



Féile na gCloigíní Gorma

Community, Solidarity, Wellbeing



2023

12Ú - 20Ú BEALTAINE | 12TH - 20TH MAY

DO M'INÍONACHA

Tá an domhan ina phrácáis

Tarraing ar do mhisneach don am atá le teacht
Tarraing ar do mhisneach cé nach ort atá an locht
Tarraing ar do mhisneach nó tiocfaidh laethanta crua
Tarraing ar do mhisneach nó is é seo an saol nua
Tá an domhan ina phrácáis; tá an timpeallacht ag athrú
Tá an dúlra trí thine agus muidne go fóill ag macnamh
Ar insta agus facebook, designer eyebrows agus stuif
Táimid ag fáil bháis leis an stuif, enough is enough
Nil sé coir nó fearálite ach caithfidh tú a bheith réidh
Nó ní bheidh am ann chun barróga – tá barraíocht le plé
Tá an domhan ina phrácáis; truailaithe againne
Ba bheag nár scríosadh gach aon rud le plaisteach s'againne
Tá an domhan ina phrácáis; bochtannas, ocras, mí-úsáid,
Pioc suas an scuab agus seo í do shluasaid

Bí cineálta a stór, déan maitheas chan dochar
Bí cróga a stór, bí fián na bí socair
Tarraing anáil don dhomhain.....aon, dó, trí...
Scáirt amach os ard...Beidh tú reidhmo chroí

Nó níl an beart imeartha
níl rudaí do-athraithe
Tarraingí m'iníonacha
i dtreo an domhan úr

Le hAisling McGeown

REQUIEM FOR A PLANET

**Mother earth is taking her leave
A weary rock on brink of night
Is struggling with all her might
Against the fading of the light**

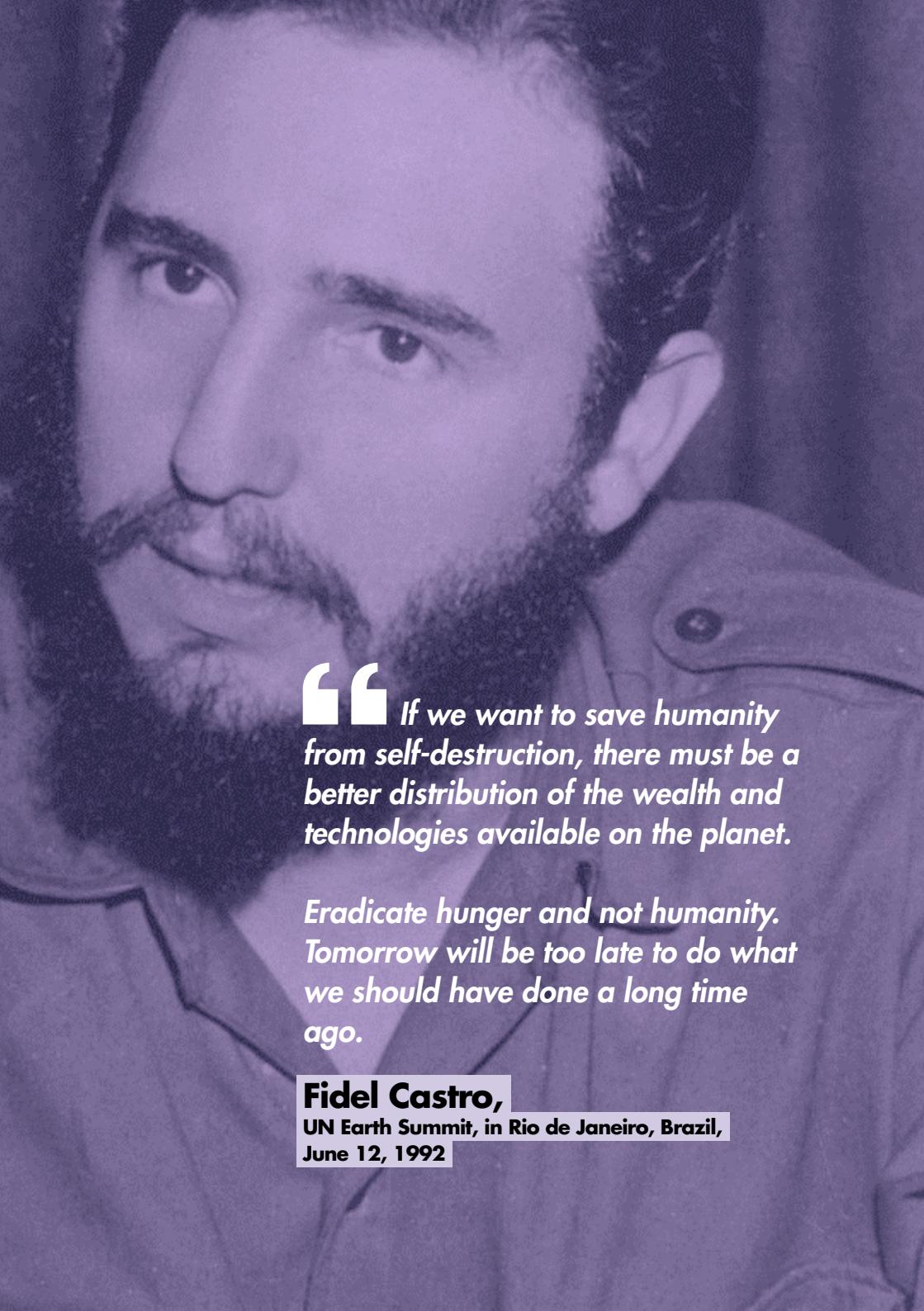
**Forgive for she knows not why
She has to bid us all goodbye
She gave us warnings, all the signs
But avarice has made us blind**

**She never understood just why
Some people plunder, cheat, and lie
Bless themselves with fingers crossed
Chalk it up to yet another loss**

**Down on Wall Street, they rang the bell
the one that announced our departure for hell
loudly clapped raucously cheered**

**As she was throwing off the years
while letting out a mournful sigh
the kind men make, before they die**

Le Colum Mac Giolla Bhéin



“ **If we want to save humanity from self-destruction, there must be a better distribution of the wealth and technologies available on the planet.**

Eradicate hunger and not humanity. Tomorrow will be too late to do what we should have done a long time ago.

Fidel Castro,
UN Earth Summit, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,
June 12, 1992



FOREWORD

For the 7th year running we are delighted to organise our unique community health and well-being festival, Féile na gCloigíni Gorma in May 2023! Since our last festival in 2022, we have seen major developments unfold in our society, both positive and negative. Our community is suffering from the so-called Cost of Living Crisis which was more accurately described at a recent Public Meeting we organised as 'the permanent crisis of capitalism'. This same greed in name of profit is taking further towards the greatest crisis of our time: climate destruction. At the same time, the Upper Springfield community also led the way and demonstrated massive resilience during the past year. From our environmental stalwart Aaron Kelly and other locals' pioneering work to rewild and protect our Black Mountain; our young people leading the way through An Dream Dearg to successfully campaign for an Irish Language Act; to the courageous and inspirational victory of the Mac Gabhann family through the Donate4Daithí campaign which successfully brought Dlí Dáithí (Daithí's Law) to the statute book for June 1st! Féile na gCloigíni Gorma is inspired by this community's grassroots activism that proves that another world is possible.

Capitalism and colonialism will cost us the earth. Just 100 companies have been the source of more than 70% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions since 1988. These companies, like BP and Shell, are announcing record profits as the world burns.

It is the colonised and the poor of the world who contribute least to the climate crisis but who will suffer the worst. Leading climate scientists acknowledged that colonialism is a historic and ongoing driver of the climate crisis in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report this past year.

British colonisation saw the wholesale destruction of our native Irish trees across Ireland to fuel their Industrial Revolution, the local Black Mountain Rewilding project has been planting trees on our beautiful mountain and therefore they, collectively alongside our young people in the Dream Dearg reviving the native language, are planting the blooming seeds of decolonisation!

Each May the famous Black Mountain 'Hatchet Field' blooms and chimes with the glorious site of a sea of indigenous wild 'Blue Bells' (Cloigíni Gorma). We use the symbol of the blooming 'Blue Bells' to remind local people of the joys of life, their natural environment and our historical and spiritual connections with our environment and community.

The Féile na gCloigíni Gorma organising committee are all united by our determination to build a sense of community within the Upper Springfield, a commitment that has now been made more relevant than ever by the collective trauma and loss we have all experienced over the last two years. This year we have produced a fantastic programme of events that will provide excellent opportunities to connect with their local community



The Féile will kick off at 12pm on Friday 12th May in Glór na Móna's community centre, Gael-Ionad Mhic Goill, with food, music and guest speaker Tina Black who has been a massive supporter of local initiatives in this community over the past year since she was installed as Mayor of Belfast in June 2022. The Féile will conclude 8 days later on Saturday 20th May with a parade through Whiterock at 9am just as the first Upper Springfield Festival did 50 years ago in 1973 followed by GAA and Soccer tournaments and a family funday in Whiterock Leisure Centre.

We are absolutely thrilled with the big news that the brilliant and world renowned Damien Dempsey will headline our annual Féile na gCloigíní Gorma concert on Thursday 18th for the first concert in the newly built and state of the art St Comgalls building. Damo will be supported by the best local musicians including Breandan 'Nipper' Quinn,

John McSherry and Francis McElduff, Niamh Nic Ionnachtaigh, Run For Cover and Brian Hicks. We will support local football team CSP (Cumann Spóirt an Phobail) in organising our annual Black Mountain run; and we organise the usual eclectic mix of fun events with a special focus on bringing our young people out in nature which will include; Family treasure hunts; sunset walks, sunrise sea swims and yoga; outdoor workshops with Connected Adventure; bingo nights; community film club; family fishing trips; planting, sowing and foraging with Gáirdín an Phobail; Dianchúrsa Youth-led Irish course; youth mock election.

Mental health is a key pillar of Féile na gCloigíní Gorma and this year we have added new tailored workshops including: a session on Parenting Anxious Children and Young People with renowned author and psychotherapist Bronagh Starrs; a talk on 'What is Autism' with the autistic



best-selling author, entrepreneur, philanthropist and keynote speaker from Derry, Jude Morrow; and a trauma informed memoir writing workshop- 'The Rest of the Story' with Boston born New York Best Times-selling author Michael Patrick Mac Donald on Monday 15th May; while the inspirational local writing project Scribhneoirí an tSléibhe is back on Friday 19th May for an outdoor expression of song and story in Gáirdín an Phobail to mark 25 years of the Good Friday Agreement. We will also engage the urgent debate on Climate Action through our political education programme with a panel discussion: 'The Planet's On Fire: What Is To Be Done?' with guest speakers Prof John Barry, Ellen Fearon, Lynda Sullivan and Dr Peter Doran on Monday 15th May.

On behalf of the organising committee, we would like to welcome everyone to join us in building and celebrating a sense of community, solidarity, celebration and well-being!



FOCAL BROLLAIGH

Don tseachtú bliain as a cheile, tá lúcháir orainn ár bhFéile uathúil pobail, sláinte agus folláine, Féile na gCloigíni Gorma, a chur faoi lán seoil i mBealtaine 2023! Tháinig neart forbairtí chun cinn sa tsochaí ón Fhéile in 2022, idir dearfach agus diúltach. Tá ár bpobal ag fulaingt le Géarchéim an Chostais Mhaireachtála nó 'géarchéim bhuan an chaipitleachais' mar a cuireadh síos air ag cruinniú poiblí a d'éagraigh muid ar na mallaibh. In ainm brabús, tá an tsaint chéanna ag bailíú nirt i dtreo ghéarchéim is mó na haoise seo: léirsriosadh timpeallachta. Ag an am chéanna, b'ábhar mór misnígh é pobal Uachtar Chluanaí sa bhliain a chuaigh thart. Ón cheannródaí timpeallachta Aaron Kelly agus ceannairí eile sa phobal ag déanamh obair chlaothlaitheach ag tabhairt cosaint don fhiadhulra ar an tSliabh Dubh; ár ndaoine óga áitiúla chun tosaigh san fheachtas Rathúil a d'éagraigh An Dream Dearg d'Acht Gaeilge; go bua spreagúil agus stairiúil Chlann Mhic Gabhann leis an fheachtas Donate4Dáithí a chuirfidh Dlí Dáithí ar leabhar na reachtaíochta ar an 1ú Meitheamh! Spreagann an gníomhú ón bhun aníos ar fad seo Féile na gCloigíni Gorma agus léiríonn sé gur féidir an domhan a athrú.

Tá an coilínéachas agus an caipitleachas ag cur deireadh leis an chine daonna. Ní astaíonn ach 100 comhlacht domhanda 70% den ghás ceaptha teasa ó bhí 1988 ann. Agus an domhan trí thine, sháraigh na comhlacthaí seo amhail BP agus Shell curiarrachtaí brabús i mbliana.

Is muintir an choilínithe agus na mbocht leis an bhaint is lú sa ghéarchéim is mó a bheas thíos leis na himpleachtaí. D'aithin tuairisc de chuid an Phainéil Idir-Rialtasach ar Athrú Aeráide (IPCC) gur ceann feadhna stáiriúil agus reatha é an coilínéachas ar an ghéarchéim.

Rinne coilínéachas na Breataine léirsrios ar chrainn dhúchasacha na hÉireann chun an Réabhlóid Thionsclaíoch a chothú. Ní hamháin go bhfuil muintir 'Rewilding the Black Mountain' ag leagan síolta ar an tsliabh chun na crainn a fhás arís, mar aon lenár ndaoine óga sa Dream Dearg, tá siad ag leagan síolta an díchoilínithe in Éirinn!

Blátháíonn lear mór Cloigíni Gorma fiáine atá dúchasach de Pháirc Tua an tSléibhe Dhuibh achan Bhealtaine. Bainneann muid úsáid as na cloigíni gorma mar shiombail le cur i gcuimhne do dhaoine faoi aoibhneas an tsaoil, a ndúlra nádúrtha agus an tábhacht a bhaineann le sláinte agus dlúthpháirtíocht phobail.

Tá Coiste na Féile ar fad aontaithe inár ndiograis le dlúthpháirtíocht phobail a chruthú san Uachtar Chluanaí, gealltanás a rinneadh ní b'ábhartha ná riamh mar gheall ar an tráma agus an chailliúint choiteann le cúpla bliain anuas. Reáchtáil muid clár iontach lán imeachtaí a sholáthróidh deiseanna do dhaoine a nascadh leis an phobal.



Cuirfear an Fhéile faoi lán seoil ag 12in ar an Aoine 12ú Bealtaine in ionad pobail Ghlor na Móna, Gael-Ionad Mhic Goill, le bia, ceol agus an t-aoichtainteoir Tina Black a thacaigh go mór le tográí áitiúla le bliain anuas mar Ardmhéara Bhéal Feirste. Críochnóidh an Fhéile 8 lá níos moille ar an Satharn 20ú Bealtaine le mórshiúl tríod an Charraig Bhán, cosúil leis an chéad Féile Uachtar Chluanaí 50 bliain ó shin in 1973, chomh maith le comórtais sacair agus CLG agus lá teaghlach spraoi i Sólann na Carraige Báine ina dhiaidh.

Is cúis áthais dúinn a fhógairt go mbeidh an ceoltóir iomráiteach mór le rá Damien Dempsey mar phríomhaoi do cheolchoirm na Féile ar an Déardaoin 18ú, an chéad cheolchoirm san fhoirgneamh úrscothach de chuid Naomh Comgall. Tacóidh cuid de na ceoltóirí áitiúla is fearr le Damo ar an oíche: Breandan ‘Nipper’ Quinn,

John McSherry agus Francis McElduff, Niamh Nic Ionnachtaigh, Run For Cover agus Brian Hicks.

Tacóidh an Fhéile leis an fhoireann peile áitiúil Cumann Spóirt an Phobail chun Rith an tSléibhe Dhuibh bliantúil a eagrú; agus eagródh muid imeachtaí sultmhara de gach sórt le béim ar an nasc idir daoine óga s'againn agus an nádúr, amhail: tóraíocht taisce an phobail; siúlóidí luí na gréine; snámh agus ióga cois farraige; ceardlann faoin spír le Connected Adventure; oíche biongó; oíche scannán an phobail; turas iascaireachta; plandú, cothú, agus sealgaireacht le Gairdín an Phobail; dianchúrsa na n-óg; bréag-thoghchán na n-óg agus go leor eile.



Tá sláinte mheabhrach ag croílár Fhéile na gCloigín Gorma agus i mbliana chuir muid ceardlanna saincheaptha leis an chlár: seisiún ar thuistiú páistí agus daoine óga a bhfuil imní orthu le húdar agus sícireipeoir móir le rá Bronagh Starrs; plé ar ‘Cad is é uathachas?’ leis an údar sárdhíola chlúiteach a bhfuil uathachas air, Jude Morrow ó Dhoire; ceardlann scribhneoireachta dírithe ar an tráma leis an údar sárdhíola ‘New York Best Times’ Michael Patrick Mac Donald ó Boston ar an Luan 15ú; chomh maith leis an togra spreagúil ar scribhneoireacht chruthaitheach Scribhneoirí an tSléibhe i nGairdín an Phobail

chun breathnú siar ar 25 bliain de Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta. I rith ama, rachaidh muid i ngleic le mórcéist an lae, athrú aeráide, trí chlár oideachais pholaitiúil s’againn le plé-phainéal ‘The Planet’s On Fire: What Is To Be Done?’ leis an Ollamh John Barry, Ellen Fearon, Lynda Sullivan agus Dr Peter Doran ar an Luan 15ú Bealtaine.

Thar ceann an choiste stiúrtha, ba mhaith linn fáilte mhór a chur roimh chách a bheith linn chun brí pobail, dlúthpháirtíochta, ceiliúrtha agus folláine a chothú agus a cheiliúradh!



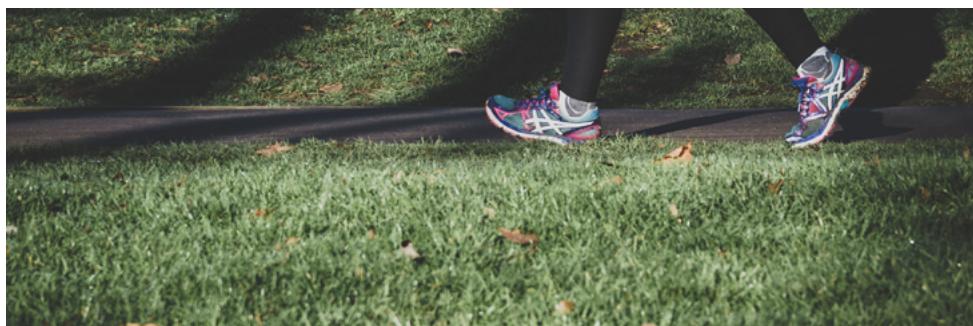
12PM

Seoladh Féile na gCloigíní Gorma | Launch of Bluebell Festival 2023

Aoibhainteoir | Guest Speaker : Mayor Tina Black

Gael-loned Mhic Goill

Newhill: 02890236243



7:30PM

Siúlóid Phobail

Community Walk

Páirc na bhFál | Falls Park - Meet at Playpark Entrance

arleneblaney@usdt.co.uk

AN SATHARN 13Ú BEALTAINE | SATURDAY 13TH MAY

5.30AM

BUS GO CUAN HELEN

- Cuirfeáin sóláistí ar fáil
- Snamh breacadh an lae roghnach



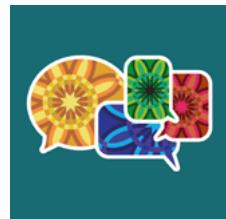
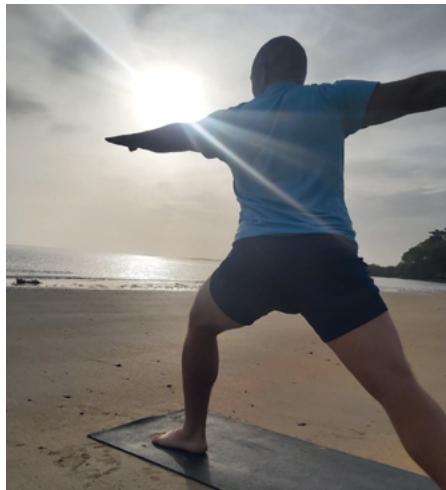
BUS TO HELEN'S BAY

- Refreshments provided
- Optional sunrise swim

RSVP: arleneblaney@usdt.co.uk / 0289236243

6.00AM

ACLAÍOCHT COIS TRÁ | FITNESS ON THE BEACH



12PM

**Seoladh
Tionscadal Ealaíne
an tSléibhe Dhuibh**
Launch of Sliebh Dubh
Community Art Project

Sliebh Dubh Manor

mickmcallister@usdt.co.uk

12.30PM - 3.30PM

**Dianchúrsa agus
Céili na nÓg**

Youth Irish Course and
Céili Dance

Ionad Óige agus

Pobail Chnoc Nua

Newhill Y&CC

R.Moody@usdt.co.uk



2PM

Céil na Sióig | Fair Concert

(Tickets Online) Cultúrlann Mac Adam Ó Fiach



9AM

Park-Rith Bándearg ar son Deonú Orgán

Pink Park Run in support of Organ Donation

Páirc na bhFál | Falls Park

feargal@glornamona.com

7PM

Síulód Lúi na Gréine

Sunset Walk
with Streetworks

Meet at USDT

mickmcallister@usdt.co.uk

7PM

Oíche Biongó

Community Bingo Night

Ionad Pobail Chnoc Nua

Newhill Community Centre

arleneblaney@usdt.co.uk

AN DOMHNACH 14Ú BEALTAINE | SUNDAY 14TH MAY



11AM

Malartrú Éadaí

Swap Shop

Gael-Ionad Mhic Goill

gearoidin@glornamona.com



7PM

Cumann Scannáin Loch Lao | Loch Lao Film Club

'Paris is Burning'

Gael-Ionad Mhic Goill

eoghan@glornamona.com



11AM | REGISTRATION AT CAULFIELDS BAR

12PM | START

Rith an Phobail agus Siúlóid Teaghlaigh

Community Run and Family Walk

Droim Sléibhe Dubhaise
Divis Mountain Ridge Trail

To Register - <http://paypal.me/cspwestbelfast>

£15 per person covers jersey and donation to Prostate Cancer



1PM

Camchuairt Phoblachtánach ar Bhaile an Mhuilinn le Seán Fennell

Republican Tour of Milltown Cemetery with Seán Fennell

Geataí Bhaile an Mhuilinn | Milltown Cemetery Gates

eoghan@glornamona.com



8AM

Bricfeasta Saor 's Gaelach

Black Panther Community Breakfast Club

Barr na Carraige | Top of Whiterock



10AM

Conair Dhúrla na bPáistí le Lón

Children's Nature Discovery Trail and Lunch

Páirc na bhFál agus
Cluin an Bhogaidh
Falls Park and
Bog Meadows

joe@feilebelfast.com



10AM

Lá Cultúrtha Saol Úr

Saol Úr Culture Day

Halla Naomh Eoin
St John's Parish Hall

p.monahan@usdt.co.uk



12PM

Ceardlann Scríbhneoireachta le Michael Patrick Mac Donald

Writing 'The Rest of Story' with Michael Patrick MacDonald

Gael-ionad Mhic Goill

eoghan@glornamona.com



6.30PM - BUS

Turas lascaireachta Teaglaigh

Family Fishing Trip in
Dromore

Buail ag USDT | Meet at USDT

mickmcallister@usdt.co.uk

7PM

Ceardlann Streetworks le Sustrans

Streetworks Sustrans
workshops

Gairdin an Phobail

mickmcallister@usdt.co.uk

7PM

PLÉ-PHAINÉAL | PANEL DISCUSSION:

'The Planet's on Fire: What is to be Done?'

Gael-ionad Mhic Goill

eoghan@glornamona.com



8AM

Bricfeasta Saor 's Gaelach

Black Panther Community Breakfast Club

An Carraig Bhán/Iarhar na Carraige | Whiterock/Westrock



11AM

Seisiún Ealaíne na gCloigíní Gorma le Saol

Úr Saol Úr Bluebell Creative Art Session

Leabharlann na Carraige Báine
Whiterock Library

p.monahan@usdt.co.uk

6:30PM

Ceardlann faoin Spéir le 'Connected Adventure'

The Hills Are Alive Connected Adventure Outdoor Workshops

Buail ag Cnoc Nua | Meet at Newhill

R.Moody@usdt.co.uk



7PM

Ceardlann trí Ghaeilge ar Chartlann Des Wilson | Workshop through Irish on the Des Wilson Archive

Gael-Ionad Mhic Goill

eoghan@glornamona.com

AN CHÉADAON 17Ú BEALTAINNE

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY



8AM

Bricfeasta Saor's Gaelach

*Black Panther Community
Breakfast Club*

Loisín na Móna | Turf Lodge



10AM

Turas Reilig na Cathrach le Lorraine Mills

City Cemetery Tour with Lorraine Mills

Bualadh ag an phriomhgeata | Meet at Bottom Gates

arleneblaney@usdt.co.uk



10AM

Cuairt Suí's Scíth go Slíabh Dubhais

*Suí's Scíth visit to
Divis Mountain*

Gael-Ionad Mhic Goill

gearaidin@glornamona.com



12.30 PM

Lón Mór an Phobail

*Long Table
Community Lunch*

Ionad Óige &
Pobail Chnoc Nua
Newhill Y&CC

12.30 PM

Photography Exhibition Launch

Ionad Óige agus
Pobail Chnoc Nua
Newhill Y&CC



1:30PM

AAB Speak Out Event

Ionad Óige agus Pobail Chnoc Nua Newhill Y&CC



7PM

Bréag-Thoghchán na nÓg

Youth Mock Election

Ionad Óige agus
Pobail Chnoc Nua
Newhill Y&CC

R.Moody@usdt.co.uk

7PM

How To Become A Hero For Your Autistic Children

with Jude Marrow

Gael-Ionad Mhic Goill

padraigin@glornamona.com

AN DÉARDAOIN 18Ú BEALTAINE

THURSDAY 18TH MAY



9.30AM

CEARDLANN NA MBAN:

Cearta Teanga agus
an Dream Dearg

WOMEN'S WORKSHOP:

Language Rights
& Dream Dearg

Gael-lonad Mhic Goill



1PM

Ceardlann Garraíodóireachta le Saol Úr

Saol Úr Sure Start Gardening Programme

USDT



12PM

Outdoor Armchair
Aerobics

Páirc na Carraige Báine
Whiterock Leisure Centre
Playpark

12PM

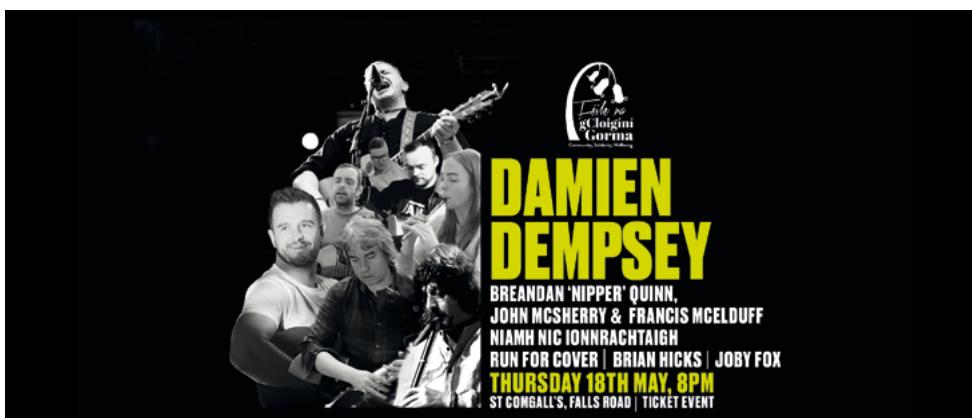
Ceardlann
le Bronagh Starrs:
Parenting Anxious Children
& Young People

Ionad Óige agus
Pobail Chnoc Nua
Newhill Y&CC

7PM

Fitness Freddie

Gael-lonad Mhic Goill
and Playpark



8PM

Ceolchoirm na Féile | Féile Concert: Damien Dempsey with the best local musicians

Naomh Chomgall | St Comgall's

Tickets on Eventbrite



10AM

Siúlóid an tSléibhe Dhuibh

Saoi Úr Sure Start Black Mountain Bluebell Walk

Meet at Saoi Úr Sure Start

p.monahan@usdt.co.uk



11AM

Fridays for Future with PPR:

'Introduction to Gáirdín an Phobail'

Gáirdín an Phobail



1PM

'Scribhneoirí an tSléibhe: GFA 25 years on

Gáirdín an Phobail

eoghan@glornamona.com



1PM

Men's Craft Workshop

Ionad Óige agus Pobail Chnoc Nua | Newhill Y&CC

arleneblaney@usdt.co.uk



7PM

Feasacht Sláinte na nÓg

Youth Health Awareness

Gael-ionad Mhic Goill

S.Conlon@usdt.co.uk



8.45

Register at USDT for Tournaments

9AM

Mórshíúil na Féile

Féile na gCloigíni Gorma Parade
to Falls Park and O'Donnell's Pitch

Buail ag Carrchlós USDT | Meet at USDT Carpark



10AM

Comórtas Sacair agus Peil Gaelach

2012 11-aside CSP Soccer Tournament

Sólann na Carraige Báine | Whiterock Leisure Centre

S.Conlon@usdt.co.uk and mickmcallister@usdt.co.uk



10AM

GAA Tournament

O'Donnells GAA

Joe@feilebelfast.com



12PM

Lá Spraoi Óige agus Pobail | Final Event

Youth and Community Fun Day

Sólann na Carraige Báine agus Gael-IONAD Mhic Goill | Whiterock Leisure Centre and Gael-IONAD Mhic Goill



2023



Comhairle Chathair
Bhéal Feirste