

Greater New Lodge Community Festival

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We are delighted to present the Greater New Lodge Community Festival programme for 2023.

This year's programme will run from the 3rd-12th of August and contains a wide mix of community based activities including street parties, music, theatre, arts, literature, talks, sports and a range of other interesting events.

Our annual festival is the product of the collective efforts of various local community groups and activists operating within the Greater New Lodge Community Empowerment Partnership. We hope that you find the programme both entertaining and interesting and that you, your family and your friends can come along and get involved.

The Festival Organising Committee would like to

acknowledge all of those involved in making this programme possible, including those local community groups, pubs and café's that will be organising or hosting events.

We would also like to thank Ashton Community Trust, Belfast City Council, Féile an Phobail, Newington Housing Association, Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts and Ulster University for their practical supports including provision of funding.

All festival events will also be advertised on the Festival's Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/newlodgefestival/>

Greater New Lodge Community Festival Organising Committee

Find detailed information on all this years Festival events on our Facebook Page here:

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Thursday 3rd August
Family Fun & Information Day
11.00am-3.00pm
St Patrick's PS, Churchill Street.



This event is open to all families in North Belfast and will include Information points providing details on various support initiatives that are available to families. There will also be children's activities and games.

Organised by Newington Housing Association and Ashton Community Trust. For further information contact 028 90 742255

School Uniform Pop Up Shop
Ashton Centre

Working together to help each other. To all families in the North Belfast area the School Uniform Pop Up Shop will be open throughout the Festival Monday 1st Friday

11th August. Drop in and choose from a range of uniform items.

For further Information phone 028 90742255

New Lodge Arts - North Belfast
Bike Rave

Leaving from Girdwood Hub



The route is approximately 4 – 5 km through the streets of North Belfast and returning to

Girdwood. Open to all. Moderate level of fitness required. If booking in advance bikes can be provided free of charge. If bringing own bike it is your responsibility to ensure it is safe and road worthy. Please register with New Lodge Arts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Helmets must be worn. Come along for a bit of craic, bit of music and bit of exercise!

For more information contact Orla Hawkins New Lodge Arts on 02890742255

Friday 4th August
Light Your Inner Flame
(Candle Making and Affirmation Workshop)

10.00am Ashton Centre



Ignite your creativity and nurture your spirit in our FREE 2-hour Scented Candle Making and Affirmation Writing Workshop. Craft your own scented Candle

and wax melts to take home, all while learning the art of empowering affirmations. Reserve your spot for a transformative experience by contacting mary@ashtoncentre.com or at 90742255. Places are limited, and booking is essential.

Urban Gardening Open Day

11.00am-3.00pm

McSweeney Centre, Henry Place



Interested in finding out more about gardening and protecting our environment? Then come along and enjoy a day of fun, learning and discovery for all the family. Including Taking Care of Bees Demonstration- Petting Zoo- Insect Hotel- Mini- Beast Discovery - Information Stands and much more with music, food and refreshments all free.

Free event
Contact Paul Barton or Mark Hackett at the Ashton Centre 028 9074225

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Ulster University's Community Open Night

7.00 pm
Academy Restaurant York
Street (Overlooking St. Anne's
Cathedral)



As part of the New Lodge Festival the Ulster University is welcoming local residents living in the immediate vicinity of the new University campus to drop in to the Academy Restaurant and have a chat with University staff and in the process meet up with your neighbours to enjoy some food, music and craic. During the event the local residents group will launch its new website that is aimed at enhancing information flow and expanding opportunities for residents to become more active in the development of their local community. Admission is free.

Saturday 5th August

Trad Trail Session

12.00 noon
Duncairn Arts Café.
Antrim Road/Duncairn Avenue



The Féile Trad Trail operates in venues right across Belfast and throughout the city centre with local musicians and musicians from all over the city performing. This year, for the first time the

Trad Trail will be part of the Greater New Lodge Community Festival. With sessions organised in a number of local venues, including Café at the Duncairn, McLaughlins Bar, Cassidys Bar, Hole in the Wall Bar, and St Joseph's Church. So take a seat, and enjoy some of Ireland's best Irish Traditional musicians. Admission Free

New Lodge Arts Funday in the Waterworks

12.30pm The Waterworks



The New Lodge Arts Event Management Team will be running their annual Summer Fun Day in the Waterworks Park. Bring the family along to enjoy the fun and be entertained by walkabout performers, make your own arts and crafts and end the day searching for clues with our very own treasure hunt. Free event.

For more information contact Orla Hawkins on 02890742255. No booking required.

My Corona Theatre Play from Brassneck Productions

Doors open 3.30pm - Play starts
at 4.00pm



Ulster University York Street in the Atrium (The Joe Biden Space) 'MY CORONA' is a hilarious

new show by award-winning playwright Pearse Elliott, that packs a powerful punch! Starring Caroline Curran, 'MY CORONA' follows nurse Donna as she navigates her way through the day-to-day challenges of working in a care home during these unprecedented times. A no-nonsense, modern-day hero, with a cracking sense of humour, Donna encapsulates everything about our wonderful NHS that is truly worth fighting for. A hilarious and heartfelt, state of the nation piece, 'MY CORONA' will have audiences rolling with laughter and clapping for the real superheroes of the last few years; our incredible Health Workers!

Buy tickets at <https://my-corona-uu.eventbrite.com>

Or contact the Ashton Centre at 028 90 742255

Monday 7th August Print Making Adult Art Class

11.00-1.00pm
New Lodge Arts Studio
Ashton Centre



(18 + years) - Explore the art of printmaking and create a beautiful artwork for your home or as a gift for family or friends.

Places are limited. To book please contact Tracey at New Lodge Arts on 02890 742255.

Gaelic Sports Event

10.00am-2.00pm
'The Cricky' Cliftonville 3G pitch Cumann na Phiarsaigh and Ciceam Ard Eoin will be working together to deliver two days of Gaelic Football for you to learn



about the sport and have fun. Today's event will see a 7-a-side blitz take place. With lunch provided for all participants. Contact Philip on 07856949435

Stella Maris 'Working Lives' Mural Exhibition

1.00pm
Stella Maris Hostel Garmoyle
Street: Sailortown

Sailortown Regeneration has worked in partnership with New Lodge Arts on a new mural designed and created by hostel residents, local women's group as well as young people from Sailortown and the New Lodge in honour of the workers on Land and Sea. Everyone welcome to view exhibition and speak to some of its creators

For further details contact Sailortown Regeneration at stjoessailortown@gmail.com

Public Event

'People First Not Roads'

2.00pm St. Joseph's Church,
Princes Dock Street

Belfast Traditional Music Session Food and Refreshments: Followed by Panel Discussion An exploration of Sailortown's past. How can we build on its positive aspects and recreate a successful inner city community?



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Join the discussion and share your ideas. Invited speakers will share their views and experience about shared space and street life.

For further details contact Sailortown Regeneration at stjoessailortown@gmail.com

North Belfast Youth Conference
Noon to 2.30pm
University of Ulster
Contact details: Sean McMullan
02890751358



Community Bingo Night
7.00pm
New Lodge Youth Centre
Admission Free



Will it be lucky seven or legs eleven? Come along and enjoy the craic. Everyone welcome. For further details contact Sean McMullen or Neve Robinson 028 90 751358

The Cake Song
7.30pm-9.00pm
Duncairn Arts Centre



Rehearsed reading of Danny Morrison's tragicomic stage play, set in a psychiatric hospital in 1968 at the time of the civil rights march in Duke Street, Derry. Followed by a Q&A. Featuring Chris Patrick Anderson (The Fall; Billy The Kid; '71; Good Vibrations; The Wrong Man) as Nurse Bernard Flanagan. Chaired by Danny Morrison. Free event. No booking required. Supported by Arts Council NI

Tuesday 8th August
Teddy Bears Picnic
10.00am-12.00noon
Star Neighbourhood Centre



For further details contact Maria Valente 028 90 740693
Admission Free

Decoupage Class
11.00am-1.00pm
New Lodge Arts Studio
Ashton Centre



(18+ years). Bring along a lampshade you would like to upcycle through decoupage, or use one of ours!

Places are limited. To book please contact Tracey at New Lodge Arts on 02890 742255.

Traditional Music Session
10.00am
Caifé Ceoil 287 Antrim Rd



Admission Free

Community Pride Celebration:
A Day of Fun and Craic
1.00pm-5.00pm

New Lodge Youth Centre Upper
Meadow Street
Everyone welcome!



This event will include music, food, inflatables, special guest characters, games and a big screen showing of footage of life in the New Lodge in years gone past. The event will be ran by youth workers, young people and local residents. For further details contact 028 90 751358

North Belfast youth Jobs Fair
Girdwood Hub
4.00pm-6.00pm
Contact details: Training
and Employment at Ashton
02890742255



Finals of the North Belfast Youth (14-18 years)Soccer Tournament
Girdwood Hub
4.00pm-6.00pm
Contact details: TAMHI



North Belfast Colour Run
Girdwood Hub
6.00pm-7.00pm
Contact details : North Belfast
Harriers



Community Health & Well-Being Event
4.00pm-6.00pm
Girdwood Community Hub



Join us at a community health and well-being event where we celebrate the power of holistic care practices to promote a balanced and vibrant lifestyle.

Explore the world of complementary therapies. Engage in colour breathing and let the vibrant hues guide you towards relaxation and inner harmony. Unleash your creativity through candle-making, art stalls and journaling to express your thoughts and emotions. Pamper yourself with nail painting and eyebrow waxing, and a barber and hairdresser will be there for dry cuts and braiding for a touch of self-care luxury. Connect with nature through planting

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activities. Fun-filled activities and games for the young and the young at heart. Nutrition stall for advice on nourishing your body and achieving optimal wellness with healthy snacks and drinks available. Speak with experts at the job fair corner and explore various career and training opportunities. Discover essential community services through informative booths, ensuring you have access to vital resources. And much, much more...

Admission Free
Contact: mary.stanton@ashtoncentre.com for more information.

Youth Activities Night

7.00pm-9.30pm
New Lodge Youth Centre Upper Meadow Street



The youth centre will be open for young people to engage in fun activities both in the centre and on the streets.

For further details contact 028 90 751358

Mid-Summer Yoga Class

5.30pm-6.45pm
Duncairn Arts Centre



Join us at the Duncairn Centre for a gentle yoga class focusing on

breath led mindful movements and guided relaxation. Please bring a cosy blanket for the relaxation and a yoga mat if you have one – there will be a limited number available at the class. The class is suitable for anyone over 16 years old. The class will be taught by Justine Brown, Yoga Movement Therapist and Yoga & Meditation Teacher.

Free admission donations accepted.

Wednesday 9th August

North Belfast Jam Session

12noon-2.00pm
New Lodge Arts Studio
Ashton Centre



(18+ years), bring your instrument or borrow one of our guitars and take part in this Jam Session!

Places are limited. To book please contact Tracey at New Lodge Arts on 02890 742255.

Trad Trail Session

12.00noon-2.00pm
Cassidy's Bar Antrim Road



Gaelic Sports Event

10.00am-2.00pm
The Cricky' Cliftonville 3G pitch
This event will give an opportunity for those less familiar with their national sport



to learn about the game, with coaching sessions, small sided games, inflatable targets and much more! Contact Philip on 07856949435

New Lodge Arts Street Party

12.00pm-3.00pm
Lepper Street
Beside the Ashton Centre



New Lodge Arts is delighted to once again stage our annual street party. This year's event will contain an array of activities for all the family to enjoy including Street Theatre, Circus Acts, Bouncy Castles, Street Games, Music, Drawing and a variety of Arts & Crafts and BBQ. So why not bring the kids along and enjoy the fun and craic. For more information contact Orla Hawkins on 02890742255

Thursday 10th August

Beginners Irish language Session

Traditional Music session
9.30am
Caifé Ceoil Antrim Road



Art Craft Class

11.00am-1.00pm New Lodge Arts Studio, Ashton Centre



(18 + years). Create your own decorative bunting to brighten up your home or garden.

Places are limited. To book please contact Tracey at New Lodge Arts on 02890 742255.

Digital Fabrication Class

6.00pm-8.00pm
New Lodge Arts Studio
Ashton Centre



(18 + years). Come along and take part in some digital fabrication! Learn about vinyl cutting, use the machine, use the software, create your own design and produce some wall art to take home!

Places are limited. To book please contact Tracey at New Lodge Arts on 02890 742255.

North Belfast Talks Back

7.00pm
Ulster University York Street
The Atria (Joe Biden Space)
Join this live debate about issues affecting North Belfast and further afield. Our panel consists of a number of seasoned guest

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speakers that includes John Finucane MP for North Belfast, Philp Brett MLA, Allison Morris Journalist and Julie-Anne Corr. Chaired by Duncan Morrow Lecturer in Politics and Director of Community Engagement at the Ulster University. Admission Free. Contact dj.morrow@ulster.ac.uk

Phillip Brett MLA is a Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) politician elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Belfast North in 2022



Julie-Anne Corr is a community activist, commentator and candidate currently working as the Project Support Officer for Changemakers empowering young women in the Shankill Womens' Centre



John Finucane MP is an Irish lawyer and Sinn Féin politician. He has been the MP for the Belfast North constituency since the 2019 general election.



Allison Morris: Award winning Crime Correspondent/columnist with the Belfast Telegraph, commentator specialising in politics and security.



Friday 11th August Candle Making Workshop 10.00am Ashton Centre



Light Your Inner Flame (Candle making and affirmation Admission Free For further details Phone: 028 9074 7114

Trad Trail Session 12.00noon-2.00pm McLaughlin's Bar



Shared Reading Taster Session 3.00pm Duncairn Arts Centre



Shared Reading groups bring people together through great literature to talk, laugh and share. Just drop in and enjoy listening to a story or poem – no pressure to talk or read.

Adult Craft Class 2.00pm-4.00pm New Lodge Arts Studio Ashton Centre (18+ years). Come along and



create some unusual artwork to brighten up your home or garden.

Places are limited. To book please contact Tracey at New Lodge Arts on 02890 742255.

Scribes at the Duncairn 7.00pm Duncairn Arts Centre

Michael Magee is from Poleglass. His debut novel, *Close to Home*, has received widespread acclaim, and is the story of Sean, a graduate, involved in a drunken assault on a night out, and follows his reflections—the struggles of his working-class upbringing and the lingering shadows that the Troubles have cast on the 'ceasefire generation'.



'Kneecap meets Chekhov—no one else is doing this. I had great hopes for this novel and Michael Magee has booted it out of the park. Absolutely glorious' - Louise Kennedy

Factory Girls is Michelle Gallen's darkly comic follow-up to *Big Girl, Small Town* (currently being adapted for TV). The main character is smart-mouthed and filthy-minded Maeve Murray who is in a summer job, ironing 800 shirts a day, hoping that her A-Level results will be her ticket out of the North. It is 1994, pre-ceasefire, and there is the divisive marching season to contend with... and the paws



of her English boss, Handy Andy Strawbridge, to dodge. 'Vital, bang-on, and seriously funny' – Roddy Doyle

'A cracking, confident follow-up: at times savagely funny, but with a loamy undertow of complex feeling' – The Times

Lizz Murphy was born in Belfast but has shared her time between the Australian bush and Canberra for over 40 years. She has worked in publishing, arts marketing, arts and poetry development, community arts and the media. She is the former Poetry Editor of *The Canberra Times*. She has published fourteen books. *The Wear of my Face* (Spinifex Press, 2021) is her ninth poetry title.



Dr Tony MacAulay is an author, peacebuilder and broadcaster from Belfast. His books *Paperboy*, *Breadboy* and *All Grown Up* are critically acclaimed bestsellers in Ireland. His autobiography *Little House on the Peace Line* tells the story of how he lived and worked on the peace line in North Belfast in the 1980s. His latest book, *Kill the Devil: A Love Story from Rwanda* is co-authored with Rwandan screenwriter Juvens Nsabimana.



Chaired by Marnie Kennedy, Shared Reading facilitator.

This event is hosted by *Stories@theDuncairn*, a volunteer-led, community literary project, in partnership with the Greater New Lodge Community Festival and Féile an Phobail. Café at the Duncairn open for tea, coffee and refreshments. 02890747114 Wine Reception. All welcome! Admission Free

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Hot August Evening

Marquee Event
6.00pm-10.00pm
Star Neighbourhood Centre
Carpark



Enjoy a summer evening of music and craic. Everyone welcome. Admission Free
For further details ring 028 90 740693

Irish Folk Music Night

7.00pm - Late McLaughlins Bar
Admission Free



Saturday 12th August

Trad Trail Session
12.00noon-2.00pm
Hole in the Wall Bar
Admission Free



Tour of Clifton Street Cemetery
11.00am

Did you know that bodysnatchers once roamed Clifton Street Cemetery in the dead of night to acquire corpses to sell to the medical profession?



This is just one of the facts you'll learn during our tour of this historic cemetery as well as the reasons for doing it. You'll also visit the massive Cholera Ground in which many victims of this terrible disease were buried a few years after the cemetery opened. You'll also see the equally large "Famine Grave" which is actually one of the largest in the whole of Ireland.

Needless to say you'll also visit the graves of notables ranging from Henry Joy McCracken through to the tragic Mary McSweeney and discover the impact they had on our modern history.

To book a place simply email your name and a contact number to joe@ashtoncentre.com
Admission Free

Young People BBQ and Dance Night

7.00pm
New Lodge Youth Centre
Admission Free



This event is open to all young people.

For further details contact Sean McMullen or Neve Robinson 028 90 751358

Tar Isteach Republican Ex-Prisoners Information and Social Event

7.30pm - McLaughlin's Bar
Tar Isteach presents a night of Information, reflection, discussion and social interaction. With music, refreshments and hopefully a good bit of craic as well.

For further information phone: 028 9074 6664



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WELCOMING THE WORLD
DANCE NIGHT
TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2023



CONTACT LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS FOR TICKETS

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Ashton Centre, 5 Churchill Street,
Belfast, BT15 2BP Tel: 028 90 74 2255

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