

Shane Daniel Byrne: Who's A Big Boy

COMEDY



Fri 08 May, 8pm

Tickets: €24 / €22 conc

Dublin darling Shane Daniel Byrne is back, just about. The award-winning stand-up has become a leading act in Ireland at breakneck speed. Shane is the boy from school who was capable of more, the kid who could always do better. Well, just try catching him now. Expect rapid-fire craic and big-hearted feelings in his brand-new show about bellies and bullies.

Route 66 Big Band Live in Concert

MUSIC



Sat 09 May, 8pm

Tickets: €25 / €23 conc

Promising to 'wow' their audiences once again, join Route 66 Big Band on this musical journey, from the big band era, swing, jazz, soul and rock 'n' roll, plus 21st Century classics. Their great playlist of numbers made famous by Joe Dolan, Tom Jones, Adele and Tina Turner among others as well as some big band favourites, has proved a huge success with audiences all over Leinster for the past number of years.

Starkids on Stage

MUSICAL THEATRE



Fri 22 May, 7.30pm

Sat 23-Sun 24 May, 3pm & 7.30pm

Tickets: €20 / €18 conc

Join these talented young performers (ages 3-18 years) for a fun-filled celebration of music and theatre! Enjoy lively songs and excerpts inspired by Chicken Little, Peter Pan, Wonka, and Legally Blonde - all brought to life with energy, creativity, and plenty of heart. A joyful show full of entertainment you won't want to miss - come support the stars of tomorrow!

Icons of the 70's

MUSIC



Wed 27 May, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Icons of the 70's Show! is a high energy live celebration of the decade's biggest musical legends. An all star cast performs iconic hits from artists like The Jackson 5, ABBA, Queen, Earth, Wind & Fire, Blondie, Diana Ross, the Bee Gees, Donna Summer, and more. With dazzling costumes, vibrant visuals, and nonstop feel good anthems, this nostalgic concert promises a joyful, dance filled night for music fans of all ages.

Stories from Dubliners

THEATRE



Thu 28 May, 8pm

Tickets: €16 / €14 conc

Back by popular demand, Volta Theatre's production expands Counterparts & A Little Cloud to include Two Gallants. Brought to life with live music, these vivid snapshots of early 20th-century Dublin follow scheming drifters, a timid dreamer confronted by an old friend, and a volatile law clerk on a doomed pub crawl. Funny, tragic, and timeless, the characters feel strikingly contemporary.

Killian Sundermann – Killian Dollar Baby

COMEDY



Fri 29 May, 8pm

Tickets: €24 / €22 conc

Killian is one of the biggest stars of Irish sketch comedy with a huge online following. He is also one part of the award winning 'Young Hot Guys' podcast. One of Ireland's most exciting new comedy stars returns with his brand new show. After his sell out UK and Ireland tour in 2025 including a total sell out run at the Edinburgh Festival, Killian is back with 'Killian Dollar Baby'.

Is This Thing On?

CINEMA



Wed 03 Jun, 7.30pm

Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In English with Open Captions

As their marriage quietly unravels, Alex (Will Arnett) faces middle age and an impending divorce, seeking new purpose in the New York comedy scene while Tess (Laura Dern) confronts the sacrifices she made for their family - forcing them to navigate co-parenting, identity, and whether love can take a new form. Directed by Bradley Cooper.

Creative Yoga Workshop

FAMILY EVENT



Sat 30 May, 1pm & 2pm

Tickets: €5 | Pre Booking Essential

Age Range: 4-6 yrs | Dur: 30 mins

The body is our first artistic tool! Through gentle Kripalu Yoga, join certified yoga instructor Alissa Tedeschi, who will show children how to explore inner calm and connect with nature using playful poses, breathing exercises, and storytelling. A welcoming practice that nurtures body, mind, and imagination.

Mr Bergmann of Deadman's Point

THEATRE



Thu 04 Jun, 8pm

Tickets: €18 / €16 conc

Set in a Sligo basement, we meet an embalmer and a mysterious stranger - one longing to vanish, the other desperate to be remembered. Inspired by the true story of Peter Bergmann, Ireland's most famous unidentified man who spent three days erasing his identity before being found dead at Rosses Point, this darkly comic play explores legacy, reputation, and life lived in death's shadow.

The Love Hungry Farmer

THEATRE



Sat 30 May, 8pm

Tickets: €22 / €20 conc

John Bosco McLaine, a lifelong romantic and unapologetic optimist, sets out to find a wife despite his inexperience, poor odds, and constant—if unhelpful—community advice. In a place where women are scarce and opinions plentiful, he follows his heart in a hopeful, often hilarious quest for companionship. Seamus O'Rourke's performance brings this wistful, blundering character to life.

Reach for the Stars

MUSICAL THEATRE



Sat 06 Jun, 3pm & 8pm

Sun 07 Jun, 7pm

Tickets: €25

The Norma Breen Hurley Theatre School presents an energetic and fast-moving evening of song and dance, showcasing the children's talents with well-known celebrity guests. Produced and Directed by Norma Breen Hurley.

Think Twice – Celine Dion Tribute Show

MUSIC



Wed 10 Jun, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Relive the emotion and vocal power of a true icon. Fronted by the acclaimed Angie Lang and backed by a full live band, the show delivers soaring arrangements of Celine's greatest hits, from 'Think Twice' to 'My Heart Will Go On'. This uplifting, heartfelt concert captures the passion and magic of Celine Dion for an unforgettable night of music.

The Illegals with Niamh Kavanagh

MUSIC



Sat 13 Jun, 8pm

Tickets: €30

The Illegals deliver an electrifying three hour celebration of the Eagles and Fleetwood Mac. Featuring soulful harmonies, blistering guitars, and classics like 'Rhiannon', 'Liyin' Eyes', 'Take It to the Limit', and 'Landslide'. A seasoned band, they bring audiences an unforgettable, high energy night of iconic rock music they won't forget.

Vladimir Jablokov – Up Close

MUSIC



Thu 11 Jun, 8pm

Tickets: €35 / €32 conc

Internationally acclaimed violinist Vladimir Jablokov returns to major stages, including Dublin's 3Arena, he now performs alongside his sister, pianist Olga Jablokov. The programme features favourites like 'Flight of the Bumblebee', 'Libertango', 'Danny Boy' and 'My Way', combined with personal stories for an exhilarating, heartfelt night of music.

Cash Returns – Man in Black Tour

MUSIC



Wed 17 Jun, 8pm

Tickets: €30

The Man in Black returns with a high energy celebration of Johnny Cash and June Carter, starring Europe's top Johnny Cash tribute, JP Mac, and the vibrant Karen Lyttle as June. Backed by a superb band and 'Carter Sisters' vocals, the show features classics like 'Jackson', 'Ring of Fire', 'Hurt', and 'Ghost Riders in the Sky'. A thrilling tribute capturing the magic of Cash's legendary performances.

Al Porter – Algorithm

COMEDY



Fri 12 Jun, 8pm

Tickets: €26

Al Porter's Algorithm is a high energy show packed with his signature fun loving comedy and his most relatable stories yet. From Instagram's odd suggestions to house share hassles, empty nest parents, and his 'golden child' brother, Al tackles modern life with sharp wit and charm. One of Ireland's few Perrier nominated comics, he delivers a side splitting night of laughs you won't want to miss.

Derek Ryan – The Songwriter Show

MUSIC



Thu 18 Jun, 8pm

Tickets: €30

Experience an unforgettable evening of music and storytelling with Derek Ryan as he reflects on the stories and moments that inspired some of his most popular songs. Joined by acclaimed musicians Ray McLoughlin and Kane O'Rourke, Derek leads audiences on an emotional journey through his rich and celebrated catalogue.

Gladys Coyle Stage School

MUSICAL THEATRE



Sat 20–Sun 21 Jun, 2pm & 7pm

Tickets: €22

Bursting with creativity and confidence, enjoy show stopping numbers from *Wicked*, *Legally Blonde*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and *The Bee Musical*. With dazzling musical theatre pieces, hip hop, and contemporary dance, this joyful production promises big smiles, bold moves, and magical moments as these rising stars light up the stage.

The Classic Beatles

MUSIC



Fri 26 Jun, 8pm

Tickets: €30

The mighty Revolver is 60 years old. The Classic Beatles take on their biggest artistic challenge yet tackling everything from *Taxman* to the monumental *Tomorrow Never Knows*. Those of you who have seen one of the Classic Beatles' previous tours will know a great night's entertainment is in store. This year join them in celebrating their favourite album *Revolver* and more.

The President's Cake

CINEMA



Wed 24 Jun, 7.30pm

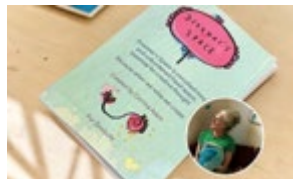
Tickets: €7.50 / €6 conc

In Arabic with English Subtitles

In 1990s Iraq, international sanctions create severe shortages and hardship, yet Saddam Hussein orders every citizen to celebrate his birthday with a cake. When nine-year old Lamia is chosen by lottery to make her class's cake, she must cleverly find scarce ingredients and travel to the city to complete the task. Written and directed by Hasan Hadi.

Family Day: Story Moments

FAMILY EVENT



Sat 18 Jul, 1pm & 2.30pm

Age: 4–9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Come and create some simple story moments with Corrina Askin. She will help you make hand puppets from scratch— this can be as simple as drawing faces on paper bags or building a character from bits and bobs. Dress for mess. Not suitable for groups. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and all adults must be accompanied by a child.

BabyLovesMusic

FAMILY EVENT



Thu 25–Sat 27 Jun,
10.30am, 11.45am, 1pm

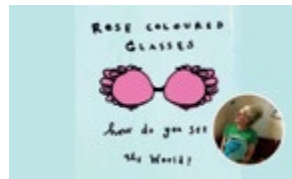
Tickets: €10 per baby (+1 adult)

€15 per baby (+ 2 adults)

BabyLovesMusic is an informal concert for babies aged 0–12 months featuring musical arrangements by The Irish Chamber Orchestra's, Malachy Robinson. An eclectic musical journey with a distinctly Irish feel, BabyLovesMusic features a rich variety of instruments including renaissance guitar, cello, accordion, fiddle, uilleann pipes, treble recorder, and lots more.

Family Day: Rose Coloured Glasses

FAMILY EVENT



Sat 29 Aug, 1pm & 2.30pm

Age: 4–9 yrs | Dur: 60 mins

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

How Do you See the World? Make your own rose coloured glasses— the crazier the better—think Elton John or Dame Edna glasses! Dress for mess. Not suitable for groups. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and all adults must be accompanied by a child.

FESTIVAL



The Toddler Take Over

A Little Event for the Youngest Citizens of Dublin 15

Created by Lead Artist Órla Kelly

With Artists Deirdre O'Reilly and Jane Groves

FAMILY EVENT

Thu 14 May, 10am–2.30pm

Tickets: €5 | Age range: 18 months–4 yrs

Draíocht Galleries, Stages, Foyer & Workshop Room

This is Draíocht's 11th Toddler Take Over event which celebrates the limitless imagination of the very young child and the magic that happens when it is combined with the world of artists and the arts.

With a combination of self-led and artist-led events and happenings, children are invited to bring their insatiable curiosity and their adults to explore our spaces, discover a range of artforms, to create, play, draw, and nurture their creative potential, while having fun too.

We'll also have a Sensory Friendly Toddler Morning (Wed 13 May, 10.30am–12.30pm), for special units and pre-schools. Places are limited. Enquires to sarah@draiocht.ie

So let your toddler take the lead, as we open up our building just for them and invite them to explore!

Tickets On Sale from 10am, 15 April 2026

Full programme online www.draiocht.ie



A Day of Free Creativity for Young People

FAMILY EVENT

Sat 06 Jun, 12 noon-5pm

Tickets: Free

Draíocht Galleries, Workshop Room,
Foyer & Outdoors

Join us for Cruinniú na nÓg 2026 on 6th June, for this day of free creativity for young people.

Drop into our **Colourings Family Day** in our First Floor Gallery with artists Sarah Ward and Michelle Hall [Drop-in 12pm-3pm]; Meet with artist Corrina Askin and help her add to her thoughtful **Dreamer's Space Trail** in our Foyer [1pm-3pm]; Try your hand at **Graffiti Workshops** with Waterford Walls [pre-booking required for five 30 minute sessions, 12 noon-4pm] or catch **OutLine** [pre-booking required 12pm, 2pm & 3.30pm], an immersive dance theatre experience to enjoy in Draíocht starring young people from Dublin 15 with Selma Daniel Dance.

We'll also be celebrating the opening of our Summer children's exhibition '**Colourings**' with the artist Lucy Hill, in the Ground Floor Gallery, and our Creative Resource Space in our First Floor Gallery.

Tickets On Sale from 10am, 01 May 2026

Full programme online www.draiocht.ie

Supported by Fingal County Council through Creative Fingal.



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OutLine Youth Dance Project

Sat 30 May – Sat 06 Jun, 11am-4pm

Tickets: Free | Pre Booking Essential

Age Range: 13-18 yrs

Join us for a free, week long movement project inspired by Lucy Hill's vibrant **Colourings** exhibition. Across six days, participants explore how scribbles, shapes and colour can transform into dance and movement in public spaces. Daily workshops in contemporary dance, improvisation and creative exploration are led by professional artists, encouraging



you to trace, twist and reshape 'marks' with the whole body. Working collaboratively with dancers, you'll help create an original performance that brings the exhibition to life in open spaces. No experience is needed—just curiosity, playfulness and a love of creativity. Bookings: 01-885 2622.

Filmmaking Camp

Mon 29 Jun-Fri 03 Jul, 11am-4pm

Age Range: 13-17 yrs | Cost: €50

Over these 5 days, learn how to make your own film by collaborating with other creatives to plan, script, storyboard, film, edit and learn how to effectively add audio to produce your own short films. Facilitated by CreateSchool you will learn to use mobile digital devices and a selection of apps, to gain skills and learn tips that you can take home and master



with your own projects. The workshop will conclude with a screening of the films. These workshops are funded by Fingal Arts Office. Bookings: 01-885 2622

Taster Week of Theatre

Mon 13 Jul-Fri 17 Jul, 11am-4pm

Age Range: 14-18 yrs | Cost: €50

This dynamic week long theatre intensive invites young creatives to explore performance from every angle. Over five energetic days, participants dive into musical theatre, acting for camera, physical theatre, playwriting and devising. They develop vocal technique, ensemble singing, on camera skills and movement based storytelling while creating original material in a supportive, high energy



environment led by experienced facilitators. The week concludes with a relaxed showcase where participants share musical numbers, filmed scenes, physical theatre pieces and new writing with peers and guests—offering a vibrant taste of multiple theatre disciplines.

Draíocht has a number of Access Places available across its programme. If you would like to nominate someone to participate who may not have the fee, please contact Sarah on 01-8098029 or sarah@draiocht.ie in confidence. Draíocht is committed, within its resources, to access to the arts for all.

THINKTANK Project



Invitation to Participate

Throughout 2026, we continue our THINKTANK Project, aiming to visit every school in Dublin 15, primary & secondary, to ask pupils & students what they think an Arts Centre is for? Led by our fabulous theater facilitator Eimear Morrissey this problem-solving free 60 minute workshop will weave in elements of theatre games based on themes provided by your class. Available to D15 schools only. To enquire please email sarah@draiocht.ie

Spoken Word Project

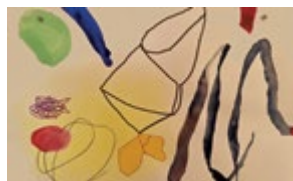
For Secondary Schools



This Autumn, Draíocht will begin an exciting new project to create a series of professional short live theatre pieces for secondary-cycle students for performance in their school. The first piece will be developed by spoken word artist Colm Keegan, working directly with a group of secondary-school students through a collaborative, creative process. If your school is interested in participating, please email Sarah at sarah@draiocht.ie

Colourings Exhibition

PRE SCHOOL TOURS



09, 10, 11, 16, 18 June, 10.15am

Tickets: Free | Dur: 90 mins

Age: Pre School (max 14 + teachers)

Step into Colourings, a joyful, touch-friendly art exhibition created by artist Lucy Hill for Draíocht's 25th birthday. This colourful exhibition is full of soft, squishy sculptures inspired by Lucy's own scribbles and drawings. Perfect for curious little learners, this hands-on gallery visit encourages creativity, sensory discovery and fun, all in a safe, welcoming space.

Calling Art Teachers

Secondary Schools



This Autumn, Draíocht will begin a new collaborative visual arts project with artist Andrew Carson, in the Maker Space, Blanchardstown Library. Together with participating art teachers and their students, Andrew will lead an experimental photography workshop programme over 6-8 weeks. The project will respond directly to an exhibition in Draíocht and will culminate in a showcase of student work in the First Floor Gallery. If your school is interested please email Sarah at sarah@draiocht.ie

Colourings Exhibition

JULY PROVISION



01, 03, 06, 08, 10 July,

10.15am & 12.15pm

Tickets: Free | Dur: 50 mins

Age: All ages (max 14 + teachers)

Discover Colourings, a bright, sensory-friendly exhibition by artist Lucy Hill. Artworks can be touched, moved, and rearranged, encouraging children to make choices, collaborate, and play at their own pace. Perfect for July Provision groups, this visit supports sensory regulation, creative expression, and meaningful connection. Booking through Box Office 01-885 2622.

Film of your Choice

Secondary Schools



Draíocht in collaboration with our partners in the Irish Film Institute and Access Cinema, invites D15 secondary schools to request foreign language film screenings that support language exams; or films that support class themes or films simply for the joy of seeing one on our 4K big screen with surround sound! Screenings depend on film and auditorium availability and require a minimum of 100 students. Cost is €5 per student, with teachers free. To enquire, contact sarah@draiocht.ie

DRAÍOCHT GALLERIES



Colourings – Lucy Hill

Sat 06 Jun–Sat 12 Sep 2026

Ground Floor Gallery

Curated by Helen O'Donoghue

Draíocht is delighted to announce *Colourings* by Lucy Hill, curated by Helen O'Donoghue, a Draíocht Children's Commission, part of a series of initiatives to mark Draíocht's 25th birthday.

Colourings centres on the artist's own abstract colourings, which she has reimagined through collaboration with fashion designer Orla Langan and sound designer Adam Kennedy. Orla and Lucy have transformed the visual language of Lucy's sketchbook colourings into soft sculptures that invite children to touch, playfully interact, to take comfort and rest. Adam has crafted a bespoke soundscape and sonic sensors that respond to their movement, creating an auditory environment that echoes the sculptures. The artist invites children to play with/in her colourings in the gallery, to recompose them as they wish and to enjoy their distinct qualities and possible combinations.

Colourings celebrates scribbling as a practice of becoming, where colours, shapes, textures and lines merge with

sound, touch and movement, emphasising how the experience of colouring can nurture empathy, curiosity and collective imagination. It invites us to consider colouring as a creative act rooted in childhood artistry. It is both a personal and collaborative exploration of how the unique language of colouring, for artist and child, might be a radical act of freedom and transformation of the world around us.

Lucy also will spend time in the gallery throughout the summer, changing and playing with the soft sculpture compositions alongside visiting children.

Summer Colourings – First Floor Gallery July-& August | Cost: Free

A dedicated children's response space and series of workshops will be programmed to run alongside the exhibition, including hands-on prompts, tactile materials, and simple making activities, that encourage both artist-led and self-led curiosity, experimentation and engagement. Full programme on www.draiocht.ie

10 Sep	The Bob Dylan Roadshow
17 Sep	Eddi Reader & Alan Kelly Gang
19 Sep	Anne Gildea – Further Adventures in Womaning
25 Sep	Jarlath Regan: Gas Man
08 Oct	An Evening with Fiachna Ó Braonáin, Tom Dunne & Alan Connor
10 Oct	David O'Doherty
14 Oct	Ardal O'Hanlon
16 Oct	Robert Mizzell's Nashville Songbook
23 Oct	Sinéad Culbert – I'm No Wonder Woman
17-18 Nov	ABBA Forever
07 Dec	A Christmas Country with the Stars

Celebrate with us over on Draíocht's 25th Birthday Portal.

This dedicated page on our website is where you can win free Tickets throughout 2026, send us video greetings or share your special memories of the last 25 years with us. You can also sign up for Ezines and keep in touch with our 25th Birthday Celebration News.

Simply scan the QR code, or go to www.draiocht.ie/draiochts-25th-birthday-portal to take part.



Draíocht's resident Café is Koffee & Kale

Open Monday - Saturday, 9am - 5pm & later on performance nights. Draíocht's Theatre Bar serves a range of drinks and teas & coffees, half an hour before showtime and during the interval.

Booking Information

Draíocht accepts bookings in person, by phone & online.
Box Office Tel **01 885 2622**

Box Office Opening Hours -
Monday to Saturday,
10am - 6pm
Or 24hrs online at
www.draiocht.ie

A booking fee of €1 per ticket applies online.

Location

Draíocht is located in West Dublin in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, and is part of the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre complex.

Full details on
www.draiocht.ie/your-visit

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