

# DCU

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# Wild Neighbourhood Festival

To celebrate Crunniú na nÓg, a national day  
of free creativity for children and young people.

1.00pm - 5.00pm | Saturday 10 June  
DCU All Hallows Campus



# Wild Neighbourhood

Wild Neighbourhood has engaged with artists and creatives to develop art workshops, performances, nature tours, games, storytelling and a school outreach project with Grace Park Educate Together NS. This festival places a spotlight on our local habitat including: the local animals, trees, plants and geography of the All Hallows campus grounds.

Wild Neighbourhood is a collaboration between DCU and Grasshopper Events to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg. Supported by Creative Ireland and Dublin City Council Arts Office.

## **Tickets and Access**

This event is free of charge but ticketed. Tickets can be booked via Eventbrite on our website.

Access to DCU All Hallows campus is by foot, via the pedestrian entrance on Church Avenue and via the entrance on Grace Park Road. Ticket collection will take place at both gates. The gates will be open to the general public from 12.30pm.

Creative workshops are both drop-in and ticketed. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

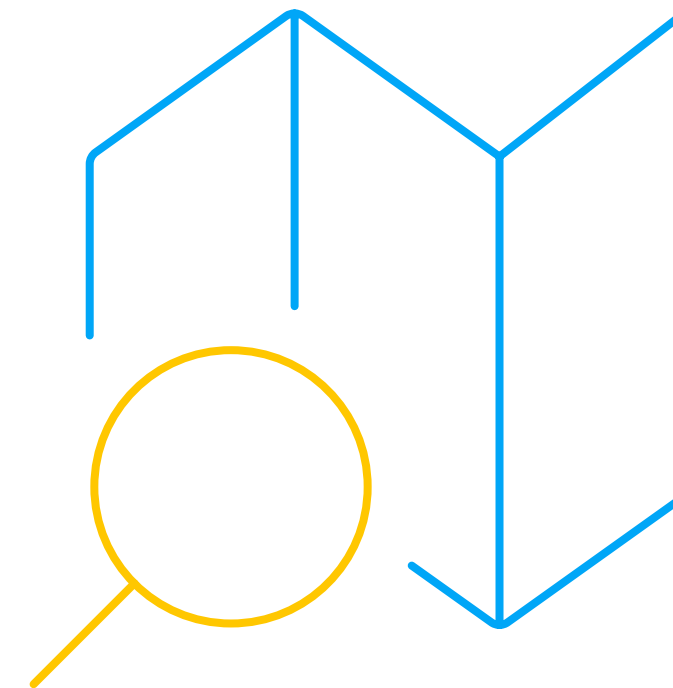
In the spirit of the festival's environmental theme, we ask people to walk, cycle or take public transport to All Hallows campus. Please note, there is no parking provision on campus for this event. Attendees with special requirements will be accommodated.

This is an outdoor event, performed on the All Hallows campus green. Attendees are invited to bring picnic blankets and small deck chairs to sit on. There will be a limited number of picnic tables available. An area will be designated for audience members who have sensory requirements. Attendees are not permitted to bring barbecues.

## **Accessibility Information**

This site is fully accessible.

If you have any accessibility or sensory requirements please let us know upon booking by emailing; [fiona.earley@dcu.ie](mailto:fiona.earley@dcu.ie), to make arrangements to avail of fast track entry and access to a quiet space.





# Programme

## The Badger Stage

1.00pm - 5.00pm | Suitable for all ages

### Jazz and Jays with DCU Jazz Ensemble 1.00pm - 1.30pm



Chill out and unwind with the DCU Jazz Ensemble who will perform popular and contemporary pieces to ease you into your breezy afternoon picnic. DCU has a Centre for Jazz Performance which is highly regarded for its excellence. Its reputation is reflected in these vibrant and innovative jazz students.

### Meadows and Melodies Concert with DCU Campus Choir 1.45pm - 2.15pm

Expect uplifting songs of hope inspired by nature and friendship from the DCU Campus Choir. With more than 25 staff members from across the University's three campuses, this choir sings a broad repertoire, from Medieval to modern musicals, under the direction of Christina Whyte.

### Butterfly & Mockingbird Show with Zoë Conway & John McIntyre 2.30pm - 3.15pm



Created especially for children, visitors can expect a fun filled, musical extravaganza with sparkles of traditional, classical, contemporary and world music. Zoë Conway and John McIntyre use fiddle, guitar and voice to play on the theme of nature, animals, fairies and forest.

### Woodland Creatures Dance Party with Olwyn Lyons 3.15pm - 3.45pm

Discover exciting insects, animals and water creatures in this family dance workshop with dancer Olwyn Lyons. Explore how animals move through dance, music and colourful imagery inspired by creatures from land and sky. Buzz like a bee, jump like a frog, hoot like an owl and see what woodland creature inspired moves you can invent!

### Jigs and Jackdaws with DCU Trad Ensemble 4.00pm 4.30pm

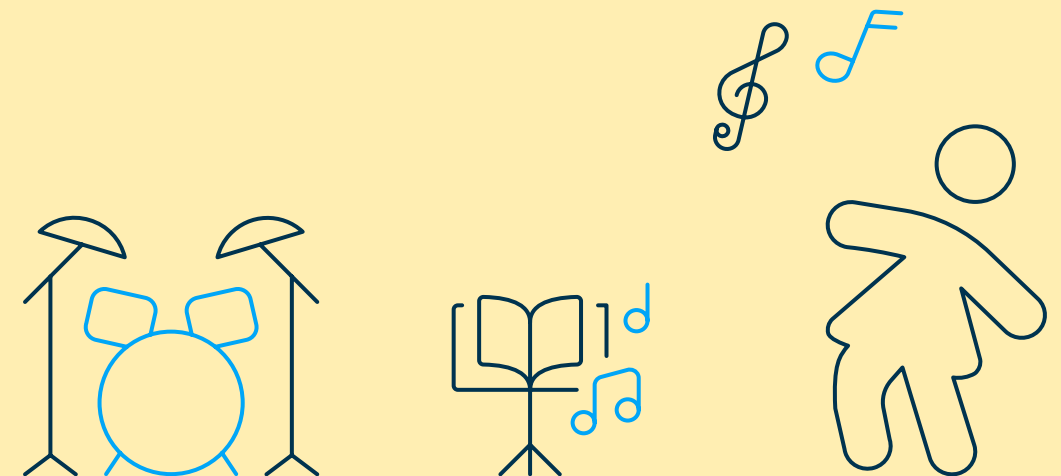


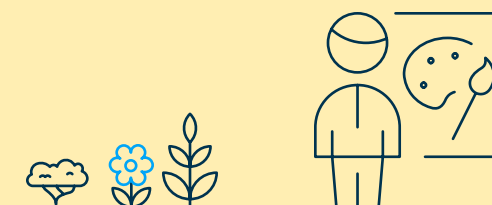
Rowdy jigs and polkas to arouse the jackdaws and to encourage shape throwing and toe tapping amongst our youngest visitors! DCU Trad Ensemble is a collection of the finest young traditional musicians across campus led by Dr Robert Harvey.

### Mr. Fox's Circus Finale 4.30pm - 5.00pm



Join the madcap Mr. Fox, (aka circus performer Hugh W Brown) for an interactive, daring circus show filled with thrills, spills and plenty of laughs.





## Wild Workshops Tent

1.00pm - 5.00pm | Check event for age specifics

### Nature Safari: Art workshop with Elva Mulchrone

1.00pm - 2.00pm / 2.45 - 3.45pm  
Ages 7-10 yrs | Ticketed



Discover the beautiful plants and trees of All Hallows with DCU artist in residence Elva Mulchrone. Children will explore the amazing plant life of All Hallows and find out that plants, like humans, need nutrients and light. Once a favourite spot on the grounds has been identified, Elva will lead the children in a drawing workshop to capture their favourite tree or plant.

### Prickly Poems & Wiggly Words: Poetry workshop with Lucinda Jacob

2.30pm - 3.30pm  
Ages 7-12 yrs | Ticketed

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### Grow Poems from Nature: Poetry workshop with Anne Tannam in partnership with Poetry Ireland

1.30pm - 2.30pm / 3.30 - 4.30pm  
All Ages | Drop in



It's hard not to fall in love with the beautiful nature and landscape at All Hallows! Join Poetry Ireland Poet in Residence Anne Tannam who will encourage you to turn this love into poetry. A fun interactive workshop for children of all ages.

### Wild Things: Art workshop with Susan Leen

1.00pm - 4.00pm  
All Ages | Drop in



Join DCU artist in residence Susan Leen for a nature inspired accessory making and printing workshop. Children will learn how to create fabulous plant and animal inspired pieces to enhance and add colour to their festival outfits.

### Amuigh Faoin Spéir: Bilingual Irish and English storytelling & art workshop with Sadhbh Devlin

4.00pm - 5.00pm  
All Ages | Drop in



Children's author Sadhbh Devlin will read in Irish and English from her new book, Amuigh Faoin Spéir. It tells the story of Rua, a little cat who goes on an outdoor adventure where he has lots of fun discovering nature. The book includes a ninja theme and after the reading Sadhbh will show children how to design 'nature ninjas' inspired by the animals, plants and insects of All Hallows.





## Circus & Games Area

1.00pm - 5.00pm | Check event for age specifics



**Circus Workshops & Family Games Tournament with Mr. Fox**  
**1.30pm - 2.30pm & 3.00pm - 4.00pm**  
**All Ages**

Families will learn circus skills such as diablo, plate spinning, hula hoop and flower sticks in a workshop facilitated by Mr. Fox in the family Games Area.

Parents and children will go head to head in Mr. Fox's Family Games Tournament to see who can get across the finish line first in sack races, spud and spoon and other challenges..



## Other Activities

1.00pm - 5.00pm | Check event for age specifics



**Library Lair Tent**  
**1.00pm - 5.00pm**  
**All Ages | Drop in**

Book worms are invited to get lost in children's books with the DCU Librarians in our Library Lair. DCU is the home of the Children's Books Ireland's archive which it preserves and makes available to the public. Wild Neighbourhood will provide a showcase for the CBI archive and in particular books about animals, wildlife and plants.



**Scholars and Squirrels Scavenger Hunt**  
**1.00pm - 5.00pm**  
**All Ages | Self Guided**

Go on a nature scavenger hunt to discover the wonderful plants, trees and wildlife of All Hallows grounds with the DCU Sustainability.

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1.15pm & 3pm	Scholars and Squirrels Scavenger Hunt with DCU Sustainability

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To book tickets and for more information see: [dcu.ie/WildNeighbourhoodFestival](https://dcu.ie/WildNeighbourhoodFestival)

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