

OVER 100 EVENTS ACROSS 10 DAYS

**Music**  
**Family**  
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**EASTSIDE  
ARTS  
FESTIVAL**

24 July –  
2 August  
2026

**EAST  
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# FESTIVAL INFORMATION

## EVENT BOOKING

**EASTSIDE ARTS**  
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## REFUNDS

Festival tickets cannot be refunded other than in the case of event cancellation, in which case all refunds can only be issued from the point of purchase.

## ACCESSIBILITY

We are committed to making our festival accessible to everyone. If you require the assistance of a carer to attend, a complimentary ticket can be provided for your carer. Get in touch for more information.

## SEATING

Seats are un-allocated and operate on a first come, first served basis. Seats cannot be reserved except in cases of special requirements.

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We depend on a brilliant team of volunteers during the festival. If you would like to get involved, meet new people and work on some great events between 24th July and 2nd August, get in touch with us to find out more.

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"We are delighted to support, through National Lottery Funding, one of the highlights of the summer festival calendar, the EastSide Arts Festival 2026. "

This year's Festival sees over 100 events showcasing music, comedy, theatre, visual arts, circus, film, talks & tours and much more in the surroundings of east Belfast's blooming cultural scene.

For 15 years, the Festival has been engaging and entertaining audiences young and old. This year's line-up sees Mercury-nominated singer-songwriter SOAK, DJ sets from Norway's Todd Terje and England's Leftfield, comedy from Emer Maguire, performances from Belfast Circus, music from Gareth Dunlop as well as the

EastSide Choir's A Love Song to Lough Neagh debut, a collaboration with writer Jan Carson.

With venues from community centres and churches to social clubs and local businesses, it is a Festival deeply rooted in east Belfast's rich community. It promises to be another welcoming and vibrant series of arts events for both residents and visitors alike.

**Roisín McDonough**  
Chief Executive  
Arts Council of Northern Ireland

"On behalf of the EastSide Arts team, I'm delighted to present our 2026 Festival programme. This year marks an ambitious and diverse celebration of art, creativity, heritage, and culture, which promises to be one of our most exciting Festivals yet."

We're proud to showcase a mix of new voices alongside much-loved returning artists, spanning a wide range of artforms and taking place across an array of authentic east Belfast venues.

At the heart of our work is a commitment to community and to widening access to the arts in east Belfast and beyond. With over 100 "Uniquely East" events, this year's programme offers something for everyone, whether

you're discovering something new or reconnecting with familiar favourites.

We look forward to welcoming you as we once again fill east Belfast with art and creativity this summer, and we extend our sincere thanks to our partners and funders for their support for our work.

**Neal Campbell**  
Festival Director

# Music





## SOAK

+ Support from Cosign

**TITANIC DISTILLERS PUMPHOUSE**  
**FRI 24 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £19**

Derry-born singer-songwriter Bridie Monds-Watson (they/them); aka SOAK – a portmanteau of Soul and Folk) – started writing songs at the tender age of thirteen, recording their first batch of lo-fi, acoustic demos in secret. Having uploaded an early demo of self-penned standout “Sea Creatures” to the BBC Introducing player in 2012, SOAK was soon hailed as one of the rising stars in Northern Ireland. SOAK recently returned with their third album “If I Never

Know You Like” recorded with long-time collaborator Tommy McLaughlin (he/him) and SOAK’s band in Donegal. McLaughlin & Monds-Watson wrote while essentially “herding out on guitars and pedals like moronic bros,” the result closes the gap between the mid-90s and the summer of ’22.

It’s the kind of music that wouldn’t feel out of place in the end credits of a 90s coming-of-age film.

Cosign is an artist and producer based in Belfast, crafting immersive indie-electronic music that sits at the intersection of emotion and innovation.



## SUPERFLY FUNK AND SOUL CLUB

**H&W STAFF CLUB**  
**FRI 24 JULY, 9PM**  
**TICKETS £10**

Pete Brady AKA Superfly Funk & Soul Belfast has been Djing on the Soul scene for over 30 years and brings his haul of vinyl records to fill dancefloors wherever he goes. At EastSide Arts Festival Pete will be bringing his unique brand of funk and soul to the centre of East Belfast at the iconic Harland and Wolff Staff Club.



## ANTHONY TONER TRIO IN CONCERT

*with special guest*  
*Matt McIvor*

**TEMPLEMORE BATHS**  
**TUE 28 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

Five years after penning a song that celebrated the old Templemore Baths, east Belfast-based songwriter Anthony Toner is performing in the historic building as part of this year’s EastSide Arts Festival. Anthony will be performing in a trio format for this unique show, with long time collaborators John McCullough on piano and keyboards and Nick Scott on bass and backing vocals.

*Leon Buckley Quartet*

**THE HACK CLUB**  
**FRI 24 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

A third generation from the Buckley musical dynasty! Saxophonist Leon has followed in the family tradition of saxophone, after his father Michael Buckley and grandfather Dick Buckley; musicians who set the standard for jazz musicians of their generation.

*Scott Flannigan & Hugh Buckley Play Smokin' at the Half Note*

**THE HACK CLUB**  
**FRI 31 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

Declared "the absolute greatest jazz guitar album ever made." Some of Ireland's finest jazz players will perform the Smokin' At The Half Note album by Wes Montgomery and the Wynton Kelly Trio in its entirety, sticking faithfully to the arrangements on record. Hugh Buckley will join Scott Flannigan, Dave Redmond and Dominic Mullan for a special one-off performance of this swinging album.

*Scott Flannigan Summertime Recital*

**THE HACK CLUB**  
**WED 29 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

The piano is the star for this special family friendly Scott's jazz club concert with the theme of ... Summer! At the grand piano, co-founder and leading Irish jazz pianist Scott Flannigan plays great tunes which celebrate all things summer: from sunny skies to warm weather, long nights and even barbecues....but given this is Northern Ireland, the ever-present threat of songs about rain may yet make an appearance.

**Scotts**

**Jazz Club**



**SODA POPZ LUNCHTIME BOPZ**

**STRAND CHURCH**  
**WED 29 JUL, 1PM**  
**FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)**

Ireland's No.1 tribute to the hottest hits of the 1950s/60s - The Soda Popz bring the spirit, style and sound of early Rock'n'Roll to life with authentic costumes and outstanding musicianship! Eastside Arts are thrilled to have them back once again for the ever-popular Lunchtime Bop. Get your dancing shoes ready!

**THE BOONDOCKS**

**CIYMS**  
**FRI 31 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

Festival favourites, The Boondocks, are back with country classics by the likes of Glen Campbell, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, John Prine and Hank Williams.

The band features Anthony Toner, Mark Crockard and Marcus McAuley, with special guest John McCullough (Ronnie Greer Band, Van Morrison Band) on piano, all promising an authentic 'backporch' sound and a great evening of entertainment.

# EastSide Electronics

**C.S. LEWIS SQUARE**  
**SAT 25 JUL, 6-11PM**  
**TICKETS £28**

The Night Institute returns with their flagship EastSide Electronics event as part of EastSide Arts Festival 2026. After celebrating ten years at the forefront of electronic music in Ireland last year, 2026 sees their biggest festival line-up yet.

Norwegian disco stalwart Todd Terje returns to Belfast alongside a DJ set from seminal electronic pioneer, Leftfield. The Night Institute's Timmy Stewart & Jordan Nocturne are joined by Marion Hawkes, Venus Dupree and Efa O'Neill across the day and night.

Entry to Bullhouse is free from 4-6PM. Separate tickets available for night-time at Banana Block.

## *EastSide Electronics by Night*

**BANANA BLOCK | SAT 25 JUL, 10PM | TICKETS £12**

Banana Block hosts Part 3 of a day-and-night celebration to wrap up EastSide Electronics 2026, with Timmy Stewart, Jordan Nocturne & Efa O'Neill.

*A Propaganda Production*

# The Taylor Swift Experience

**C.S. LEWIS SQUARE**  
**SAT 25 JUL, 12:30PM**  
**TICKETS £10**

Get ready for the ultimate pop party as The Taylor Swift Experience comes to town for a magical live show packed with music, dancing and unforgettable singalong moments.

Celebrating all of Taylor's biggest hits from every era, this experience features incredible live vocals, talented dancers, DJs, dazzling

costumes and a huge party atmosphere from start to finish. From Shake It Off and Love Story to Cruel Summer and Blank Space, fans of all ages can sing along to the songs they know and love.

Designed as a fun, family-friendly experience, this is the perfect day out for kids, parents and Swifties alike. Expect interactive moments, friendship bracelet fun, special guest appearances, and nonstop feel-good energy throughout the show.



# Belfast Community Gospel Choir

**C. S. LEWIS SQUARE**  
**SUN 26 JUL, 6PM**  
**TICKETS £18**

Hailed as 'the soul of Belfast' the Belfast Community Gospel Choir (BCGC) has literally taken Northern Ireland by storm. They are relentless ambassadors for the city of Belfast and the whole of the province as they spread the message of love, joy and peace through their music.

BCGC performances are charged with passion and energy and the sheer JOY they exude from the stage is infectious. If you love foot-stomping, hand-clapping music, mixed together with well known classic songs and a good helping of laughter, then BCGC certainly delivers! Led by their charismatic Director and Founder, Dr Marie Lacey, the sound that the choir produces is nothing short of dynamic.



## **TIA BOW - BLACKBERRY PATH**

**THE SANCTUARY THEATRE**  
**THU 30 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £10**

Blackberry Path is an intimate one-hour performance by Belfast-based songwriter Tia Bow, with her band Clare Galway and Danny Trouton. Blending live music with spoken word, the show invites audiences into a world of love, loss, memory and resilience, transforming deeply personal songs into a moving reflection on life's journey and the universal experiences that unite us all.



## **I'LL TELL ME MA**

*A singing gathering in celebration of Belfast's Street Songs*

**BOUNDARY TAPROOM**  
**SAT 1 AUG, 1PM**  
**TICKETS £10**

This Lughnasa, join Belfast's Nightingale Singing Session and special guest singer Méabh Meir of Landless, for an afternoon of song in celebration of the rich cannon of Belfast street songs. No singing experience necessary, all welcome, singers and listeners alike. A craft stout or non-alcoholic cocktail and a freshly baked veg or meat pastie will be served as part of the ticket price.

# A Love Song to Lough Neagh

TEMPLEMORE BATHS  
WED 29 JUL, 7PM  
TICKETS £12

EastSide Arts presents an innovative collaborative performance 'A Love Song to Lough Neagh'. Bringing together the talents of writer Jan Carson, the EastSide Choir, singer-songwriter Hannah Lockhart and harpist Ursula Burns. Via song and spoken word this relevant

and emotive piece proposes a creative response to the current ecological emergency facing the Lough. Exploring the themes of hope and community amidst crisis developed in Jan's new novel 'Few and Far Between.'

With this performance, the EastSide Choir celebrates 10 years of providing a space for community and creative learning in the heart of East Belfast.

*Few and Far Between: The Anatomy of a Novel with Jan Carson*

EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE | SUN 2 AUG, 2PM | FREE

In this illustrated talk, Belfast writer Jan Carson explores her novel *Few and Far Between*, an alternative history imagining what might have happened if Terence O'Neill had drained Lough Neagh to create Northern Ireland's seventh county. Part masterclass, part Q&A, this session offers insight into bringing a novel to life.



## WITH PIPE & DRUM

*A Special Celebration  
at Stormont*

STORMONT GREAT HALL  
THU 30 JUL, 8PM  
TICKETS £22.50

An explosive celebration of piping, percussion and pulse, With Pipe & Drum brings together world-class traditional musicians from across Ireland, Scotland and the United States of America.

*Presented by Belfast TradFest  
in association with Strand Arts  
Centre.*

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## THE HEARTH TRAD SESSION

THE HEARTH  
THU 30 JULY, 7PM  
FREE ADMISSION

The traditional music session in Hearth, east Belfast, is now widely recognised as one of the biggest, liveliest and most inclusive trad sessions in the City. In this special EastSide session, there will be high energy, high quality tunes from all over Ireland, Scotland and elsewhere, played by local musicians on fiddles, pipes, drums and flutes. We'll also have beautiful songs and airs from local singers. It promises to be a highly engaging, authentic and entertaining evening out. Don't miss it!



## Sound Advice After Hours

**TITANIC DISTILLERS PUMPHOUSE**  
FRU 31 JUL, 9PM - 2AM  
TICKETS £20

We have a treat in store as London's house journeyman Richard Sen joins Detroit techno legend Rolando for a special After Hours down by the docks.

Rolando is heavily influenced by his cultural roots with Latin

rhythms and percussion evident in his productions and DJ sets. Richard Sen, a former London graffiti artist, has done it all. His authenticity, experience and 30 year history in dance music map out a unique story.

With support from residents Conor Schmtz (Schmtz, Feline) & Marion Hawkes (Sound Advice, Ponyhawke).



### ERIC BELL TRIO

**THE SKAINOS CENTRE**  
SUN 2 AUG, 5.30PM  
TICKETS £18

Thin Lizzy founding guitarist, Eric Bell, is thrilled to be playing in his native east Belfast at the Skainos Centre as part of this year's Eastside Arts Festival. The Eric Bell Trio band will be playing early classic Thin Lizzy tracks from the period of Eric's time in the band, along with blues classics and songs from his subsequent, highly acclaimed solo albums.



### JUJU JAZZ KISSA

**VAULT ARTIST STUDIOS**  
MASONIC HALL  
SAT 1 & SUN 2 AUG  
FREE ADMISSION

JUJU is a pop-up jazz kissa (listening café) hosted by Philip Arneill. A drop-in space where music is central, switch off your phone and lose yourself listening to jazz played on vinyl, in the unique setting of an old Masonic Hall in east Belfast.

**OPENING TIMES**  
Sat: 10AM-3PM / 5PM-9PM  
Sun: 10AM-4PM



# Gareth Dunlop Around the Tabletop

+ support from *Eve Belle*

**TITANIC DISTILLERS PUMPHOUSE**  
**SAT 1 AUG, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £22**

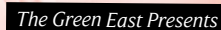
One of Ireland's most revered songwriters takes to the stage at Titanic Distillers for a night of songs and the stories behind them. Accompanied by his band of incredible musicians, expect music from previous albums as well as songs yet to be heard.

An idea born from stripped back rehearsal sessions, often happening around Gareth's

own kitchen table - 'Around The Tabletop' is a way for music lovers to experience a raw and unfiltered performance in a historic and unique setting.

'Around The Tabletop' will give fans the chance to hear Gareth and his band like never before.

With Support from *Eve Belle*, a singer-songwriter from Donegal, based currently in Belfast. Their music explores themes of mental illness, queerness, language and identity.



The Green East Presents


# Gig in a Garden

with *Aine Gordon and Niall McDowell*

**ROOFTOP GARDEN**  
**THE SKAINOS CENTRE**  
**SUN 2 AUG, 2PM**  
**TICKETS £12**



**FIERCE**<sup>NON-ALC</sup>  
**MILD**



EastSide Arts and The Green East presents a new artist showcase 'Gig in a Garden'. Discover a secret garden venue in the heart of east Belfast, the perfect setting for an intimate gig with two of Belfast's rising stars in folk music Niall McDowell and Aine Gordon. Spend your Sunday afternoon with us.

Please note this is a sober event, there will be complimentary non-alcoholic beers from Fierce Mild or feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic beverage.



**Performing  
Arts**



# Murder She Got Wrote Off

**CIYMS**  
**FRI 24 & SAT 25 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

Another year, another shoddy episode of daytime TV turned into an excuse to get more blitzed than London in the 40s! That's (wrong but it feels so) right. Murder She Got Wrote Off is a live staging of a Murder She Wrote episode but with a twist!

Book your ticket and a taxi (or ambulance) now cause it's gonna get messy!



## TRUTH, LOVE OR PROMISE

**THE SKAINOS CENTRE**  
**FRI 24 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £18**

Nuala McKeever's award-winning play is about three women who meet at a creative writing class. They get to know each other through their stories. But, it's the things they're leaving out that really tell the tale.

When the truth turns out to be shocking, they have to decide what matters most – Truth, Love or Promise.



## SHADOWLANDS

*Produced by Scamp Theatre*

**ST MARK'S CHURCH**  
**30 & 31 JUL, 1 AUG, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £10**

Shadowlands' is taken from the life of one of east Belfast's literary icons C.S. Lewis.

Known worldwide as the author of the Narnia fantasy novels, Joy Davidman, a former communist Christian convert and divorcee, crashes into C.S Lewis' quiet well-ordered life. 'Shadowlands' tells the story of their budding friendship and eventual romance. It is a story of late blooming love, devastating loss, and ultimately, of the redemptive power of love.



## ROMEO! ROMEO!

H&W STAFF CLUB  
SUN 26 JUL, 7PM  
TICKETS £12

Experience how a play comes together at Terra Nova Productions' Romeo! Romeo! Join experienced director Andrea Montgomery and two actors to rehearse scenes from Romeo & Juliet and vote on what happens!

You can expect a relaxed evening with plenty of craic, perfect for theatre lovers everywhere. It's a date night with a difference. (This event is also perfect for students of drama and English).



## CIRCUS FOR ADULTS

WILLOWFIELD PARISH HALLS  
SAT 1 AUG, 12-2PM  
TICKETS £15

Come and have a go at some circus skills in a relaxed, playful session. This two-hour workshop is a chance to try different circus disciplines, learn some new tricks, and rediscover the joy of messing around!

No experience is needed; absolute beginners are very welcome, and there will be plenty of options for people who want to push themselves a bit further too.



## FEMINA CULPA

EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE  
TUE 28 JUL, 7PM  
FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)

Join Femina Culpa for a poetry reading and panel discussion exploring the voices of 19th-century working-class women. Drawing on historical research and archival records, the collective uncovers the stories of women entangled in the criminal justice system, bringing overlooked narratives from across Ireland, Britain and beyond to life through poetry.



## WORD VOMIT X HAPPY OUT COFFEE

HAPPY OUT COFFEE  
THU 30 JUL, 7PM  
TICKETS £10

Word Vomit, a spoken word collective who celebrate under-represented writers from Ireland and beyond, return to Belfast in collaboration with Happy Out Coffee. The evening will host four artists who will be sharing their latest work, along with an open mic session.

Sign up for the open mic:  
[wordvmt@gmail.com](mailto:wordvmt@gmail.com)





## 25ish Years of Lady P and Me

**THE SANCTUARY THEATRE**  
**SUN 26 JUL, 7:30PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

From cassette tapes to culture wars... from riots to red carpets... Before drag became mainstream, there was one little boy from Bangor determined to survive, shine and be seen in a world that didn't always make space for difference.

Join Northern Ireland's First Lady of Drag, Lady Portia Di'Monte, the face behind Marcus Hunter-Neill, for a spectacularly heartfelt, hilarious and deeply revealing tell all evening of glamour, grit, rebellion, resilience and accidental history making many times over.

Raw! Funny! Heartfelt! Historic!  
And trust us... *It's going to be a riot!*



### THE ROOM

**BELMONT BOWLING CLUB**  
**WED 29 & THU 30 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

You regret ever watching the movie don't you? Now you'll regret seeing the show! A live staging of perhaps the worst movie ever made. Originally developed as a stage play, then evolving to a feature film, we are devolving it back to a play as only the Cabot Cove Players can. The full show, live music and a special guest starring as Tommy himself. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be torn apart by Lisa!

From the same team who bring you Murder She Got Wrote Off this is a show not to be missed!



### EAST LAFFS

**H&W STAFF CLUB**  
**THU 30 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £10**

Get ready for a night of big laughs and brilliant craic at The East Laffs, part of this year's EastSide Arts Festival. Taking place in the iconic Harland & Wolff Staff Club on 30 July 2026, this comedy night promises a fantastic line-up of local talent, sharp wit, and unforgettable entertainment in one of east Belfast's most beloved venues.

Whether you're coming with friends or flying solo, expect a warm welcome, a lively atmosphere, and plenty of belly laughs.

# Common Threads: Culture, Life & What Matters to Us

THE SKAINOS CENTRE  
MON 27 JUL, 7PM  
FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)

This PEACEPLUS Interfaith & Belief event invites you into a different kind of encounter — one shaped by creativity, honesty and lived experience. In a city where tensions around race and faith have been felt in recent years, this café culture awareness event offers a chance to meet neighbours through what matters

to them most. People from a range of faiths and beliefs will share how creativity helps them practice, express and celebrate their traditions — through music, movement, poetry, and art. Not a performance, but a window into everyday life: informal, personal, and real.

*The Belfast Local Community Action Plan is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programme Body (SEUPB).*



## A TOOL FOR SURVIVAL

TEMPLEMORE BATHS  
SAT 1 AUG, 7-9PM  
TICKETS £6

Join us for an evening of spoken word and personal stories between the two artists; visual artist Clinton Kirkpatrick and poet Séamus Fox.

The evening will focus on the arts as a tool for survival, healing, connectedness, and joy. Come and hear both artists delve into their own practice and lives, and share with everyone what it means to live in a world with creativity, how to process what it means to be human, and how the arts can be used as a supportive and helpful tool.



## DANCE TASTER CLASSES

OUR SOCIAL SPACE  
26, 27 & 29 JUL, TIMES BELOW  
FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)

Step into a living, breathing social art form where music, movement, and human connection meet. Join Our Social Space for a series of social dance tasters exploring Blues and Jazz as forms of shared cultural expression. Rooted in African American musical traditions, these dances emerged from social spaces where rhythm, conversation, and creativity were part of everyday life.

**Partner Blues** | Sun 26, 7:30PM  
**Solo Blues** | Mon 27, 11AM  
**Solo Jazz** | Wed 29, 3PM  
**Partner Jazz** | Wed 29, 7:30PM



## The Touts: Hex

**H&W STAFF CLUB**  
**FRI 31 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

Célia Winklenogue is the host of a hilarious night of trust and treachery in which ten local comedians take on a series of mind-bending challenges to find

and banish the Touts before their next murder. They will fight to take home the trophy a second time. But will their skills in deception and detection protect them from The Hex? Gather your most trustworthy friends, grab a cloak, and meet us in the tower to find out!



## LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS

*Presented by Holywood Players*

**BELVOIR STUDIO THEATRE**  
**FRI 24 & SAT 25 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £18**

A comedy by Neil Simon.  
Suitable for ages 12 plus.

Middle-aged restaurateur Barney Cashman is in the heat of a midlife crisis and desperate to add a little adventure to his life, with his mother's apartment as his unlikely hideaway.

Premiering on Broadway in 1969, Last of the Red Hot Lovers is a witty, warm comedy which finds truth in the most awkward of moments. This play reflects the attitudes and language of its time.



## EAST BROADWAY THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS... SEUSSICAL JR.

**BELVOIR STUDIO THEATRE**  
**31 JUL – 2 AUG, TIMES BELOW**  
**TICKETS £16**

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical JR., a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony-winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

**Fri 31 Jul: 7PM**  
**Sat 1 Aug: 2PM / 7PM**  
**Sun 2 Aug: 2PM**



## Emer Maguire: Live!

**SHORTS SPORTS CLUB**  
**SAT 1 AUG, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £20**

Emer Maguire is one of Northern Ireland's fastest rising comic talents. Her comedy is a no holds barred look at life – whether it's her upbringing, relationship woes, or life as an autistic adult.

Every line is delivered with a refreshingly honest candour that leaves audiences with both tears of heartbreak and laughter. An emotional rollercoaster filled with laugh out loud stories and a lot of heart. Expect a show fuelled by powerful storytelling, devilish quick wit, and hilarious musical interludes.



## SPOKEN WORD FLIGHT

**BOUNDARY TAPROOM**  
**FRI 31 JUL, 8:30PM**  
**TICKETS £20**

**Flight:** *'a sampling of several beers, or of a particular type of food, for the purpose of comparative tasting'.*

Imagine a beer flight with stories to match. A light pale comedic tale, then a dark stout horror... we'll try and avoid anything bitter. Join us with resident Paul Hutchinson and our old friends Alice McCullough, Graeme Watson and John Barry. Each paired with a beer and an increasingly drunk introduction from Adam Turkington of Seedhead Arts.

Each tickets includes 4 half pints.



## QUICK FIRE PLAYS

*by SkelpieLimmerProductions  
& Rare Witch*

**THE SANCTUARY THEATRE**  
**SUN 2 AUG, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

Quick Fire Plays is a collection of short performances by a troupe of incredible artists, using animation, mime, & sketch comedy to make bold new work about Belfast right now & the people who live here. Created in a high-speed, collaborative process, this is theatre at its most urgent & alive – unfiltered, playful & packed with punch.



# Dragtastic Wrap Party

SHORTS SPORTS CLUB  
SUN 2 AUG, 8PM  
TICKETS £15

A Dragtastic final act to EastSide Arts Festival 2026! Join THE Lady Portia and a gaggle of special guest queens at Shorts Sports and Recreational Club for an even of glam, gags and general debauchery.





# The Strand Presents

PLEASE NOTE:

Bookings for Strand events should be made directly via their website.

[strandartscentre.com](http://strandartscentre.com)



An Evening with Alice McCullough

# Earth to Alice - Free as a Word

**BELMONT BOWLING CLUB**  
**SUN 26 JUL, 6:30PM**  
**TICKETS £16**

Join us for this special evening with Alice as she shares a new collection of poems, stories and songs ahead of her performance at the upcoming Edinburgh Fringe

Festival. For over a decade Alice has been winning awards and delighting audiences with various incarnations of her one-woman show, "Earth To Alice," a growing and changing collection of poems and songs that have taken her on many wild adventures.



## KPOP DEMON DISCO

*Inspired by KPop Demon Hunters*

**BELMONT BOWLING CLUB**  
**TUE 28 JUL, 6:30PM**  
**CHILD TICKET £10**  
**ACCOMPANYING ADULTS FREE**

A high-energy K-pop dance party inspired by KPop Demon Hunters, featuring music, lights, a disco ball and an instructor to teach the moves to your favourite songs.

A jewellery craft station to make K-pop-inspired accessories, plus a themed 'tuck shop' with tasty treats. Dressing up is encouraged - it's a perfect night for kids to bring their friends. For ages 5-12.



## KIDS CINEMA WORKSHOP

**EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE**  
**SAT 1 AUG, 11AM**  
**TICKETS £3**

Join the Strand's Heritage Officer, Rosie Hickey, and discover the science behind early cinema, have a go at making 'moving pictures' using zoetropes, and learn about the design of early cinemas, making your own paper cinema to take home.

Recommended for ages 6-11.





## SILVER SCREENINGS - CALAMITY JANE

with live music introduction

**BELMONT BOWLING CLUB**  
THU 30 JUL, 2PM  
TICKETS £4

Enjoy a lively afternoon with this classic Technicolour musical starring Doris Day in one of her most iconic roles. Set in the Wild West town of Deadwood, the story follows the sharp-shooting, big-hearted Calamity Jane as she sets out to bring a glamorous stage star to town - only for romance and rivalry to complicate matters. Featuring beloved songs including Secret Love, this warm, witty film is full of charm, humour and heart.



## DANCE HALLS OF BELFAST

Inspired by *Fleadh Cheoil*

**BELMONT BOWLING CLUB**  
THU 30 JUL, 11AM  
FREE ADMISSION

This richly illustrated talk explores the dance halls that used to be scattered across Belfast, from the luxurious Plaza in the city centre, with its revolving stage, to 'The Hut' in east Belfast! Presented by the Strand's Heritage Officer, Rosie Hickey, who reflects on the rise - and decline - of these important social spaces, and explores what is left of them today. She also highlights the fascinating parallels between Belfast's 'palaces of dance' and its 'picture palaces'.

## SCENES, STORIES & SOUNDS

*Tokyo Jazz Joints x The Strand*

**H&W STAFF CLUB**  
SUN 2 AUG, 7-9:30PM  
TICKETS £14

Join Philip Arneill for 'Scenes, Stories & Sounds', a unique evening blending jazz, Japan and film. Contextualised through his experiences photographing Japan's jazz kissa, this will be an immersive evening of stories, music, movies and deep listening.



Normal Cinema Club presents

# DOOMER NIGHT

**OUR SOCIAL SPACE**  
THU 30 JUL, 7PM  
TICKETS £10

It seems like the world has lost the run of itself, but we didn't start the fire. To prepare for potential paroxysm, Normal Cinema Club and EastSide Arts Festival are teaming up to present *When the Wind Blows*. This devastating classic animation, based on

the Raymond Briggs graphic novel, is a chilling look at the real consequences of nuclear warfare. No matter who wins, we all lose.

Before the feature we will screen *THE LAST GAMMON* by Elmaz Ekrem Littlewood, which considers apocalyptic anxieties in our current 'culture war' era.

**Note: This event will be BYOB.**

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**GEORGE BEST'S HOUSE AS NEVER BEFORE INSTALLATION**

**GEORGE BEST'S HOUSE  
MON 27 JUL, 10AM - 7PM  
FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)**

In a special one-off installation in George Best's childhood home, celebrated Dublin composer Matthew Nolan builds on his previous work which presented Hellmuth Costard's experimental 1970 film "Football As Never Before" alongside a live score.

This event is free, but booking is strictly required due to limited space within the George Best House.



**FOOTBALL AS NEVER BEFORE**

*Panel Discussion*

**CREGAGH SPORTS CLUB  
MON 27 JUL, 7:30PM  
TICKETS £10**

There is a well-known saying in Belfast "Pelé good, Maradona better, George Best". This panel discussion, following our "George Best's House as Never Before" installation, will reflect on how Best's sporting and cultural legacy endures, with a particular focus on the meeting points of football and art.

The panel will feature Matthew Nolan (composer), Michael Hanna (visual artist), along with TU Dublin's Connell Vaughan and Mick O'Hara.

# EastSide Sunday Fun Day

Sun 26 Jul

## 2K & 5K RUN

C.S. LEWIS SQUARE  
£16 ENTRY (FREE T-SHIRT)

Lace up your trainers and join us for the EastSide Arts Festival 2K & 5K Run! Whether you're aiming for a personal best or taking part for fun, everyone is welcome. All participants will receive a commemorative event t-shirt and finisher's medal, with live music and a post-run BBQ creating a fantastic festival atmosphere for runners, families and supporters alike.

**BBRC**



2K Junior Run

**Starts at 11AM**

For children under 12 with an accompanying adult.

5K Run

**Starts at 11:30AM**

Open to all ages.

## EAST BLOCK BAZAAR

BANANA BLOCK | 12-4PM | FREE

East Block Bazaar is east Belfast's longest standing market. Little Fox events are delighted to partner with EastSide Arts to bring a feast of Local traders selling Art, Vintage, Food, Clothes and lots more.

East Block EastSide edition is one not to be missed!



**LITTLE FOX**



## CS LEWIS SQUARE BLOCK PARTY

C.S. LEWIS SQUARE | 12-4PM | FREE

Relax after your run or extend your time at the East Block Bazaar and join us at C.S. Lewis for a Block Party. With music from Explosion Sound System and even more market stalls. Enjoy some Caribbean food or a healthy portion of Mac and Cheese and indulge in a day drink or two with a full bar by Titanic Distillers.

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# Parkfest

Orangefield Park | Sat 1 Aug | 12-4PM | Free Admission

## CIRCUS IN THE PARK

Belfast Circus will be joining the festivities at Orangefield Park, where we will be celebrating the wonder and colour of circus! There will be incredible performances and there will be opportunities to learn new skills with our drop-in circus workshops.



## FUN IN THE PARK

Parkfest is a chance to encourage people to celebrate and enjoy the Connswater Community Greenway with Orangefield Park as the focal point. There will be a range of environmental activities, workshops and chances to get active and have some fun in one of east Belfast's most vibrant green spaces.

**EAST  
SIDE  
GREENWAYS**

**CONNSWATER COMMUNITY  
GREENWAY**

## LEARNING IN THE PARK

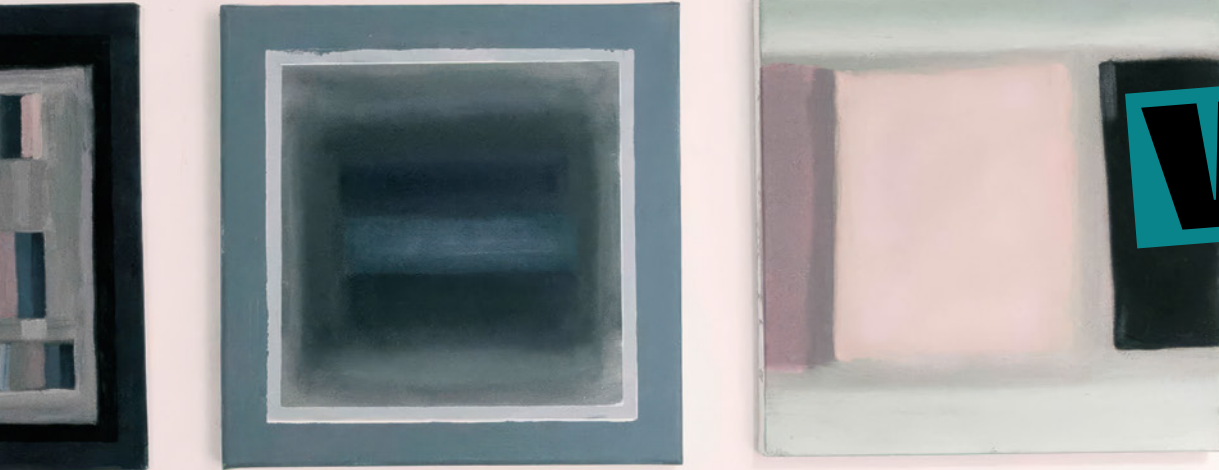
EastSide Learning is delighted to partner with SureStart to celebrate their 25th Birthday with our early learning Zone; a quiet area of sensory play and relaxation for parents and 0-4year olds.



## ARTS IN THE PARK

AnnansArch brings four nature inspired arts workshops by local artists. Delve into your creative side and bring home some homemade treasures from Parkfest.





# Visual Art

# QSS Exhibitions

QUEEN STREET STUDIOS | 25 JUN - 25 JUL | 10AM - 5PM | FREE ADMSSION

## Gallery 1 - Toss by MIDDEN

An excavation of a virtual midden, a chaotic archive of scandal, exploitation, and resource extraction. Through text, video, photographs, drawings, prints, and artefacts, this exhibition uncovers the debris left behind by insatiable greed.

## Gallery 2 - Paper Palace

Paper Palace brings together works on and off paper, exploring painting, printmaking, sculpture, and installation through an expanded view of works on paper.

# QSS Workshops

## Gallery 2 - Drop-in Screen Printing with Kathryn Graham

**SAT 25 JUL | 10:30 - 12:30AM | FREE ADMISSION**

Join QSS artist Kathryn Graham for a live drop-in screen-printing workshop as part of the Paper Palace exhibition in Gallery 2. Watch a demonstration and try pulling your own print (no experience necessary).

## Gallery 1 - Midden-Making with Midden Collective

**SAT 25 JUL | 1:30PM | FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)**

Join Midden Collective for a tour of Toss and create your own miniature midden using precious, personal, discarded, or dismembered objects. Participants will gain insight into the artists' practice before taking part in a guided making session.



## URBAN JUNGLE - COLLAGE & STENCILLING WORKSHOP

*by Groundwork NI with Lesley Cherry*

**CONNSWATER MEANWHILE GARDEN & POLYTUNNEL  
FRI 24 JUL, 11AM  
TICKETS £5**

Participants will create a take-away bespoke artwork, inspired by our urban landscapes & wildlife, city parks, greenways, & housing using collage and stenciling. We aim to use your creativity as a form of mindfulness, to imagine your own fantasy landscape or garden, or create your own city plan!



## MELTER DEFENCE LEAGUE - INTER-GENERATIONAL COSTUME WORKSHOP

*Hosted by Anann's Arch and Array Collective*

**ARRAY STUDIOS  
FRI 24 JUL, 2PM  
FREE ADMISSION**

The Melter Defence League is recruiting! In this playful intergenerational workshop, children and adults will create superhero identities, costumes, shields, masks, capes and symbols of resistance using recycled and reclaimed materials. Suit up and defend Belfast from "the melt". Materials and snacks provided!

Each ticket for 1 child and 1 adult.



## AN EXHIBITION BY DIARMUID DELARGY

ARTISANN GALLERY  
1 JUL - 29 AUG  
11AM - 5:30PM  
FREE ADMISSION

**Opening night:**  
Wed 1 Jul | 6-8PM

Diarmuid Delargy is renowned for his paintings of fish and sharks inspired from the Atlantic coast close to his studio in Sligo. His paintings are a personal commentary on the changing nature of the coast.



## RAY DUNCAN: PAINTING OVER A LIFE

CREATIVE EXCHANGE  
24 JUL - 2 AUG, 10AM - 5PM  
FREE ADMISSION

This exhibition has been organised by Ray's family and members of Creative Exchange Artists Studios to look back at the work of one of the studio's founding members, who sadly died last year. Ray spent a lifetime immersed in the arts as a teacher and artist. Throughout his life as a painter he returned to abstraction and this exhibition will show a small selection of paintings starting from the late 1960's through to those made in the last ten years.



## ULSTER WATERCOLOUR SOCIETY PLEIN AIR

C.S. LEWIS SQUARE  
TUE 28 JUL, 10:30AM - 4PM  
FREE ADMISSION

Join members of the Ulster Watercolour Society for a free day of outdoor painting. Bring your own materials and paint in any medium alongside fellow artists. No booking or experience required; under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Work created on the day will be displayed outside Caffé Nero at 3PM, with small prizes awarded.



## WE MAKE SPACE EXHIBITION

*by Open Arts Visual  
Arts Collective*

BOUNDARY TAPROOM  
24 JUL - 2 AUG, 12PM - 11PM  
FREE ADMISSION

We Make Space brings together the Open Arts Visual Art Collective, made up of three groups of disabled people who meet weekly to create work across a wide range of media, including textiles, print, collage and sculpture. The exhibition reflects the diversity, creativity and uniqueness of the individuals involved, resulting in a vibrant and engaging collection of work.

# On the Street Where I Live

## Exhibition

**CREGAGH LIBRARY**  
**6 - 29 JUL, 10AM - 5PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

On The Street Where I Live exhibition is a new series of large-scale collages, printed panels and objects created by Brain Injury Matters artists and facilitated by curator Ciaran Elizabeth Doran.

The pieces represent individual stories about the places the artists grew up in, the streets where they lived, and where they are now focusing on the importance of the family, friends and community that shaped their lives.

## Live Workshop

**CREGAGH LIBRARY**  
**TUE 28 JUL, 2:30PM**  
**FREE (BOOKING  
REQUIRED)**

Curator Ciaran Elizabeth Doran will be running a creative workshop where you can make papier-mâché pieces inspired by the exhibition. The workshop is free, materials provided, no experience required.

### More information:

[ciara@braininjurymatters.org.uk](mailto:ciara@braininjurymatters.org.uk)



## GREEN BEANS ON THE GREENWAY

**EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE**  
**SAT 25 JUL, 10AM**  
**TICKETS £5**

Creative Beans are a Belfast-based drawing collective who encourage fun, easy-going and explorative drawing! The Green Beans will take you on a walk down the Connswater greenway where you'll do life drawing based on the plants and wildlife around you. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own drawing materials.



## PITCH A POT WORKSHOP

**EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE**  
**SAT 25 JUL, 2PM**  
**TICKETS £15**

Create your very own Pitch Pot from terracotta clay. Learn new skills in a calming creative process Using both sculpture's tools and materials from nature, design your pot with patterns, shapes and detailing to take home.

Pots will be fired and available to collect from the EastSide Visitors Centre later in the week.



## TERRACOTTA GARGOYLES

EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE  
SAT 1 AUGUST, 10:30AM - 12:30PM  
TICKETS £25

This two-hour clay workshop invites men to slow down, switch off, and make something with their hands. Using simple hand-building techniques, participants will create their own terracotta gargoyle. The focus isn't perfection; it's the headspace that comes from shaping clay, chatting, and letting the imagination run freely.



## COMPETITIVE CRAFTING AT HAPPY OUT COFFEE

HAPPY OUT COFFEE  
FRI 31 JUL, 7PM  
TICKETS £10

Welcome to Competitive Crafting, where creative self-expression meets competitive ambition! Each contestant will get a mystery bag and a surprise theme, then it's game on! The goal; to impress the crowd enough to earn their vote and claim ultimate crafting glory. Expect big ideas, questionable decisions and significantly more competitive energy than anyone is willing to admit to!



## AFGHAN WOMEN ART EXHIBITION

*by Beyond Skin*

EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE  
THU 30 JUL - SAT 2 AUG  
FREE ADMISSION

With restrictions on creative expression and gender apartheid by the regime, women and girls in Afghanistan have no rights and are being erased from society. This exhibition showcases artwork created in secret by women and girls in Afghanistan, now safely exported through Belfast to support the artists and their families, alongside work by Afghan women in the diaspora.



## BEYOND SKIN WORKSHOP

EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE  
FRI 31 JUL, 12PM  
FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)

Beyond Skin are holding a painting workshop which will be facilitated by an Afghan artist. Suitable for all ages and abilities.



## Taking Flight Exhibition

**TEMPLEMORE BATHS**  
**24 JUL - 2 AUG, 10AM - 5PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

'Taking Flight' is an installation inspired by the murmuration of starlings at the Albert Bridge created in collaboration with seniors groups across east Belfast over several months. Lead by community artists Anna O'Kane and Ali Fell. Assisted by Carrie Neal and Ash Ashton. We spent 3 sessions with each of the

groups, creatively responding to our experiences seeing these incredible birds.

The project is delivered in partnership with Engage with Age and Supported by the National Lottery through the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.



## Storybox Workshops

*Paint, Plant & Pour*

**STORYBOX**  
**FRI 31 JUL, 7-9PM**  
**TICKETS £40**

Storybox and The Green East team up for a fun, hands-on paint and plant workshop at Storybox - a friendly and inclusive creative space at Portview Trade Centre. Paint your own pot, plant a plant pal to take home and pick up simple plant care tips along the way. Guests can enjoy a relaxed wine tasting and receive 10% off in store during the workshop.

*Craft Club: Sewing for Beginners*

**STORYBOX**  
**SAT 1 AUG, 10-11:30AM**  
**TICKETS £5**

Join us at the Storybox Shop for a relaxed beginner-friendly sewing workshop with Laura of Remnant Magic. Learn to make your own scrunchie or fabric bookmark using supplied fabrics or bring your own. Enjoy tea, coffee and a welcoming creative atmosphere while learning a new skill.



# Talks & Tours



## PORTVIEW TRADE CENTRE TOUR

PORTVIEW  
FRI 24 JUL, 4PM  
SAT 25 JUL, 11AM  
TICKETS £10

Step inside the historic Portview Trade Centre, formerly the Strand Spinning Mill, for a guided tour exploring one of east Belfast's distinctive industrial heritage buildings. This tour offers a unique opportunity to explore the building's rich heritage, architecture, and ongoing restoration, while hearing how the site has reinvented itself as a thriving creative and business hub in the heart of east Belfast.



## BEDE PUBLIC LECTURE

TEMPLEMORE BATHS  
SAT 25 JUL, 12:30PM  
TICKETS £17

From historical tales on Instagram reels to a public lecture at Templemore Baths. Local historian Bede will deliver a public lecture on the history of the Templemore Baths, a magnificent piece of Belfast's late Victorian history, from the site itself, which has been restored in recent years. This is not one to miss!



## BOUNDARY BREWERY TOUR

BOUNDARY BREWERY  
SAT 25 JUL & SAT 1 AUG, 2PM  
TICKETS £25

Led by one of the Boundary team, you'll get a tour of the brewery and experience the sights and smells of everything that goes into making their lovely pints. You'll then have a tutored tasting of 3x thirds of Boundary beer in our Taproom.

**NOTE:** Please arrive 15 minutes before tour start time. Any queries, please contact the taproom team at [taproom@boundarybrewing.coop](mailto:taproom@boundarybrewing.coop).



## VAN MORRISON'S EAST BELFAST - A WALKING TOUR

EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE  
SUN 26 JUL 2PM / FRI 31 JUL 6PM  
TICKETS £17

Van Morrison is undoubtedly among the most distinguished musicians of our times. This walking tour explores the area he grew up in. The streets and places referenced in his song lyrics, including 'The Hollow', 'Beechie River', 'Hyndford St', 'Cyprus Avenue', 'Donard church'. Your Creative Tours Belfast guide will also touch on the area's industrial heritage. A soundtrack of his music accompanies the walk and guests will receive a copy of the 'Mystic of the East' booklet.



## TALL TITANIC TALES TOUR

SS NOMADIC  
SUN 26 JUL, 2PM  
TICKETS £10

Walk through shipyard history in Titanic's own footprint, hear of both the joys and sorrows at her launch, and be thrilled at the beauty created by tireless workers over a century ago.

### Important Information:

The tour includes areas of uneven terrain if you have any access needs please get in contact with EastSide Arts.



## URBAN FORESTRY AND THE ARTS

*Connecting People with Trees*

EASTSIDE VISITOR CENTRE  
MON 27 JUL, 7PM  
FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)

Mark Johnston has spent a lifetime connecting people with trees. Through his work he has pioneered new ideas and approaches to urban forestry and urban greening that have received international recognition. Mark will discuss some of his city-wide projects and recent examples of urban forestry and the arts, including some with an international perspective.



## LAGAN CURRACH'S EVENING ROW

LAGAN LOOKOUT (BIG FISH)  
& RAVENHILL REACH  
TUE 28 JULY, 7PM & 8PM  
TICKETS £15

Come onboard Mamach Mór, our beautiful traditional currach, and experience the city from the River Lagan. This boat tour invites you to row a handcrafted currach, a vessel deeply rooted in coastal heritage and enjoy a guided tour with heritage guide Maggie Matheson. Discover the stories of both the boat and the rivers it belongs to.

**1st Row:** Lagan Lookout (7PM)  
**2nd Row:** Ravenhill Reach (8PM)



## THE OVAL TOURS

GLENTORAN BET MCLEAN OVAL  
SAT 1 & SUN 2 AUGUST  
£30 / £15 (UNDER 16)

Step behind the gates of Glentoran F.C.'s legendary home ground and discover the rich history of The Oval. Opened in 1892, this iconic east Belfast stadium has hosted unforgettable football moments, survived the Belfast Blitz, and welcomed generations of supporters. Enjoy a guided tour of one of Ireland's most historic football venues, from its traditional terraces to its famous stands overlooking Belfast's skyline.

**Sat:** 9AM & 11AM  
**Sun:** 10AM & 12PM



## TITANIC PEOPLE TALK

SHIPYARD CHURCH  
THU 30 JUL, 7PM  
FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)

Hear the stories of Titanic People, those famous and not so famous people who had connections to east Belfast, whose lives made a difference locally or globally. The talk, given by Mervyn Gibson MBE, will take place in the Shipyard Church, (Westbourne Presbyterian), 149a Newtownards Road.



## BLITZ WALKING TOUR

SHIPYARD CHURCH  
TUE 28 JUL, 7PM  
FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)

The Belfast Blitz in 1941 caused major devastation to the city. This walking tour explores the loss of life and damage the raids made in east Belfast. The tour, led by Jason Burke, begins at the 'East Belfast Blitz Memorial' in the grounds of the Shipyard Church, (Westbourne Presbyterian), 149a Newtownards Road.



## JACK THE RIPPER: FROM HELL TO BELFAST

H&W STAFF CLUB  
WED 29 JUL, 7PM  
TICKETS £12

UNMASKING JACK THE RIPPER!

Join 'dark historian' Andrew Johnston of Alternative Ulstours for an illustrated talk on Jack the Ripper's surprising and disturbing Belfast connections. Did Belfast have history's most infamous serial killer in custody, and did we let him get away?

As performed at the 2025 East End Conference, London's annual gathering of 'Ripperologists'.



## CRYPTID

*An Unnatural History of Ireland's Unknown Animals*

TEMPLEMORE BATHS  
SAT 1 AUG, 12:30PM  
TICKETS £12

Join 'dark historian' Andrew Johnston of Alternative Ulstours for an illustrated talk on Ireland's homegrown 'cryptids' – animals disputed or unverified by mainstream science. Andrew will hit the trail of our versions of Nessie and Bigfoot, uncovering legendary beasts including Muirdris, Muckie and the dreaded Dobhar-chú.

So, let us go into the unknown, where imagination roams free!



**More**



East  
Block  
Little  
Traders

## East Block Bazaar Little Traders

**BANANA BLOCK**  
**SAT 25 JUL, 12-3PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

East Block Bazaar is launching an exciting new addition to this year's festival – Little Traders, a kids' market like no other. Delivered in partnership with Little Fox Events, Annans Arch and EastSide Partnership, this innovative project gives young entrepreneurs the opportunity to showcase their creativity, talents and products to the public.

Featuring students from Orangefield Primary School alongside young traders selected

through an open call. Little Traders celebrates the next generation of makers, creators, sustainability-focused innovators and business-savvy young minds.

Set within the vibrant surroundings of East Block Bazaar's home at Banana Block, the event promises a fun-filled family day packed with inspiration, community spirit and outstanding young talent.

Boom Clap Play will also be bringing their Make & Play Block Party, a community-led project that brings people together through creativity, music, and shared play.



## SUMMER NIGHT MARKET

**TEMPLEMORE BATHS**  
**FRI 31 AUG, 6-9PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Discover unique handmade treasures, meet talented local makers, and enjoy an evening full of creativity and community. Featuring locally made crafts, live music and an artist workshop.



## SKATE SOCIAL

**C.S. LEWIS SQUARE**  
**TUE 28 JUL, 7PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Skate Social Belfast is teaming up with EastSide Arts to highlight their popular community roller skate event at C.S. Lewis Square!

Whether you're a total beginner or have years of experience, Skate Social is the perfect place to connect with fellow skaters, build your skills, and enjoy a relaxed evening on wheels.



Youth Support Event

## You're a Legend

**CAREW FAMILY CENTRE**  
**THU 30 JUL, 3-6PM**  
**FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED)**

Come along to YOU'RE A LEGEND – a chilled, feel-good event for young people! Discover exciting opportunities and meet local support services for helpful advice, all in one place. Whether you want to chat about wellbeing, cost-of-living, food support, independent living, volunteering, training, or



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jobs, we've got you covered. With music, tasty food, fun activities, and great goodie bags, it's the perfect chance to meet people, get inspired, and find out what's out there for you in a relaxed and welcoming space.



## Festival Fashion Show

**BANANA BLOCK**  
**THU 30 JUL, 7PM**  
**TICKETS £18**

Join EastSide Arts in partnership with The Wardrobe for a glamorous and unforgettable runway event celebrating sustainable fashion in Banana Block.

This runway event showcases innovative local designers, vintage and pre-loved pieces styled to impress — all curated

in partnership with EastSide Arts and The Wardrobe. Featuring local models, inspiring outfits and plenty of fashion inspiration, this special event celebrates style, confidence and self-expression.

Enjoy a stylish night out with complimentary drinks by Titanic Distillers, delicious canapés, and a celebration of conscious fashion in the heart of east Belfast.



## **BULLHOUSE BEER CO. INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL**

**C.S. LEWIS SQUARE**  
**FRI 31 JUL & SAT 1 AUG**  
**DAY TICKETS £15/12**  
**WEEKEND TICKETS £35**

Bullhouse celebrate their 10th birthday, hosting a summer festival with 20 breweries from Ireland, UK and Europe. Tickets include x1 Bullhouse branded cup. Attendees must be 18 years or older.

10% of all ticket sales will be donated to our charity partner Newforge Taggers.

### **FESTIVAL TIMES**

**Friday:** 6-11PM

**Saturday:** 12-5PM / 6-11PM



## **SOUND SPA EXPERIENCE**

*by The Sound Healing Spa*

**TEMPLEMORE BATHS**  
**SUN 2 AUG, 3PM**  
**TICKETS £25**

Mark the final day of the EastSide Arts Festival with a restorative sound experience in one of east Belfast's most iconic heritage spaces, featuring crystal singing bowls, voice and chimes.

Important information: Please let us know in advance if you have any health conditions, injuries or mobility requirements so we can support your experience. Seating options are available. This experience is not suitable during the first trimester of pregnancy.



# Fleadh Cheoil in East Belfast

*Happening just after the festival, EastSide Arts are delighted to be supporting three events in east Belfast as part of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. Bringing together local voices with artists from across the island and over the Irish Sea these events will be an inclusive celebration of traditional and folk music.*

## **JOSHUA BURNSIDE'S BIG NIGHT OUT**

**BANANA BLOCK | WED 5 AUG | 7:30PM | TICKETS £8**

Curated by and featuring Josh Burnside, this special evening brings together acclaimed folk artists from Ireland and Scotland, including Rachel Sermanni, Julie O'Sullivan and Lemongello. Expect beautifully crafted songs, intimate performances and music rooted in people, place and lived experience.

## **FLUTE AND FIFE**

**TEMPLEMORE BATHS | SAT 22 AUG | 2:30PM | TICKETS £8**

Join three of our finest flute and fife players, for tunes and chat exploring the vibrant musical traditions across the island, from marching bands, Lambeg and fife, to house dances, sessions and fleadh.

*with Harry Bradley, Rev Gary Hastings  
& Aoife Granville*

## **HIGHLANDS, ISLANDS AND IRELAND CONCERT AT ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH**

**ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH | SAT 22 AUG | 7:30PM | TICKETS £8**

An evening of Gaelic and Gàidhlig hymns, psalms, airs, laments and folk songs with five of the finest tradition bearers from Scotland and Ireland. Kathleen MacInnes, Michelle Burke, Margaret Stewart accompanied by James Ross on keys and Laoise Kelly on harp, bring together songs and melodies shaped by islands, coastlines and generations of memory. Rooted in language and place, this is a rare gathering of extraordinary musical voices.

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Common Threads	The Skainos Centre	7PM	32
Football As Never Before	Cregagh Sports Club	7:30PM	47

## TUE 28 JUL

Ulster Watercolour Society - Plein Air Painting	C.S. Lewis Square	10:30AM	57
On The Street Where I Live - Workshop	Cregagh Library	2:30PM	58

K-Pop Demon Disco	Belmont Bowling Club	6:30PM	43
Anthony Toner Trio In Concert	Templemore Baths	7PM	11
Skate Social	C.S. Lewis Square	7PM	75
Femina Culpa	EastSide Visitor Centre	7PM	29
Blitz Walking Tour	Shipyards Church	7PM	70
Lagan Currachs Evening Row	Lagan Lookout Big Fish	7PM	69
Lagan Currachs Evening Row	Ravenhill Reach	8PM	69

## WED 29 JUL

Soda Popz Lunchtime Bopz	Strand Church	1PM	13
Dance Taster Classes - Solo Jazz	Our Social Space	3PM	33
Jack the Ripper: From Hell To Belfast	H&W Staff Club	7PM	71
A Love Song to Lough Neagh	Templemore Baths	7PM	18
Scott Flanigan Summertime Recital	The Hack Club	7PM	12
The Room	Belmont Bowling Club	7PM	31
Dance Taster Classes - Partner Jazz	Our Social Space	7:30PM	33

## THU 30 JUL

Dance Halls of Belfast	Belmont Bowling Club	11AM	44
Silver Screening - Calamity Jane	Belmont Bowling Club	2PM	44
You're a Legend	The Carew Family Centre	3PM	76
Tia Bow: Blackberry Path	Sanctuary Theatre	7PM	17
Normal Cinema Club	Our Social Space	7PM	45
Word Vomit x Happy Out Coffee	Happy Out Coffee	7PM	29
The Room	Belmont Bowling Club	7PM	31
Festival Fashion Show	Banana Block	7PM	77
East Laffs	H&W Staff Club	7PM	31
Titanic People Talk	Shipyards Church	7PM	70
Shadowlands	St. Marks Church	7PM	27
The Hearth Trad Session	The Hearth	7PM	19
With Pipe & Drum	Stormont Great Hall	8PM	19

## FRI 31 JUL

Beyond Skin Workshop	EastSide Visitor Centre	12PM	61
Templemore Baths Night Market	Templemore Baths	6PM	75
Van Morrison's East Belfast	EastSide Visitor Centre	6PM	67
Bullhouse International Beer Festival	C.S. Lewis Square	6PM	78
Shadowlands	St. Marks Church	7PM	27
The Boondocks	CIYMS Social Club	7PM	13
The Touts: Hex	H&W Staff Club	7PM	34
Scott Flanigan & Hugh Buckley	The Hack Club	7PM	12
Paint, Plant + Pour	Storybox	7PM	63
Competitive Crafting	Happy Out Coffee	7PM	60
Seussical Jr.	Belvoir Studio Theatre	7PM	35
Spoken Word Flight	Boundry Taproom	8:30PM	37
Sound Advice After Hours	Titanic Distillers Pumphouse	9PM	20

## SAT 1 AUG

The Oval Tours	Glentoran Bet McLean Oval	9AM/11AM	69
Craft Club: Sewing for Beginners	Storybox	10AM	63
Juju Jazz Kissa	Vault Artist Studios - Masonic Hall	10AM/5PM	21
Terracotta Gargoyles	EastSide Visitor Centre	10:30AM	60
Kids Cinema Workshop	EastSide Visitor Centre	11AM	43
Parkfest	Orangefield Park	12PM	50
Bullhouse International Beer Festival	C.S. Lewis Square	12PM/6PM	78
Circus for Adults	Willowfield Parish Halls	12-2PM	28
Cryptid	Templemore Baths	12:30PM	71
I'll Tell Me Ma	Boundary Taproom	1PM	17
Seussical Jr.	Belvoir Studio Theatre	2PM/7PM	35
Boundary Brewery Tour	Boundary Brewing	2PM	67
A Tool for Survival	Templemore Baths	7PM	33
Gareth Dunlop - Around The Tabletop	Titanic Distillers Pumphouse	7PM	22
Emer Maguire: Live!	Shorts Sports Club	7PM	36
Shadowlands	St. Marks Church	7PM	27

## SUN 2 JUL

The Oval Tours	Glentoran Bet McLean Oval	10AM/12PM	69
Juju Jazz Kissa	Vault Artist Studios - Masonic Hall	10AM	21
Few and Far Between	EastSide Visitor Centre	2PM	18
Gig in a Garden	Rooftop Garden The Skainos Centre	2PM	23
Seussical Jr.	Belvoir Studio Theatre	2PM	35
Sound Spa Experience	Templemore Baths	3PM	78
Eric Bell Trio	The Skainos Centre	5:30PM	21
Quickfire Plays	Sanctuary Theatre	7PM	37
Scenes, Stories & Sounds	H&W Staff Club	7PM	45
Dragtastic Wrap Party	Shorts Sports Club	8PM	38

## KEY VENUE INFORMATION

**C.S. Lewis Square & EastSide Visitor Centre**  
402 Newtownards Road  
Belfast, BT4 1HH

**Titanic Distillers Pumphouse**  
Thompson Dock & Pumphouse  
Queens Road, Belfast, BT3 9DT

**Templemore Baths**  
96 Templemore Avenue  
Belfast, BT5 4FW

**Portview - Banana Block & Boundary Taproom**  
310 Newtownards Road,  
Belfast, BT4 1HE

**Harland & Wolff Staff Club**  
8-10 Dundela Avenue  
Belfast, BT4 3BQ

**CIYMS**  
Belmont Park, Circular Road  
Belfast, BT4 2GD

**Belmont Bowling Club**  
27 Belmont Park  
Belfast, BT4 3DU

**The Skainos Centre**  
239 Newtownards Road  
Belfast, BT4 1AF

**The Sanctuary Theatre**  
1A Castlereagh Street  
Belfast, BT5 4NE

**Our Social Space**  
Dance Addiction  
1A Parkgate Avenue  
Belfast, BT4 1JA

**The Hack Club**  
1 Sandown Road  
Ballyhackamore  
Belfast, BT5 6GT

**Shorts Sports and Recreational Club**  
Aircraft Park  
Holywood Road  
Belfast, BT4 1SJ

**Happy Out Coffee**  
East Belfast Enterprise  
72 Newtownards Road  
Belfast, BT4 1GW

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