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**International
Women's Day
2010**



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Baile Átha Cliath



*Dublin City Council celebrates
International Women's Day*



FOREWORD FROM LORD MAYOR CLLR EMER COSTELLO

International Women's Day, 8th March, is a global day of celebration where women from all countries and of different political, economic, social, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds can join together to reflect on the struggle for equality over the past century, celebrate the achievements to date and identify the challenges for the future.

In July 2007 the Members of Dublin City Council unanimously passed a motion agreeing to initiate a City Council programme of activities each year to "promote women's participation in the political, economic and social life of Dublin City". An all-party steering committee was established to develop an annual programme from 2008.

This year's impressive and exciting programme of events builds on the success of the previous two years. The Dublin City Council International Women's Day Programme is now firmly embedded in the annual calendar of the City.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the extensive programme of events for 2010, the Members of the IWD Working Group, Dublin City Council staff from Dublin City Libraries, Community Development and City Manager's Departments for their ongoing support and commitment to this project.

Emer Costello

Lord Mayor of Dublin & Chairperson of IWD Working Group –

Members of the IWD Committee

Cllr Clare Byrne, Cllr Joan Collins, Cllr Julia Carmichael, Cllr Mary Freehill, Cllr Louise Minihan, Cllr Rebecca Moynihan, Cllr Catherine Noone, Alastair Smeaton, Mary Hanlon, Helen O'Leary, Ronan O'Donnell, Michael Sands, Vincent Norton, David Griffin.



DUBLIN BOOK FESTIVAL 6TH – 8TH MARCH, CITY HALL

Don't miss Dublin's biggest and most exciting book festival!

The Festival will mark International Women's Day on Monday 8th March with the following special events:

- 1.30pm Poetry reading with contributions from Joan McBreen, Catherine Phil MacCarthy and Louise C. Callaghan
- 2.30pm Launch of Nuala O'Faolain's *A More Complex Truth: Selected Writings* (New Island)
- 3.00pm **Up for Discussion:** The Legacies of Feminism
With Margaret MacCurtain, Susan McKay, Ivana Bacik and Catriona Crowe
- 4.30pm **Be Inspired**
Fiction with Claire Keegan and Molly McCloskey

For more information:

www.dublinbookfestival.com

LET'S WALK & TALK

Irish Women of War & Peace: 1900-1923

Join historian, Pat Liddy and learn about many of the women who left their mark on this period of great tumult and change in Irish history.

Watch history come alive as we meet some of these historical heroines along the way!

Meeting Point: Fusiliers' Arch, St. Stephens Green (entrance near the top of Grafton Street), Dublin 2.
Sunday, 7th March at 12noon

The walk will conclude at Liberty Hall at 1.45pm



DAUNTLESS AND DARING – WOMEN OF THE GAEL

Glynis Casson and Anne Marie O'Farrell entertain us with stories of five incredibly brave and feisty Irish Women.



We hear about the devious **Gormlaith**, who became High Queen of Ireland three times, the wild adventurous pirate **Anne Bonny**, as well as the stories of **Lola Montez**, **Elizabeth O'Farrell** and **Delia Murphy**.

Liberty Hall
Sunday 7th March
at 2.30pm

This is a free event with admission on a first come, first served basis.



GIRL GUIDES – IT'S NOT JUST CAMPFIRE YOU KNOW!

With Clare Brophy, Development Officer with The Catholic Guides of Ireland and Diane Dixon, Centenary Committee of The Irish Girl Guides

From a small movement 100 years ago to 10 million members worldwide in 145 countries, Girl Guiding is now a global organisation. Focusing on the development of girls and young women, guiding offers opportunities for all. Find out more about guiding in Ireland and around the world.

Central Library, ILAC Centre
Monday 8th March at 1.00pm

Tel: 873 4333

EQUALITY AND ACCESS: A CAMPAIGNING LIFE

Sylvia Meehan (introduced by Mary Cullen)

From equal pay and childcare provision to ageism and medical cards for over seventies, Sylvia Meehan has never stopped campaigning. She was recently presented with a 'People of the Year Award 2009' by Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland, 'for giving a voice to those who might otherwise be forgotten'.

Cabra Library

Tel: 869 1414

Monday 8th March at 6.30pm

Anna Manahan Remembered

A talk on the life and career of the award-winning actress by theatre director Michael Scott

Anna Manahan was one of Ireland's most gifted actors of the twentieth century, with a sixty-year career on stage and screen.

Michael will talk about Anna and her contribution to Irish theatre, as well as screening footage featuring intimate backstage interviews with Anna, and extracts of her on stage in various productions.



Central Library, ILAC Centre

Tel: 873 4333

Wed 10th March at 1.00pm

NATIONALISM, UNIONISM AND VOTES FOR WOMEN

The Irish Women's Franchise League: 1908 – 1922 (With Mary Cullen)

Mary Cullen is a former Senior Lecturer in Modern History at NUI Maynooth, and currently a Research



Associate at the Centre for Gender and Women's Studies TCD. She has published widely in Irish women's history and especially the history of Irish feminism

Terenure Library

Tel: 490 7035

Wednesday 10th March at 7.00pm

Coolock Library

Tel: 847 7781

Thursday 11th March at 6.30pm

BANANAS ON THE BREADBOARD

Stories from the markets area Dublin



A new DVD celebrating life and traditions in the markets area of Dublin, directed and edited by film maker Joe Lee. Produced by Fidelma Bonass (HSE Development Worker), Danny Pender (Markets Area Resident) and Joe Lee (Film Maker).

Charleville Mall Library

Tel: 8749619

Monday 8th March at 11.00am

Kevin Street Library

Tel: 475 3794

Wednesday 10th March at 11.00am

Dolphin's Barn Library

Tel: 454 0681

Wednesday 10th March at 6.30pm

Central Library, ILAC Centre

Tel: 873 4333

Thursday 11th March at 1.00pm



KNOWING DUBLIN WORKSHOPS AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

The Central Library, ILAC Centre, will host Knowing Dublin workshops during the week of March 8th-12th. These workshops are for secondary school children and will focus particularly on the role of women in Irish politics. For information contact 674 4843.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SECTION

Date: *Sunday, 7th March*

Time: *12-4pm*

Venue: *Spellman Centre, Irishtown Road, Dublin 4*

Holistic & Wellness Session

Contact: *Bobby 01 222 7370*

Date: *Sunday, 7th March*

Time: *12-4pm*

Venue: *Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre,
Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4*

Holistic & Wellness Session

Contact: *Bobby 01 222 7370*

Date: *Monday, 8th March*

Time: *11-1pm*

Venue: *Irishtown Stadium, Irishtown, Dublin 4*

Introduction to Circuit Training and free trial of gymnasium

Contact: *Bobby 01 222 7370*

Date: *Monday, 8th March*

Time: *1.30-4pm*

Venue: *Irishtown Primary Care Centre,
Irishtown Road, Dublin 4*

Introduction to and tour of Irishtown Health Centre

Contact: *Bobby 01 222 7370*



Date: *Monday, 8th March*
Time: *10 - 1.30pm*
Venue: *The Shopping Area, Ballyfermot Road,
Ballyfermot, Dublin 20*

Women's Health & Well-Being Fair, which will include Women's Health Checks & Information re: A.W.A.R.E., Bodywhys and Healthy Eating

Contact: *Mary 086 815 0365 / Helen 086 815 0968*

Date: *Monday, 8th March*
Time: *1 - 3pm*
Venue: *Donnycarney Social Services Centre,
Malahide Road, Dublin 5.*

Informal event celebrating women's lives and experiences in the North Central Area. Guest speakers will include Denise Cassidy (renowned local artist) and Susan French (local community activist and founder of the Friendly Call Service). Information stands on Women's Issues, Back to Education, Equal Rights for Women will also be on display in the venue.

Contact: *Antoinette 087 642 8049*

Date: *Tuesday, 9th March*
Time: *10 - 4pm*
Venue: *Shopping Area at 97 Cabra Road, Cabra,
Dublin 7*

Women's Health & Well-Being Fair which will include Women's Health Checks & Healthy Eating

Contact: *Paul 087 612 5520*

'Forgotten Women – Tuggers, Clickers, Bag Ladies & Mothers'

Join Michael Keogh for a chat about Tenement Women.

Date: *Tuesday, 2nd March*
Time: *11 - 12.30pm*
Venue: *Thorndale Court, Collins Avenue, Dublin 9*



Date: *Thursday, 4th March*
Time: *3 - 4.30pm*
Venue: *Heskin Court, Elm Park, Merrion Road,
Dublin 4*

Date: *Monday, 8th March*
Time: *2 - 3.30pm*
Venue: *Brookville Court, North Road, Finglas,
Dublin 11*

Date: *Wednesday, 10th March*
Time: *3 - 4.30pm*
Venue: *St. Anne's Court, All Saints Road, Raheny,
Dublin 5*

A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

***Presented as part of the Telling Women's Stories
Programme.***

This programme has been organised by The Ballymun Women's Resource Centre in partnership with the Ballymun Drop in Well Family Resource Centre, CAFTA and Young Ballymun.

This Community Workshop will mark International Women's Day and will showcase artwork and women's stories that have been produced as part of the Programme.

***Monday 8th March 10.00am – 1.00pm in the
Axis Centre Ballymun.***

For further information please contact the Ballymun Women's Resource Centre on Tel: *01 842 1731* or Niamh Reilly, Community Officer, Ballymun on Tel: *01 222 5725*.

EXHIBITIONS:

Anna Manahan Remembered



Leading Irish actress, Anna Manahan, who died on International Women's Day 2009, is being honoured by a special exhibition to commemorate her life-long contribution to Irish Theatre.

Curated by Dublin City Archives, Anna

Manahan Remembered consists of a series of striking photographs, which reflect on Anna's stage and screen career, which spanned over 60 years. The exhibition recalls her extraordinary talent, her many achievements, and her personal warmth, both on and off stage. It includes images from her Tony Award winning role in the Druid production of *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*.



The exhibition will be on display in the **Central Library, ILAC Centre**, during March. *Tel: 873 4333*

In The Spirit of Adventure

A Photographic History of the Catholic Guides of Ireland.

As an all female organisation founded in 1928, this visual presentation provides a unique insight into the activities of the girls and young women members from the early years of the Irish Free State to the present day.

The exhibition will be on display in **Ballymun Library** during March. *Tel: 842 1890*



COMPETITION FOR TRANSITION YEAR STUDENTS

Transition Year students in schools across Dublin City are invited to enter pieces of work on the meaning of International Women's Day. Students may wish to highlight women's achievements in Ireland and across the world in politics, society and community, arts and culture, science or business. Students may also wish to explore what they see as gender inequality, for example women's access to decision-making, violence against women, the higher poverty rates and lower pay experienced by women.

The format for competition entry is open and flexible. Students can submit entries in the form of image, text, video or other media. This competition is an opportunity for students to really get creative with their ideas.

The closing date for entry to the competition is Monday 29th March 2010.

Dublin City Council will award prizes to the school with the best individual or group entries.

First Prize: €750

Second Prize: €500

Third Prize: €250

For further information please contact Helen O'Leary at 222 6704 or Helen.oleary@dublincity.ie

All of these events are free of charge.

For further information log on to
www.dublincity.ie/internationalwomensday/
or www.dublincitypubliclibraries.ie



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