



HALLOWEEN

Did you know that 'Halloween' as we know it originates from the ancient Celtic 'Samhain' festival?

In Celtic Ireland about 2,000 years ago, Samhain was the division of the year between the lighter half (summer) and the darker half (winter). At Samhain the division between this world and the otherworld was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. It was believed that various supernatural beings and the dead could visit the living, and the living could visit the otherworld.

An raibh a fhios agat go bhfuil fréamhacha na féile 'Halloween' le fáil sa tseanfhéile Cheilteach 'Samhain'? 2,000 bliain ó shin in Éirinn, is amhlaidh gurbh í Samhain an deighilt idir an dá chuid den bhliain – an chuid gheal (an samhradh) agus an chuid dhorchá (an geimhreadh). Le linn na Samhna bhí an deighilt seo idir an domhan seo agus an domhan eile an-tanaí agus bhí cead siúil ag spioraid idir an dá dhomhan. Creideadh go bhféadfadh neacha neamhshaoil agus osnádúrtha cuairt a thabhairt ar an mbeo, agus go bhféadfadh an beo cuairt a thabhairt ar an domhan eile.

AVOID BUILDING OR ATTENDING BONFIRES



Bonfires are bad for our environment, burnt earth on our open spaces takes approximately 18 months to recover.



Do not leave material in places where it may be accessible and targeted for a bonfire.



Do not give waste to unpermitted collectors.



Do not buy, use or supply fireworks.



Keep pets indoors around Halloween they are sensitive to noise.



Every year Dublin Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Services answer hundreds of calls over the Halloween period.



Respect the Emergency Services, Council Staff and An Garda Síochána who are already busy fighting fires and saving lives. Bonfires are an unnecessary and avoidable extra burden on them.



Remember, Halloween can be a dangerous night. Children should be reminded of road safety and take extra care crossing roads, especially in poorly lit areas and in bad weather conditions. Young children should be accompanied by an adult and high visibility armbands / vests should be worn.

Bulbs Not Bonfires is a reward provided through South Dublin County Council's Social Credit Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the Spring instead of scarred open space throughout the year.

Last year we spent almost **€5,500** on bulbs for this popular scheme and similar will be spent again this year. For more information please contact the office at:
envawareness@sdblincoco.ie



HALLOWEEN at South Dublin Libraries

Get ready for spooky fun across all SDCC Libraries this Halloween! From costume swaps and creepy crafts to silent discos, spooky science, and storytime sessions, there's something for everyone—children, teens, families, and adults. Check out the full schedule of events below and join us for a frightfully fun time!

Lucan Library

Halloween Costume Swap

Date: 09/10/2025 **Time:** 6.00pm

Description: Halloween Costume Swap.

Age group: Children

Booking on Lucan Library Eventbrite

Halloween Library Crafts!

Date: 28/10/2025 **Time:** 3.30pm

Description: Crafts with kids for Halloween.

Age group: 3–6 years

Booking on Lucan Library Eventbrite

Viking Show with Knights for Hire

Date: 30/10/2025 **Time:** 2.00 & 3.00pm

Description: An educational but fun demonstration and interaction of medieval life, food, dress and daily life. How weapons and armour were used from Roman times all the way to the demise of the knight with a focus on the Vikings and their impact on Ireland.

Age group: Families

Booking on Lucan Library Eventbrite

Art and Creativity with Elena!

Date: 28/10/2025 **Time:** 3.30pm

Description: Halloween Art and Creativity with Elena.

Age group: 6–8 years

Booking on Lucan Library Eventbrite

Art and Creativity with Elena!

Date: 30/10/2025 **Time:** 3.30pm

Description: Halloween Art and Creativity with Elena.

Age group: 9–12 years

Booking on Lucan Library Eventbrite

Ballyroan Library

Creative Spirits: Design your own Halloween Tote Bag

Date: 21/10/2025 **Time:** 6.00pm

Description: This Halloween, add a personal touch to the spooky season! Join us for a fun workshop where you'll design your own custom Halloween bag - perfect as a gift or a treat for yourself to embrace the spirit(s) of the season. This event is for ADULTS only – Halloween isn't just for kids!.

Age group: Adults

Booking on Ballyroan Library Eventbrite

Costume Swap

Date: 01/10/2025 **Time:** 6.30pm

Description: Jump into the scary season with a chance to swap last year's costume for something new and frightful! Jump into the scary season with a chance to swap last year's costume for something new and frightful! Drop your old costumes into the library between Friday 26 September and Tuesday 30 September and collect your token for the swap to take place on Wednesday 1 October at 6.30pm.new to you.

Age group: Families

Booking on Ballyroan Library Eventbrite

Autumn Crafts for Children

Date: 22/10/2025 **Time:** 3pm

Description: Join us for a session of fun and creativity to craft a colourful Halloween scene!

Age group: Children

Booking on Ballyroan Library Eventbrite

Erupting Pumpkins! Spooky Science Workshop

Date: 30/10/2025 **Time:** 11.00am

Description: Join Anyone4Science to make a pumpkin model and add a scientific reaction to watch it erupt!

Age group: 9+ years

Booking on Ballyroan Library Eventbrite

Erupting Pumpkins! Spooky Science Workshop

Date: 30/10/2025 **Time:** 12pm

Description: Join Anyone4Science to make a pumpkin model and add a scientific reaction to watch it erupt!

Age group: 9+ years

Booking on Ballyroan Library Eventbrite

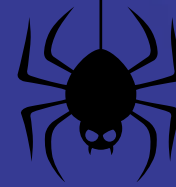
Family Movie: Hotel Transylvania

Date: 28/10/2025 **Time:** 4pm

Description: Join us for a screening of the family-friendly film, Hotel Transylvania, on our BIG SCREEN!! 90 minutes running time

Age group: Families

Booking on Ballyroan Library Eventbrite



Clondalkin Library

Halloween Storytime & Crafts

Date: 28/10/2025 **Time:** 3.00pm

Description: Join library staff for some spooky stories followed by Halloween themed arts and crafts

Age group: 3–6 years

No booking required

Knight for Hire

Date: 29/10/2025 **Time:** 12pm

Description: Learn what it takes to be a knight with Dylan, the Knight for Hire.

Age group: Ages 5+

Booking on Clondalkin Library Eventbrite

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Date: 31/10/2025 **Time:** All day

Description: Can you find all the ghosts and ghouls that have gotten loose around Clondalkin Library?

Age group: 3+

No booking required

Drop-in Halloween Arts and Crafts

Date: 31/10/2025 **Time:** 2.00pm

Description: Drop into Clondalkin Library to do some fun self-led arts and crafts.

Age group: 3+

No booking required

North Clondalkin Library

Halloween Kids Costume Swap

Date: 09/10/2025 **Time:** 5pm

Description: Book in & Swap your costumes! Drop off Sept 29–Oct 8 for tokens, then trade them for “new to you” costumes on Oct 9 between 5–7pm.

Age group: Kids of all ages

Booking on North Clondalkin Library Eventbrite

Halloween Disco @ NCHell

Date: 24/10/2025

Time: 3pm

Description: Join us for a frightfully fun afternoon at the NCHell Disco! Enjoy spooky tunes, plenty of dancing, and prizes for the best Halloween costumes.

Age group: Kids of all ages

Booking on North Clondalkin Library Eventbrite

Spooky Storytime & Craft

Date: 28/10/2025 **Time:** 3.00pm

Description: Spooky Fun at the Library! Join us for a spook-tacular storytime and craft session filled with not-so-scary tales and a fun Halloween-themed craft to take home!.

Age group: Children under 8

Booking on North Clondalkin Library Eventbrite

Halloween Movie Screening

Date: 29/10/2025 **Time:** 2.00pm

Description: Join us at North Clondalkin Library for a fun, not-too-scary Halloween film on the big screen! Perfect for kids of all ages - bring along your favourite snacks and a cosy blanket, and get ready for a spooktacular time. **Age group:** Families

No booking required

Spooky STEAM Lab: Design Your Own Trick or Treat Bag

Date: 30/10/2025 **Time:** 5pm

Description: Come join us at North Clondalkin Library for a spooktacular event where you can unleash your creativity! In this hands-on workshop, you'll get to design your very own trick or treat bag just in time for Halloween. Let your imagination run wild as you decorate your bag with all sorts of creepy and cool designs. It's the perfect way to get into the Halloween spirit and show off your unique style. Don't miss out on this fun and festive activity!

Age group: 8 – 11 years old

Booking on North Clondalkin Library Eventbrite

Spooky STEAM Lab: Halloween Graphic Design for Teens

Date: 30/10/2025 **Time:** 6.30pm

Description: Join us at North Clondalkin Library for a creative Teen STEAM Lab! In this hands-on workshop, you'll design and decorate your very own autumn-themed bag. Use your imagination to add seasonal colours, patterns, and designs that reflect your unique style.

Age group: 12 – 16 years old

Booking on North Clondalkin Library Eventbrite

Castletymon Library

Mask Making for Kids

Date: 28/10/2025 **Time:** 2.30pm

Description: Join Aoife Munn to learn how to make your own Halloween mask.

Age group: 8–12 years

Booking on Castletymon Library Eventbrite

Irish Bats

Date: 29/10/2025 **Time:** 6.30pm

Description: A talk celebrating Irish Bats and other wildlife and how to support them.

Age group: Adults

Booking on Castletymon Library Eventbrite

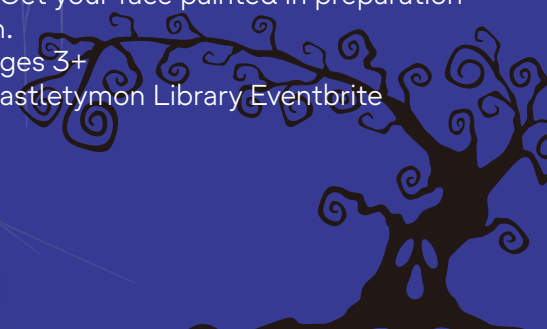
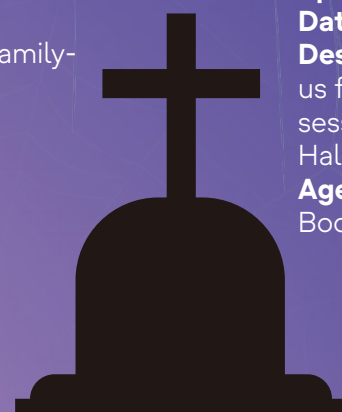
Facepainting with Jen

Date: 29/10/2025 **Time:** 3.00pm

Description: Get your face painted in preparation for Halloween.

Age group: Ages 3+

Booking on Castletymon Library Eventbrite



Tallaght Library

Halloween Costume Swap

Date: 11/10/2025 **Time:** 11.00am

Description: Drop your costume(s) into the library in advance and collect.

Age group: All ages
No booking required

Meet Spiderman in the Library

Date: 11/10/2025 **Time:** 12.00–2.00pm

Description: Are your spider senses tingling? Swing into action and join us for a special superhero event where kids can meet the one and only Spiderman!

Age group: All ages (kids)
No booking required

Family Day for Spooky Season in Tallaght Library

Date: 11/10/2025 **Time:** 2.00–4.00pm

Description: Kids will love getting their faces painted with colorful designs, choosing their favorite balloon animals, and meeting amazing jugglers who will wow the crowd with their incredible tricks.

Age group: All ages (kids)
No booking required

Halloween Silent Disco

Date: 11/10/2025

Time: 1.00–3.00pm

Description: A fun, spooky silent disco!

Age group: Ages 3+

Booking on Tallaght Library Eventbrite

Children's Book Festival Drawalong with Aoife Dooley

Date: 28/10/2025 **Time:** 3.30pm

Description: Join author and illustrator Aoife Dooley for a fun-filled Drawalong session. With pencils at the ready, kids will follow Aoife step-by-step as she brings her quirky characters to life, sharing tips, tricks, and lots of fun along the way.

Age group: 9–12 years

Booking on Tallaght Library Eventbrite

Spooky Storytime with Arts and Crafts

Date: 28/10/2025 **Time:** 3.30pm

Description: Spooky stories followed by crafts.

Age group: Children

No booking required

Anyone 4 Science Halloween Workshop

Date: 29/10/2025

Time: 11.00am and 12.00pm

Description: Learn the science behind the scares.

Age group: 8+

Booking on Tallaght Library Eventbrite

Spooky Movie Screening

Date: 29/10/2025 **Time:** 2.00pm

Description: Screening of *Coco*.

Age group: Ages 7+

Booking on Tallaght Library Eventbrite

Halloween Teen Costume Making Workshop

Date: 29/10/2025 **Time:** 6.00pm

Description: Learn to sew and update your Halloween costume. Bring old costumes/fabric and your ideas.

Age group: 13–17 years

Booking on Tallaght Library Eventbrite

Make Your Own Trick or Treat Bag

Date: 30/10/2025 **Time:** 2.00pm

Description: Kids will step into the role of graphic designer as they create a one-of-a-kind Halloween bag using easy-to-use digital design software on our library pcs. From creepy creatures to ghastly ghouls, their custom creation will be printed on a real canvas tote bag—perfect for collecting treats in style!

Age group: 8+

Booking on Tallaght Library Eventbrite

Halloween Toddler Time with Twinkle Kids

Date: 31/10/2025 **Time:** 10.30am

Description: Join us for a special Halloween toddler time with Katie from Twinkle Kids! There'll be stories, music and movement. Why not join us in your spooky Halloween costume?

All welcome, no booking required.

Age group: 1–4 years

No booking required



Spooky HALLOWEEN stuff for kids to do



Community Services will be actively assisting a number of small local Community based Halloween Celebrations, organised by Community Centres / Groups across the County, a full list of these events can be obtained by contacting the Community Development Team and will be advertised on the Council's website and social media in the coming weeks. Visit www.sdcc.ie

Electrical Recycling Collections For Halloween 2025

Recycle IT, in partnership with South Dublin County Council and WEEE Ireland, is offering free electrical recycling for Residents' Associations and estates in South Dublin before and during Halloween 2025. You can easily book a free electrical recycling collection for your estate by calling 01 4578321.

Our collection teams will pick up all types of old or unused household, garden, and small office electrical equipment for safe recycling. We will collect items from outdoor areas like gardens or driveways on a date that suits you. Please ensure that all items are easy to see, accessible, and ready for collection.

If you're not part of a Residents' Association, you can still drop off your electrical items for free in the weeks leading up to Halloween.

We accept all types of electrical, electronic, and battery-operated items, including old heaters, electronic toys, TVs, washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones, computers, cables, chargers, and more. Recycling these items helps protect the environment by keeping hazardous materials out of landfills and conserving natural resources.

If you prefer to drop off your items, the Recycle IT recycling centre is open from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm on Fridays. You can bring your old electrical items to Recycle IT at

Unit 14/2 Crag Terrace, Clondalkin Industrial Estate, Clondalkin, Dublin D22 TK37. For more details, call 01 4578321.

If your Residents' Association would like to arrange an electrical recycling collection for your road or estate before Halloween or at another time during the year, please call 01 4578321 or email info@recycleit.ie.

Recycle IT is a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Clondalkin.

Visit www.recycleit.ie to learn more.

A Free Pass to Ballymount Civic Amenity Centre

will be provided to every Social Credit applicant / group. One pass allows entry for one car and will be valid from Monday 20 October until Monday 24 November 2025. Last year a total of 175 passes were provided.

In 2024 the Council spent in the region of €154,000 on clean-up operations associated with the 218 bonfires which took place. Just think what this kind of money could provide for YOUR community



SAMHAIN

IN SOUTH DUBLIN



Halloween Programme of Events South Dublin

Wednesday 29th October @ 11:00am - 12:00pm

Irish Language Halloween Walking Tour of Tallaght Village with Tomás Maher followed by Bairín Breac and Tae in Aon Sceal Café, Tallaght Village

Thursday 30th October @ 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Mexican Food Talk and Tasting with Professor Catherine Leen, Associate Professor in Hispanic Studies at TCD and Erick Carrillo of Fondita Mestiza, at Brú Chrónáin, Round Tower Visitors Centre, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

Thursday 30th October @ 8:00pm

Halloween Céilí at Áras Chrónáin, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

Friday 31st October @ 10:30am - 11:30am

Halloween Toddler Time at County Library, Tallaght

Friday 31st October @ 11:00am - 5:00pm

Tallaween, Parthalán Place, Tallaght, Dublin 24

Saturday 1st November @ 11:00am - 12:00pm

English Language Halloween Walking Tour of Tallaght Village with Tomás Maher followed by Breac and Tae in Aon Sceal Café, Tallaght Village

Saturday 1st November @ 2:30pm - 3:30pm

An Introduction to the Day of the Dead with Dr. Brenda Mondragon Toledo at Brú Chrónáin, Round Tower Visitors Centre, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

Sunday 2nd November @ 11:00am - 4:00pm

Spookdalkin at Brú Chrónáin, Round Tower Visitors Centre, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

Halloween Walkway / 14th October through to 31st October

at Whereelse @ Brú Chrónáin, Round Tower Visitors Centre, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 from 14th October through to 31st October

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