



# Scoil Samhraidh Mhic Reachtain

## (McCracken Summer School Festival 2019)

### Sunday 28th July - Saturday 3rd August

The award winning and internationally renowned Scoil Samhraidh Mhic Reachtain festival (McCracken Summer School), now celebrating its 20th year, will run from **Sunday 28th July - Saturday 3rd August** this year. The north's largest Irish language, arts and cultural festival attracts visitors from all over the Ireland and the globe, to North Belfast every summer. This year's programme consists of a guided walk on Cavehill, traditional music session at Mc Art's Fort, an Irish language course for adults (SOLD OUT), concerts, talks and lectures, singing workshops, daily traditional music sessions, International food day, Night of the Scribes, 20th anniversary dinner and concert in Crumlin Road Gaol, and much more. It's easy to register for workshops and talks, or purchase tickets for the gigs and free events.. Visit website: [Eventbrite.com/SSMR 20](https://www.eventbrite.com/SSMR20), or call into Áras Mhic Reachtain, opposite the Waterworks. Don't hang about though, get booking!

Proudly supported by Arts Council NI, Belfast City Council, Foras na Gaeilge, Colmcille, Ciste and Open University.

Contact Ferdia or Daithí on (028) 90 749688 for more information.

Find us on Facebook at 'Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain'

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## Greater New Lodge Community Festival Programme 2019

### Introduction

Hello and welcome to the 2019 Greater New Lodge Community Festival Programme. As you can see for yourself the programme is once again packed with a wide variety of arts and cultural gigs.

The festival offers an opportunity to promote pride in our community, strengthen local relationships and learn new things. As always we would like as many residents as possible to show their support for the various events. Most importantly we want everyone to have a really good time!

On behalf of the Festival Organising Committee, a big thank you to all of those involved in making this programme possible, especially local community groups, workers and volunteers. A big thanks also to Belfast City Council and Newington Housing Association for funding the programme. Special thanks to Féile an Phobail for their advice encouragement and support.

Paul O'Neill  
Greater New Lodge Community Festival



For further details contact: Paul O'Neill at the Ashton Centre on 028 90 742255



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**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

## Community Fun Day in the Waterworks

12.00 - 3.00pm: Free Event



A great day of free family entertainment and amusement for people of all ages! Come along to join the New Lodge Arts gang for some summer fun as they bring Beach Life to the Waterworks. Enjoy fruit cocktails, arts & crafts, street theatre, music and much more at this free, family event. There will also be boating events where young and old can try their hand at rowing and flavour some of the most beautiful hand built boats of our maritime heritage. Boats will include Dunfanaghy, Tory and Gola Island Curachs, and Lough Neagh Cots. Instruction and safety equipment provided. A rotational system will be in place for use of the boats. No booking required, first come first serve basis. Bandstand featuring music from 'Feile Unplugged'. Event Organised by New Lodge Arts, supported by Feile.

For information contact 028 90 742255.

## Historical Bus Tour with Joe Baker

Time: 9.00am  
Famine Graves, Fermanagh, places limited, to book a place ring 028 90 742255  
Price £10 (returned when you attend the tour)  
Meeting Point: Ashton Centre

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

## Community Clean Up and BBQ

1.00 3.00pm  
Carlisle Playpark (Near the Recy)  
Free Event.

Calling on local residents to come along and help with a community clean-up of the area and enjoy a free burger



and refreshments afterwards. Residents will also have the opportunity to view and comment on community proposals for a positive redesign of the general site including North Queen Street Steps, green space and playpark area.

For information contact Paul O'Neill 028 90 742255

## New Lodge Arts Presents High School Musical

The New Lodge Arts  
Production of  
Disney  
**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**  
**ON STAGE!**

**The MAC Theatre**  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 @ 6.30pm**  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 @ 1pm & 6.30pm**  
**£4 per ticket**  
**Available from [www.themaclive.com](http://www.themaclive.com)**



## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August

### Belfast: Remaking the City Documentary and Discussion

2.00pm  
Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts  
Free Event

Presenting a short community made documentary called, 'On Our Doorstep' summarising the issues facing



hundreds of residents living in the midst of unprecedented urban redevelopment. In the next 5 years around 80 acres of Inner North Belfast will be redeveloped bringing with it massive challenges to community life as we know it. This raises serious questions for policy makers about how they can achieve the objectives of the Belfast Agenda that envisages a "sustainable city shared and loved by its citizens". Academics, planners, policy makers and community activists discuss these issues.

For Further Information contact Mark Hackett or Paul O'Neill Ashton Centre 028 90 742255

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

### Public Art Exhibition

Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts  
Free Event

This art exhibition will be open for several days. For further information, contact Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts on 02890 747114. Gallery open hours may vary.

### New Lodge Arts Present Junior Theatre Showcase

3.00pm  
North Queen Street Community Centre (RECY)  
Free Event

New Lodge Arts presents - the Junior Summer Arts



Academy, open to all young budding performers. The programme will include Dance and Drama sessions led by our tutors Annie & Sarah. So if you love to perform and want to showcase your talents - this is the project for you. The project runs from Monday - Friday 10.am-3pm. A final performance will take place at 3pm on Friday - everyone welcome!

For more information, please contact New Lodge Arts on 028 90742255

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

### Massive Day of Sport

2.00pm - 5.00pm  
Girdwood Hub: Free Event

As part of this year's festival The Tackling Awareness of Mental Health Issues (TAMHI) Project will host a sporting extravaganza. Various sports activities and games for all ages including colour run. Stick your sports gear on and come on down - you won't be disappointed! Fun



and laughter for people of all ages, including amusement activities for the kiddies.

For further information contact Joe Donnelly at [help4tamhi2011@outlook.com](mailto:help4tamhi2011@outlook.com) or on Facebook: TAMHI.FC



## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August

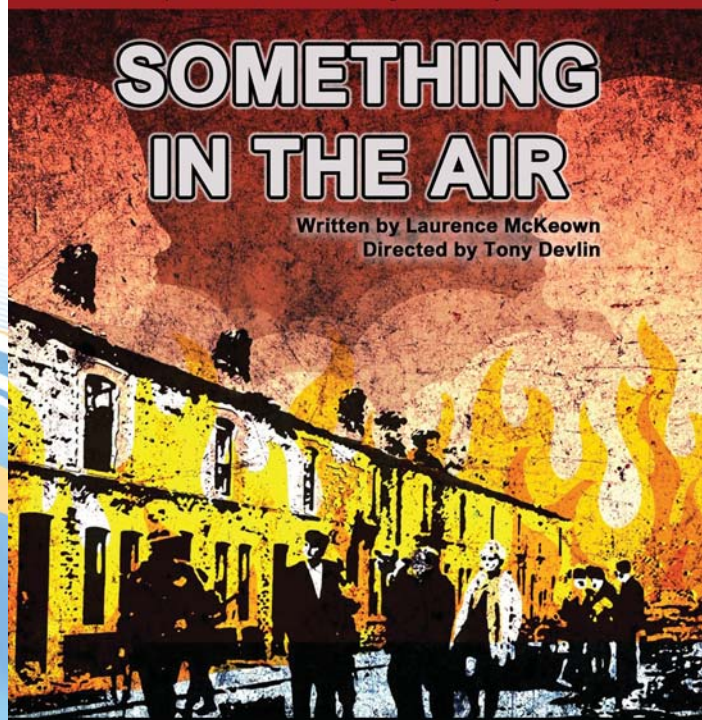
### Brassneck Theatre Presents its Latest Drama: Something in the Air

7.00pm  
Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts.

**BRASSNECK** THEATRE COMPANY PRESENT  
as part of the Greater New Lodge Community Festival

# SOMETHING IN THE AIR

Written by Laurence McKeown  
Directed by Tony Devlin



Duncairn Culture & Arts Centre, Duncairn Avenue  
7pm, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Tickets available from Duncairn Box Office: Contact Una 02890 747114  
£10 Cash Sale / £11.50 Credit Card / Online Sale  
[www.tickettailor.com/duncairn](http://www.tickettailor.com/duncairn)

Féile an Ghreasaí

Tickets- Cash Sale £10, contact Una at Duncairn.  
Online/Credit Card Sale, £11.50 [www.theduncairn.com](http://www.theduncairn.com)

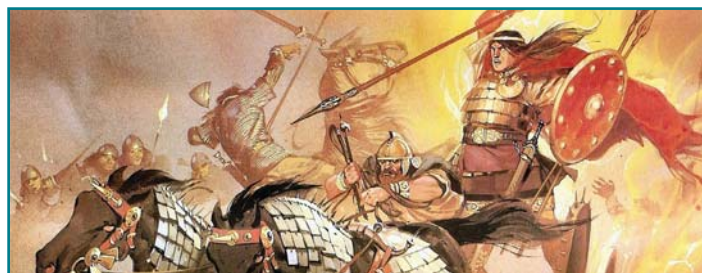
On the 15th August 1969, Bombay Street in West Belfast was burned to the ground. Hundreds of families fled south to refugee camps, escaping the violence, but one young woman lost more than just her home. Fifty years later, she is forced to confront the events of that summer in a way she could never have imagined.

For further information, contact Una at Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts on 02890 747114 or Paul O'Neill at Ashton on 02890 742255

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August

### The 'Arts' of War

2.00pm  
Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts  
Free Event  
Reflections on the impact art has played in conflict, peace and reconciliation



In arts and culture has our conflict been depicted in balanced terms or has there been an unfair bias towards the cause of historic nationalism - a complaint of many within the unionist community, given a certain predominance on stage, film and literature? If true, why is that the case? Can there be, should there be, a corrective to this perceived one-sidedness? Expect a passionate and robust panel discussion on an issue that plays out within the arts community, public funding and its extension into contemporary politics. Speakers: Playwright and short story writer Rosemary Jenkinson; playwright and writer Laurence McKeown, writer and commentator Danny Morrison and Dr. Connal Parr, Lecturer in History and board member of Etcetera Theatre Company Lecturer. Chaired by Tori Watson BBC Journalist.

Part of Féile's Community Engagement Programme, Supported by The Executive Office, T:BUC (Together Building United Communities) In partnership with the Greater New Lodge Community Festival.

For information contact Una 028 90 747114

### Cake Decorating Workshop

10.00am  
Culture Shop Lepper Street ( Ashton Centre)  
Free Event



Contact Joanne @ New Lodge Arts on 028 90 742255 to secure your place.



## Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

### The Bigger Family Picture: From 1798 to Partition

1.00pm

Clifton House, North Queen Street

This talk explores the Bigger family of Mallusk and Belfast through some of the family's most interesting personalities. From David Bigger, Belfast Charitable Society member & United Irishman; to the Home-Rule M.P. Joe Biggar and the radical Protestant Nationalist and antiquarian Francis Joseph Bigger. Come along and hear the tales about the Bigger Family from 1798 to Partition. Talk delivered by Aaron McIntyre, (Archive and Heritage Development Officer, Clifton House), and chaired by Paula Reynolds Chief Executive of the Belfast Charitable Society.



Supported by INTERCOMM; In conjunction with the Greater New Lodge Community Festival supported by Féile Community Engagement Programme. The event is free, but booking is essential. Please phone 02890 997022.

### Film: The Wanted 18: Palestine

7.00pm

Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts

Free Event

Through a clever mix of stop motion animation and interviews, The Wanted 18 recreates an astonishing true story: the

Israeli army's pursuit of 18 cows, whose independent milk production on a Palestinian collective farm was declared "a threat to the national security of the



state of Israel." In response to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, a group of people from the town of Beit

Sahour decide to buy 18 cows and produce their own milk as a co-operative. Their venture is so successful that the collective farm becomes a landmark, and the cows local celebrities—until the Israeli army takes note and declares that the farm is an illegal security threat.

For information contact Una 028 90 747114

### Decoupage Workshop – Wine bottles Decoration

10.00am

Culture Shop Lepper Street (Ashton Centre)

Free Event

Contact Joanne @ New Lodge Arts on 028 90 742255 to secure your place

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August

### New Lodge Carnival Day

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Star Neighbourhood Centre

Free Event

A great family day out come along and enjoy all the fun of the carnival. Ride the Bumper Cars, bounce on the Bungee Trampolines, ride the Rodeo Bull. Challenge yourself on the Wipe-out Sweeper and the Bungee Run. For the wee ones we have Toddler Playzone, Party Playhouse, Inflatable Slide and Large Bouncy Castle.

Grab a burger and have your face painted all for free

For Further Information contact Maria Valente 028 90 740 693





## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August Continued

### Celtic Songs and Dance: Moya Brennan

8.00pm

Abundant Grace, 130-134 Duncairn Gardens

Tickets £5 - All proceeds go to 'Special Olympics Ireland'



An evening of Celtic sounds and dance with Moya Brennan and the Zephaniah Dancers.

Grammy award winner, Moya Brennan is the singer of Clannad as well as having a successful solo career. Often referred to as the 'First Lady of Celtic Music', Moya has sung on most of the world's great stages and has collaborated with many notable artists including The Chieftains, Paul Brady and Bono. She has recorded music for several soundtracks, including Titanic, To End All Wars and King Arthur. The power of her whispered tones and the beauty of her music touch the soul.

Not to be missed!

For tickets/info contact: Sharon Perry tel: 07737645029

email: [info@abundantgrace.ie](mailto:info@abundantgrace.ie)

## Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August

### Long Streets Community Clean Up

11.00am



Meet at New Lodge Housing Office, 23 New Lodge Road  
Help keep our streets clean and tidy! Street clean-up

organised by Newington Housing and New Lodge Housing Forum. Any residents wanting to help out with the clean-up contact Martin at Newington Housing Association 028 90 744055

### Big Festival of Fun

12.00- 4.00pm

Lepper Street: Free Event



Greater New Lodge Community Festival's headline event brings a spectacular fun-fest of comedy, music, theatre, circus mayhem, walkabout acts to the streets of the New Lodge. An afternoon of entertainment, fun and mischief awaits the audience. So come along and join in! This event is a must for all local families!

For information contact New Lodge Arts 02890 742255

### Eamon Phoenix Talk: Ireland in Transition 1916-19

7.00pm

Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts

Free Event



This illustrated talk will cover the impact of and reactions to the 1916 Rising; the rise of Sinn Féin, the Conscription Crisis and the last All-Ireland General Election; the first Dáil, Edward Carson's move to Duncairn; De Valera and



Joe Devlin; the Ulster Unionist Labour Association; the 1919 Belfast Engineering Strike; the escalation of the War of Independence and the emergence of Partition. A special focus will be developments in Belfast. Introduction and Chair: Joe Austin, Chairperson of the National Graves Association.

Part of Féile's Community Engagement Programme  
In partnership with the Greater New Lodge Community Festival

For further information, contact Una at Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts on 02890 747114

### Drop in Art Classes

2.00pm - 4.00pm  
Culture Shop Lepper Street  
(Ashton Centre)  
Free Event

For further information contact  
Joanne @ New Lodge Arts on  
028 90 742255



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

### Prosecuting the Peace: Conference

9.30am - 1.00pm  
Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts  
Free Event

There are many differences of opinion about how to address the unresolved legacies of the conflict. Some seek prosecutions and punishment while others seek only truth, acknowledgement and respect. Opinion on the causes and culpability for the conflict is a source of fraught debate.



Families, communities and society as a whole may be entitled to the truth but is the current process leading us towards healing and resolution or is it deepening division

and bitterness even further? Is dealing with the legacy of conflict an essential exercise in peace building or is it conflict by other means?

The public is invited to hear a panel of prominent commentators and academics discuss these crucially important issues including Brian Rowan, Pete Shirlow and Kieran McEvoy.

For further information contact Tar Isteach - 028 90 746665

### The Long Streets: Looking Back, Looking Forward

1.00pm - 3.00pm  
New Lodge Youth Centre, Upper Meadow Street  
Free Event



To celebrate the completion of the most recent phase of the building of new homes in the Upper Long Streets area, Newington Housing Association in conjunction with New Lodge Housing Forum has organised a day of celebration and reflection. The event will include a photo exhibition containing images and street scenes from the old Long Streets, there will also be music, bouncy castle, games as well as a number of public speakers. Food and refreshments provided.

For information contact Martin at Newington Housing Association 028 90 744055

### Ceramic Workshop

10.00am  
Culture Shop Lepper Street  
(Ashton Centre)  
Free Event

Please contact Joanne @  
New Lodge Arts on 028 90  
742255 to secure your place.





## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August Continued

### TDK Family Movie Day

1.00pm - Frozen  
7.00pm - Quiet Man  
Girdwood Community Hub  
Free Event



Thorndale, Duncairn, Kinnaird (TDK) Residents Group presents a Movie Day in the Girdwood Community Hub. The Disney musical fantasy Frozen will be shown at 1.00 pm, whilst later at 7.00 pm John Ford's enduring 1952 classic the Quiet Man starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara is showing. Free popcorn, ice cream and soft drinks provided!

### Book Day at the Duncairn

1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Duncairn Centre for Culture & Arts  
Free Event.

Shared Reading is about reading for pleasure and connecting with other people. It's not a class - there's no advance reading, just come along and sit back or join in. Bring a friend!



For Information contact Marnie Kennedy 028 90 747114

### Scribes at the Duncairn

6.30pm  
Duncairn Centre for Culture & Arts  
Free Event with Wine Reception

Chaired by Marnie Kennedy, Shared Reading facilitator and coordinator of Stories@theDuncairn, a volunteer led, community literary project in north Belfast.

Speakers: Bernie McGill, Natalya O'Flaherty; and Danny Morrison

Amazing spoken word artist Natalya O'Flaherty has shot to national prominence with bravura performances at the National Concert Hall and Electric Picnic, appearing twice on The Late Late Show in a few months. Dubliner Natalya speaks courageously and without inhibition about the youth of today, the challenges and dilemmas they face on the street or within family.



Danny Morrison is a well-known commentator and novelist, former republican prisoner. For over twelve years he and graphic designer Sean Mistéil designed Féile an Phobail's highly-regarded published programmes. Sean also designed the stylised covers of Morrison's re-issued novels, West Belfast and The Wrong Man. For forty years Danny has been collecting quotes on a variety of themes from books and poems which appealed to him or suggested a little insight into the meaning of life. This collaborative book contains around several hundred selections by Danny, and Sean's artistic response.



Bernie McGill is the author of two novels, The Butterfly Cabinet and The Watch House (short-listed for the Irish European Union Prize for Literature in 2019) and of Sleepwalkers, a collection of stories short-listed in 2014 for the Edge Hill short story prize. She has been published in the UK, the US and in translation in Italy and the Netherlands. Her short fiction has appeared in anthologies Belfast Stories, The Long Gaze Back, The Glass Shore and Female Lines. She is the Royal Literary Fund Writing Fellow, based at the Seamus Heaney Centre, Queen's University, Belfast. [www.bernziemcgill.com](http://www.bernziemcgill.com)



For information contact Marnie at 028 90 747114

### Hot August Night Older Peoples Event

7.00pm  
Star Neighbourhood Centre  
Free Event

Great session of live entertainment, with singing and dancing through the night. Compered by Pado with





stars in your eyes acts and the highlight of the night is a brilliant performance from our own Jim Brown as Elvis

For information contact Maria at the Star (028) 90 740 693

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August

#### Tar Isteach Family Fun Day

2.00pm - 4.00pm  
North Queen Street Park  
Free Event



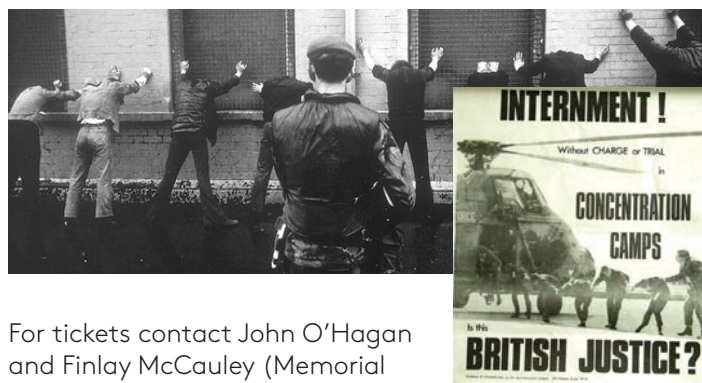
Fun for all of the family including – Play Bus, Bouncy Castles, Football Shoot In, Games, Magician, Face Painting, Music, Fire Engine, Burgers and Drinks All Free.

For information contact Tommy Quigley 028 90 746 664

#### Internment 1971: Reflections

7.30pm  
The Lodge Bar (Old Felons) New Lodge Road  
Tickets £5.00

New Lodge Memorial Garden Committee present a night of reflection, discussion and Irish folk music remembering the fateful events surrounding the introduction of Internment when hundreds of people were arrested and imprisoned without trial in August 1971.



For tickets contact John O'Hagan and Finlay McCauley (Memorial Garden Committee)

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August

#### Sailortown/Little Italy/ Half Bap Reunion

3.00pm - 6.00pm  
Dockers Club, Pilot Street

Sailortown Regeneration is hosting a Sailortown/Little Italy reunion event in the Dockers on Sunday afternoon from 3.00pm with an exhibition of archive photos and film.  
Musical Entertainment.

Contact:  
<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofstjosephssailortown/>



StJoesSailortown@gmail.com

Household Collective is showing 'Futurelands' an abstract film about the Rotterdam Docks in the Mission to Seafarers. Prince's Dock St on Sunday at 1pm and a Children's movie at 4.00pm

Contact:  
<https://www.facebook.com/household.belfast/>  
[info@householdbelfast.co.uk](mailto:info@householdbelfast.co.uk)





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