

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 dhorcha (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 neamshaoilta 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

€2400 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

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 12 October until 9 November 2020. Last year a total of 86 passes were provided. In 2019 the Council spent

in the region of €150,000 on clean-up operations associated with the 226 bonfires which took place. Just think what this kind of money could provide for YOUR community.

€68,000 = A NEW PLAY SPACE

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 2020.

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 4578321 or email info@recycleit.ie.

Recycle IT is a Not for Profit, Social Enterprise based in Clondalkin. Visit www.recycleit.ie to learn more.

Spooky Halloween Stuff for kids to do!!



Local community groups looking to organise small community based Halloween Celebrations are invited to apply for funding under the Community Events Fund under the Revised Community Grants Programme 2020. The Community Grants Booklet and access to the Online Application form can be found on the Council's Website at www.sdcc.ie

HALLOWEEN @ South Dublin Libraries

COOL FOOD SCHOOL HALLOWEEN TREATS!

Learn how to make healthy Halloween snacks with this interactive online workshop for children. Booking Essential.

Ballyroan Library Tuesday 27 October 2.00pm
booking on <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/ballyroan-library-2184216231>

North Clondalkin Library Wednesday 28 October 3.00pm booking from 10.00am Wednesday 14 October on <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/north-clondalkin-library-31079450849>

Lucan Library Thursday 29 October 10.00am booking from Monday 19 October on www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

Clondalkin Library Friday 30 October 2.00pm booking on <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

County Library Tallaght Friday 30 October 12.00pm booking on www.talib.eventbrite.com

LUCAN LIBRARY

String up some lights and send us your pictures because we have prizes for best family dress up, best family haunted house and best carved pumpkin. Send your entries to: lucan@sdblincoco.ie from Monday 12 October.

BALLYROAN LIBRARY

Tuesday 20 October 11:00am
Autumn Crafts with Kim via Zoom (adults)
Booking essential at <http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

Tuesday 27 October at 3:30pm
Spooky Crafts for Kids via Zoom Suitable for age 7+.
Booking essential at <http://ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Get your carve on! We want to see your scary and quirky pumpkin designs. Send us a photo to librarylegocomp@gmail.com, tell us your name, age, and a bit about your design and you could be in with a chance to win a prize!

All entries will be posted on the South Dublin Libraries Facebook page. Open to children aged 5+. Closing date: Wednesday 28 October.

TAKE IT AND MAKE IT CRAFT KITS

These handy craft kits for children contain everything you need to make autumnal crafts at home! Available for collection from Ballyroan Library while stocks last.

Saturday 31 October 3pm FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Chalk games and prizes outside the library. Booking via Eventbrite.

CLONDALKIN LIBRARY

Tuesday 27 October 2.00-4.00pm.

Online stop motion workshop for 8-12 year olds with Create School.

Wednesday 28 October 3.00-4.00pm.

Online Halloween costume upcycling for adults with Rediscovery.

Wednesday 28 October 2.00-4.30pm.

Online Song writing for age 12+ with Create School.

Thursday 29 October 2.00-4.30pm.

Online Podcasting for age 12+ with Create School. Booking Essential on <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie>

COUNTY LIBRARY TALLAGHT

Wednesday 28 October 3.00-5.00pm.

Online Laser Cut Model workshop for age 10-12 with Create School. Booking Essential on www.talib.eventbrite.com

NORTH CLONDALKIN LIBRARY

Halloween Colouring Competition.

Collect a colouring page in the library or download from Facebook and return to North Clondalkin Library by Saturday 31 October to be in with a chance to win Spooktacular prizes.



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**STAY SAFE
AND ENJOY HALLOWEEN**