

January			
<b>Tue 3rd to Tue 31st</b> 3pm	Tour	<b>Daily Gallery Tour: Focus on Calendar Customs</b> Find out what life was like 100 years ago and learn about St. Brigid's customs. <b>Tuesday to Saturday, first come, first served. €2 per adult. Free for children aged 16yrs and under. Group tours at other times can be pre-booked through the Bookings Office.</b>	All ages
<b>Fri 6th</b> 11am-1pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Come Knit with Me!</b> Enthusiasts and beginners alike are welcome to join the museum knitters as they share skills, patterns and chat. Starter kits for kids available. <b>No booking required.</b>	Adults and children 7yrs+
<b>Sat 7th</b> 3-5pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Re-awaken the Musician within You</b> Tune up, tune in and join the music circle to practice, share and play tunes and songs. <b>No booking required.</b>	Adults and accompanied children 14yrs+
<b>Sun 8th</b> 2.30-3.30pm	Performance	<b>Big Performance for Little Christmas</b> Join musician, singer and composer John Doyle for a traditional music taster of his new solo album 'Shadow and Light'. <b>No booking required.</b>	All ages
<b>Sat 14th to Sat 11th February</b> 11-2pm	Saturday Club	<b>Figurative Lantern Sculpture with Artist Tom Meskell</b> Learn how to create life-size figures from paper and wire. Make characters from the past inspired by the Museum exhibits. Ideal for students preparing an art portfolio or interested in art. <b>Booking and refundable deposit €20 required.</b>	Young adults 15 to 18yrs
<b>Fri 20th</b> 11am-1pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Come Knit with Me!</b> See Friday 6th for details.	Adults and children 7yrs+
<b>Fri 20th</b> 3-4pm	Talk	<b>Power and Privilege (1858-1922): The Making of an Exhibition</b> Join Elizabeth Kirwan, National Library of Ireland and curator of <b>Power &amp; Privilege: Photographs of the Big House in Ireland, 1858-1922</b> an exhibition now on display in the museum. Hear the background to the exhibition, the stories it tells and gain an insight into life in the 'Big House'. <b>Booking required.</b>	Adults and children 14yrs+
<b>Sat 21st</b> 3-5pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Re-awaken the Musician within You</b> See Saturday 7th for details.	Adults and accompanied children 14yrs+

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<b>Sun 22nd</b> 2.30-3.30pm	Workshop	<b>St. Brigid's Crosses for Good Luck and Protection</b> Did you know there is more than one style of St. Brigid's cross? Learn different designs and traditional customs with Tom Doyle. <b>Booking required.</b>	Adults and children 7yrs+
<b>Sat 28th</b> 11am-4pm	Demonstration	<b>Connacht Textile Crafters</b> Learn a new skill and see demonstrations of wet felting with Susie Sullivan. <b>No booking required.</b>	All ages
February			
<b>Wed 1st to Wed 29th</b> 3pm	Tour	<b>Daily Gallery Tour: Focus on Coggalbeg Gold</b> Find out what life was like 100 years ago and learn about the Roscommon Gold. <b>Tuesday to Saturday, first come, first served. €2 per adult. Free for children aged 16yrs and under. Group tours at other times can be pre-booked through the Bookings Office.</b>	All ages
<b>Fri 3rd</b> 11am-1pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Come Knit with Me!</b> Enthusiasts and beginners alike are welcome to join the museum knitters as they share skills, patterns and chat. Starter kits for kids available. <b>No booking required.</b>	Adults and children 7yrs+
<b>Sat 4th</b> 3-5pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Re-awaken the Musician within You</b> Tune up, tune in and join the music circle to practice, share and play tunes and songs. <b>No booking required.</b>	Adults and accompanied children 14yrs+
<b>Sun 5th</b> 2.30-3.30pm	Workshop	<b>Rural Rapping Rhymes and Chimes</b> Explore the Museum's farming exhibition through rhythm, percussion and composition with musician Mary Curran. <b>Booking required.</b>	Children 8-11yrs
<b>Fri 10th</b> 3-4pm	Workshop	<b>Hammer, Tongs, Clangs and Bangs</b> Find out about the Blacksmith, the objects and sounds they make. Then construct your own mini-forge with Lisa Fahy. <b>Booking required.</b>	Children 6yrs and under accompanied by an adult
<b>Fri 17th</b> 11-1pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Come Knit with Me!</b> See Friday 3rd for details.	Adults and children 7yrs+
<b>Fri 17th</b> 2.30-4.30pm	Various	<b>Turlough Park and the Fitzgeralds</b> Join Patrick Butler, formerly of Turlough Park House, to hear about the changing fortunes of the house and grounds and the lives of those that lived there. In conjunction with 'Power and Privilege' a temporary photographic exhibition on life in the 'Big Houses'. <b>Booking required.</b>	Adults and children 14yrs+

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<b>Sat 18th</b> 3-5pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Re-awaken the Musician within You</b> See Saturday 4th for details. Special session with music teacher Emer Mayock. <b>No booking required.</b>	Adults and accompanied children 14yrs+
<b>Sun 19th</b> 2.30-3.30pm	Talk	<b>2000 Years of Beekeeping</b> Join Jim Ryan from the Federation of Irish Beekeepers to hear about the honey bee. Westport Beekeepers Association will be in attendance with local information. <b>Booking required.</b>	Adults and children 7yrs+
March			
<b>Thu 1st to Sat 31st</b> 3pm	Tour	<b>Daily Gallery Tour: Focus on Straw, Hay and Rushes</b> Find out what life was like 100 years ago and learn about the use of straw, hay and rushes. <b>Tuesday to Saturday, first come, first served. €2 per adult. Free for children aged 16yrs and under. Group tours at other times can be pre-booked through the Bookings Office.</b>	All ages
<b>Fri 2nd</b> 11-1pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Come Knit with Me!</b> Enthusiasts and beginners alike are welcome to join the museum knitters as they share skills, patterns and chat. Starter kits for kids available. <b>No booking required.</b>	Adults and children 7yrs+
<b>Sat 3rd</b> 3-5pm	Drop-in Activity	<b>Re-awaken the Musician within You</b> Tune up, tune in and join the music circle to practice, share and play tunes and songs. <b>No booking required.</b>	Adults and accompanied children 14yrs+
<b>Sun 4th</b> 3-4pm	Film	<b>Mise Raiftearaí</b> Cic tús le Seachtain na Gaeilge le scannán ar shaol agus ar ré Antaine Raiftearaí. Bhí saol suimiúil ag an bhfile agus cumadóir amhrán dall siúlach seo arbh as Maigh Eo dó. Á chur i láthair ag an stiúrthóir Seán Ó Cualáin. <b>Ní gá áirithint a dhéanamh.</b>  Kick off Seachtain na Gaeilge with a film of the eventful life and times of Raiftearaí, the travelling blind poet and songwriter from Mayo. Introduced by director Séan Ó Cualáin. <b>No booking required.</b>	All ages
<b>Thu 8th</b> 3-4pm	Performance	<b>Seisiún na nÓg</b> Damhsa agus amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós, damhsa seite agus seisiún ceoil le daltaí ó scoil náisiúnta Naomh Aingeal, Caisleán an Bharraigh. Sean-nós, set dancing and musical performance with pupils from St. Angela's School, Castlebar. <b>No booking required.</b>	All ages

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<b>Fri 16th</b> 10am-5pm	Course	<b>Snug as a Rug!</b> Join Clare Ballard for a simple weaving workshop using recycled materials to make your own custom made rug. <b>Booking required. €20 charge for materials.</b>	Adults
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<b>Sun 18th</b> 2.30-3.30pm	Talk	<b>Just Like Granny Used to Make</b> Our mothers made concannon in the little skillet pot. Talk on traditional cookware with curator Clodagh Doyle. <b>Booking required.</b>	Adults and children 14yrs+
<b>Sat 31st</b> 11am-4pm	Demonstration	<b>Connacht Textile Crafters</b> Learn a new skill and see demonstrations of tunisian crochet with Bettina Foertig. <b>No booking required.</b>	All ages