

# SCARY FACTS ABOUT 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'? 2000 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 neamhsaolta 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 night — they are sensitive to noise.

- Every year Dublin Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Service 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 €2,600 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](mailto:envawareness@sdblincoco.ie)



### 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, 11 October until Monday, 8 November 2021. Last year a total of 137 passes were provided. In 2020 the Council spent in the region of €155,000 on clean-up operations associated with the 283 bonfires which took place. Just think what this kind of money could provide for **your** community.

# 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](http://www.sdcc.ie).

## HALLOWEEN @ South Dublin Libraries

### Ballyroan Library

#### Two Sentence Horror Story competition

"Don't look behind you. It doesn't like to be seen." Want to give us a fright this Halloween?! Tell us a scary story with just two sentences and be in with a chance to win a book voucher. Email your entry to [ballyroan@sdbublincoco.ie](mailto:ballyroan@sdbublincoco.ie) before Wednesday, 27 October with your name, contact number and age included. Categories: Child one: (ages 5 - 8) Child two: (9 - 12) Teen: Ages (13 - 17) Adult: 18 upwards.

#### Tuesday, 26 October:

##### 11.30am - Scary STEM Studio

A special Halloween edition of our monthly science workshop! Suitable for 7 - 12 year olds. Booking essential at <http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

##### 3.30pm - Slightly Spooky Storytime

Suitable for 3 - 6 year olds. Come along in your Halloween costume for some scary, but not too scary, stories!! All welcome

##### 7.00pm - Ghosts of Rathfarnham

As we near October, it's time to spook ourselves a little! In this talk, local historian Tony Duffy will regale us with ghoulish stories and chilling tales from Rathfarnham. Suitable for adults only. Booking essential at <http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

#### Wednesday, 27 October:

##### 10.30am and 11.15am Baby Boo music workshop!

Join us for some spooky little songs with Music Generation South Dublin! 0 - 18months from 10.30 - 11.00am, 18 months to 4 years from 11.15 - 11.45am. Booking essential at <http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

##### 6 - 8.00pm - Creepy Coderdojo

A chilling coding workshop especially for Halloween! Suitable for 7 - 17 year olds. Booking essential at <http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

#### Thursday, 28 October:

##### 11.00am - Wooden Heart Shadow Puppet Show with Garbo Productions

Join us for this spell-binding show! Suitable for 6 - 12 year olds. Booking essential at <http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

##### 3.00 pm - Halloween magic and mayhem

We invite you to wear your fancy dress costume and party with us as we celebrate the Spooky season with a monster magic show, a horrid haunted house and plenty of evil entertainment! Booking essential at <http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

### Clondalkin Library

#### Tuesday, 19 October:

##### 3.00pm - Online Halloween Arts and Crafts with Kim Jenkinson. Ages 6 upwards

Join artist Kim Jenkinson as we prepare for Halloween on this creepy creatures workshop, creating furry bats and spooky spiders to decorate your home with. Pick up your arts and crafts pack from Clondalkin library then follow along on Zoom with Kim. Booking from Monday, 4 October at <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

#### Tuesday, 26 October:

##### 3.30pm - Put your Halloween costumes on and join us for an online session of storytelling

Ages: 3 - 6 - A parent or guardian will be required to be present for the duration of this online event and they are encouraged to dress up as well if they wish to. Bookings from Monday, 4 October at <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

#### Wednesday, 27 October:

##### 3.30pm - The Last Halloween on Earth - Online Story Workshop - Ages 7 - 12

MAD4TALES presents this workshop which will explore the importance of character development, while challenging the students

to solve the story's problem and save the day!  
Booking from Friday, 8 October  
<http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

## **North Clondalkin Library** **Tuesday, 26 October 3.00pm:**

### **Spooky Story Time**

- Our regular Tuesday Storytime with a Halloween twist.  
Suitable for ages 3 - 6 year olds. No need to book

## **Thursday, 28 October 2.00pm:** **Halloween arts and crafts -Suitable for ages 7 - 11 years.**

Super spooky arts and crafts with a Halloween theme.  
Booking opens Thursday, 21 October at 10.00am.  
<https://northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com/>

## **Saturday, 30 October 12.00pm:** **STEAM Saturday - Escape the Haunted mansion.**

Suitable for ages 8 - 12 years. Use your coding skills to help our library robots escape a spooky haunted mansion. Booking opens Saturday, 23 October at 10.00am. <https://northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com/>

### **Trick or Treat costume competition from 2.30pm.**

Visit the library wearing your best Halloween costume and enter our costume competition and be in with a chance of winning a prize! We'll announce the winner on our Facebook page on Halloween!

## **Tallaght Library** **Tuesday, 18 October:**

### **Online Halloween arts and crafts with Aoife Munn - 3.30pm**

Harry Potter Craft Session - from Origami sorting hats and book eating bookmarks to Cornish pixie night lights be inspired to create your own Harry Potter crafts.  
Suitable for ages 8 upwards. Booking on Eventbrite <https://talib.eventbrite.ie>

## **Thursday, 21 October:** **Halloween arts and crafts with Kim in Tallaght Library - 3.30pm**

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this Halloween themed workshop where you can design and make your own spooky mask ready for the scariest night of the year.  
Suitable for ages 8 upwards. Booking essential on Eventbrite <https://talib.eventbrite.ie> from Monday, 11 October 10.00am

### **Spooky Halloween story time and arts and crafts in Tallaght Library**

Suitable for ages 4 - 7. Booking essential on Eventbrite <https://talib.eventbrite.ie>

## **Wednesday, 27 October:** **Wooden Heart puppet show in Tallaght Library - 2.30pm and 3.50pm.**

Margaret Callan Bergin of Garbo Theatre presents her shadow puppet show Wooden Heart. suitable for ages 6 - 12. An original magical tale that takes us on a journey

with Miss B Curious Pickle Feather. This story is uniquely told through Shadow Puppet Artistry. Booking essential on Eventbrite <https://talib.eventbrite.ie> from Monday, 18 October.

## **Polish Halloween evening for children - 6.00pm - 8.00pm**

Serdecznie zapraszamy na HALLOWEEN w BIBLIOTECE dla dzieci w wieku 5 - 9 lat (spotkanie odbędzie w języku polskim).

W dniu 27 października o godz. 18.00 będziemy poszukiwać skarbow w ogrodzie oraz obejrzymy straszny film:)

Mile widziane przebranie:

Rezerwacja miejsc poprzez [www.talibeventbrite.ie](http://www.talibeventbrite.ie).

Booking essential on Eventbrite <https://talib.eventbrite.ie> from Monday, 18 October.

## **Thursday, 28 October:**

### **Spooky Creative Writing with Juliette Saumande in Tallaght library - 11am**

Zombies, witches, ghosts, werewolves and a whole lot of other scary creatures will make an appearance in this fun and spooky creative writing workshop for budding writers aged 8 - 12. Author Juliette Saumande will guide participants through a gallery of properly scary villains and help them invent their own beasts, the better to scare their readers with...**Don't forget to dress up!**

Booking on Eventbrite <https://talib.eventbrite.ie> from Monday, 18 October.

## **Anyone4science Harry Potter Science Show 2.30- 3.30pm and 4.00- 5.00pm.**

Come along to this fun Harry Potter event and using our special magic invisible ink, find out if you are magic or muggle. You will attend a herbology lesson and will transfigure a piece of paper into a flowerpot, suitable for ages 7 - 12. Booking essential through Eventbrite <https://talib.eventbrite.ie> from Monday, 18 October.

## **Castletymon Library** **Tuesday, 19 October:**

### **3.30pm and Thursday 21 October at 3.30pm - Tim Burton Puppet Making workshop**

Join us for a two-part Goth friendly workshop for children aged 7 - 12 to unleash their inner artist and get creating with Tim Burton inspired puppets to make and keep forever! Using high quality materials your child's new little friend can go on as many adventures as they like for years to come. Booking essential from Monday, 4 October at 10am: [castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

## **Thursday, 28 October:**

### **3pm Dress up for Halloween and pumpkin carving competition**

Dress up the little ones in their favourite Halloween costume and come to the library! Bring your carved pumpkins for the chance at winning a prize. All welcome.



## Friday, 29 October:

### 2pm Halloween Arts and crafts

A fun session of spooky arts and crafts for ages 6 upwards. Booking from Monday, 18 October at 10am, contact the library on 01 414 9203.

## Lucan Library

### Tuesday, 26 October:

#### 12pm - Online Comic Art Workshop

With Jaime Lalor, trained illustrator specialising in comics and character design. This workshop focuses on Comic creation and visual storytelling. Booking through [www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

#### 3.30pm - Childrens book club with Cathal.

This month's book is The Book of Learning by ER Murray. Booking is through [www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie).

### Wednesday, 27 October:

#### Clayotic, all but Chaotic - 11am

Using Ireland's fastest drying clay, this online tutorial has a Cat in the Hat theme.

Places are limited and booking is essential through [www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

#### Halloween Storytime - 3pm returns to Lucan Library!

Come along in your Halloween costume to hear some spooky stories!! Ages 3 - 6 years. Contact Lucan Library to book your place, [lucan@sdbulincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdbulincoco.ie).

### Thursday, 28 October:

#### Last Halloween on Earth - a creative writing workshop for children ages 8 - 12 - 12pm with Maeve Devoy, MAD4Tales.

This workshop will explore the importance of character

development, while challenging the students to solve the story's problem and save the day! It is hoped this event will take place in the library. Places are limited and booking essential through [www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

**Wooden Heart - 3.00pm** A puppet show created, performed, and written by Theatre Artist Margaret Callan-Bergin. 'Wooden Heart' is an original magical tale that takes us on a journey with Miss B Curious Pickle Feather. This event is due to take place in Lucan Library, places limited, book through [www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

### Friday, 29 October:

**Halloween Yoga for Children with Laura Heslin**, author of Lolo's Farmyard Animals, a book for little yogis. Ages 5 - 8 years. It is hoped this event will take place in Lucan Library, places will be limited and booking essential through [www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](http://www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)

### Exhibition:

#### Haunted South Dublin

South Dublin County has some wonderfully spooky stories about some of its famous landmarks. Come along to learn more in our exhibition "Haunted South Dublin".

#### Art Competition for Social Inclusion Week: "Live your best life"

Entries are being accepted during the Halloween week. There are three age categories, under 7 years, 8 - 13 years, 13 years upwards.

## ELECTRICAL RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR HALLOWEEN 2020

Recycle IT, in association with South Dublin County Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland will be offering free electrical recycling opportunities to households in South Dublin prior to and during Halloween 2021.

Recycle IT are happy to receive requests from resident associations for recycling collection days in residential areas across South Dublin. These collection days are now annual events and help ensure hazardous electrical equipment and batteries don't find their way onto seasonal Bonfires.

This year our teams are pleased to be able to collect items from outdoor areas including gardens or drives. All items should be easily accessible

and ready for collection. As a result of COVID-19 we will be following social distancing guidelines. We ask recyclers to remain mindful of social distancing and hand hygiene when recycling.

Households can also drop off appliances free in the weeks leading up to Halloween. Recycle IT will accept all types of electrical, electronic, and battery-operated equipment including old heaters, electronic toys, TV's washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones, and computers.

If you or your group wish to arrange a collection in September, October or at another time during the year you can call 01 457 8321 or email [info@recycleit.ie](mailto:info@recycleit.ie).

As part of South Dublin County Council's **Mattress Amnesty 2021**, our social enterprise partners **RecycleIT** will be collecting used mattress, free of charge, during October. Visit [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) for a list of locations.

Recycle IT is a not-for-profit, Social Enterprise based in Clondalkin. Visit [www.recycleit.ie](http://www.recycleit.ie) to learn more.



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AND ENJOY HALLOWEEN**