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Newsletter October 2020 Halloween

by Embassy of Ireland Helsinki

Embassy of Ireland in Helsinki presents:

#HomeofHalloween Competition



We may not be able to celebrate Halloween together with the parties and activities we would like, we can still share some excitement online! The Embassy of Ireland in Helsinki is launching a *competition for the best images of celebrating Halloween* – these can be pictures of yourself and/or your family all dressed up or making Halloween special; colouring or paintings; videos; or halloweeny things you have made!

Please send in entries between 24 October and 1 November via Twitter (**@IrishEmbFinland**) or Facebook (**Irish Embassy Finland**) and also email

us directly to helsinkiembassy@dfa.ie with your entry details including your name and age. If you only email us, let us know if we can put your entry up on social media and if we can include your name (no problem if not). Remember to include your age in your entry if you are under 13 – Everyone can join in but there will be prizes for the top three entries ages 0-4; 4-8 and 8-12. There will be bonus points for sustainable Halloween ideas. **Oíche Shamhna Shona Daoibh! Happy Halloween!**

News and Events

*When attending events, please remember to follow the advice of the Finnish authorities, maintain good hand and coughing hygiene and avoid close proximity to others to slow down the spread of the coronavirus. THL recommends the use of face masks in situations where close contacts cannot be avoided. You can find guidelines on how to protect yourself and other from the coronavirus from [THL](#). Advice provided by the Irish government can be found on the [HSE website](#).

Gaelic Football in Helsinki - FREE Gaelic football training for 5 & up! Saturdays at 10 am / Talin jalkapallohalli

Emphasis on fun and movement.

Instruction is available in Finnish and English.

Participants should bring a water bottle and sneakers or football boots. Show up by 9:55

To register, send an email with your child's name and age to secretary.helsinki.europe@gaa.ie

More news and events from the Helsinki Harps GAA Football Club is available [here](#).

Drawing: Intensive Weekend Course at Natural History Museum & Botanical Garden with Irish Artist Jane Hughes 17-18 October / Helsinki

The course consists of fun and experimental drawing exercises, getting familiar with learning to look and see, eye/hand coordination, trust, control, concentration, confidence and the language of the mark. There will be structured and unstructured parts to the course allowing each participant to develop their own path freely and experiment. Sign up [here](#).

Helsinki Art Walk

A free guided tour of galleries, led by Visual Artist Jane Hughes, every two weeks on Sunday afternoons. Tours are bilingual in Finnish and English. More information is available [here](#).



Irish Scientists Network

An informal network for Irish scientists working in Finland. To sign up, join the network's [Facebook group](#) or email helsinkiembassy@dfa.ie.

Events for kids age 9-17

Make the most of the autumn and the rest of the year at exciting locations all around Helsinki, while learning new cooking or handcraft skills. Events are for 9-17 years old and mostly free of charge. More information of each event is found [here](#). More information from pirita.laiho@nuorisoseurat.fi.

HIIA Annual Art Exhibition

6 – 8 November / Asbestos Arts Space, Helsinki

Helsinki International Artists Association is having its annual exhibition. Details and registration [here](#).

Our Services

Travel Advice

The Department of Foreign Affairs continues to advise against non-essential travel. Find up-to-date travel advice [here](#).

Passport Online

Passport Online is open to all applicants, including children, renewing their passports and those applying for their first passport who are resident in Ireland, UK, EU, EEA and Switzerland. To apply via Passport Online click [here](#).

Visas

We have resumed issuing long-stay 'D' visa applications. Short-stay visas are not currently being accepted, except for cases that fall under the emergency/priority criteria. Information available from [INIS](#).

Have something for the Newsletter?

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Best wishes from all at the Embassy of Ireland.