



THE BIG SCREAM

NEIC HALLOWEEN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

27 – 31 OCTOBER 2022

FUNFAIRS – GHOST WALKS – DRAC OLYMPICS
AND MUCH MORE

IT WILL BE DEADLY

Celebrate Halloween with your Community
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 **RESPECT EMERGENCY SERVICES AND
ALL FRONTLINE WORKERS**

 **PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR NEIGHBOURS,
YOUR PETS AND YOUR ENVIRONMENT**



Comhairle Cathrach
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Dublin City Council



GET INTO THE SPIRIT!

The Big Scream is back with a spooktacular festival packed with activities for everyone to enjoy.

This Halloween will be deadly with funfairs in O'Connell's School and Rainbow Park while entertainment along the Royal Canal Greenway will enchant the whole family.

We will also be building on the success of last year's Funfair Sensory Hour for children with additional needs as we include more activities in our 2022 programme.

But there's a lot to look forward to before that!

Everyone is souled on 31 Screams of Halloween, our daily online competitions with prizes and giveaways on each day of October.

The festival kicks off on Thursday, 27 October with a **Monster Party in Mountjoy Square Park** for local primary schools. Back by popular demand are the **Ghost Walks** (with real ghosts!), the **Drac Olympics & Family Fun Day**, Find

the **Fangs**, **Community Bingo**, and the seniors' afternoon tea & sing-along.

None of this would be possible without the commitment of our community-led steering group who have worked tirelessly to bring you a phantastic festival programme. In addition, our youth and childcare committees have once again pulled out all the stops to provide activities for over 1,000 children and young people in the run-up to Halloween.

The hard work is done so now it's time to celebrate with your community and make this a memorable Halloween - for all the right reasons!

Peter O'Connor

Chairman

The Big Scream Executive Committee

Our Young People

A record number of youth services are taking part in this year's six-week programme to entertain and educate young people about harm reduction around Halloween traditions.

A trip to fearsome **Farmaphobia** will be a highlight for our 14+ age group, while the **Nightmare Realm** will give our under-14s the fright of their lives!

For something more sweet than scary, over 10s can dip into **Chocolate-Making Workshops** while spirited souls will create their own chilling looks in **Special FX Make-up** workshops.

There'll be a chance to play multiple video games when the **Gaming Van** visits each organisation and there'll be prizes to be won during our **Halloween Bingo**.

Crafty souls will be **Creating Creepy Props** for our annual haunted house while sinister stories will come to life in **Spooky Movies** written, acted, filmed, and directed by our talented groups.

A terrifying trek to the haunted **Hellfire Club** is sure to give everyone the creeps and to really get people spooked, there'll be **Scary Movie Evenings** too. Not for the faint-hearted!

The **Gardaí** and **Fire Service** will be coming on board too with a behind-the-scenes insight into Halloween terrors and how to avoid them.

Then on Halloween itself, youth services will host a **brunch** and distribute **harm reduction packs** containing items such as ponchos, water, and cereal bars, as

well as tips for staying safe at this time of the year.

In all, 230 young people are involved in our Spooky Season activities.

- Belvedere Youth Club
- Ballybough Youth Service
- Adventure Sports Programme
- ASESP Sheriff Street
- LYCS
- Hay YDP
- SWAN YDP
- SWAN Youth Service
- SWAN East Wall YDP
- East Wall Youth
- Bradóg



Our Little Boos!

800 ghouls and goblins will enjoy the lead-up to Halloween with a variety of activities including deadly **Arts and Crafts**, **Magic Shows** that'll have them howling with delight, **Storytelling** and spooktacular outings to the **Botanic Gardens** where they'll discover magical plants used in potions and spells!

Warding off scary creatures will be the theme of **Kickboxing** and **Martial Arts** tasters, while **Soccer** and **Dance** sessions will have everyone enchanted.

- ASESP Sheriff Street
- Belvedere Youth Club
- Ballybough Afterschool Service
- CASPr
- Dublin Adult Learning Centre Creche
- Hill Street Family Resource Centre
- Holy Child Pre-school
- Larkin Pre-school
- Little Treasures
- Lourdes Youth and Community Services Creche
- Ozanam House
- St. Louise's Day Care Centre.



Schools & Charleville Mall Library

In this season of high spirits, **The Big Boo...k Project** is a lively celebration of the magic of stories, with a Halloween twist.

Interactive **Reading and Illustrating Workshops** with authors of children's fiction including Shane Hegarty, Úna Woods, Freddie Alexander, Alan Nolan and Ellen Ryan are happening in schools and our local library during the month of October. Halloween-themed paired reading sessions are also taking place in schools with volunteers from KPMG.

Magical tales will be brought to life for our hallo-weenies through **storytelling and song** while bigger children will be challenged to "face their fears" in **sessions that ignite imaginations** and celebrate their inner power.

There'll be monstrous prizes for the winners of our spine-chilling Big Scream Short Story and Art Competitions.

Count Dracula has dusted off his cloak and has arrived safely from Transylvania to meet boys and girls for banter,

quizzes, and fun.

Keep your eyes peeled for Dracula's arrival at your school!

- **Central Model Infant's School**
- **St. Vincent's Boys' School**
- **O'Connell Primary School**
- **St. Laurence O'Toole CBS**
- **Rutland National School**
- **Scoil Chaoimhin**
- **St. Laurence O'Toole's National School**
- **St. Joseph's Primary**
- **Central Model Senior School**
- **St. Vincent's Girls' School**
- **Larkin Community College**
- **O'Connell Secondary School**
- **St. Joseph's CBS Secondary School**
- **Gardiner Street School**



Can You Spare a Couple of Hours?

We need **local volunteers** to help at our events over the Halloween weekend. No experience necessary. Lunch provided. There'll be a role for everyone. If you can spare 2 ½ hours, **contact Edel – 087 6284944.**

Over 18s only.



Monster Thanks

No bones about it, the generosity of the NEIC Programme Office has enabled the Big Scream to grow into the monster community celebration that it has become. Also, big fangs to Dublin City Council for their support.

Yet again, O'Connell's School will open its gates for our two-day carnival. You're deadly!

Of course, the spooktacular work of our community-led steering committee, and our youth and childcare groups is

at the heart of the festival's spellbinding success. Plus, the North Wall Community Festival has given fa-boo-lous support to events in Sheriff Street.

This year, local companies have also come on board to support individual events.

You're magic!



Art on the Streets!

The SWAN Street Work Team are popping up around the community on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with Arts & Crafts activities in the run-up to Halloween.



31 Screams of Halloween!

From 1 October, scarily good online competitions with spooktacular prizes are being offered to the local community.

Our deadly daily competitions are on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

You gotta be in to win!



Showtimes:
9.40am, 10.50am and 1.50pm

Spirit Showcase

Larkin Community College

A showcase of music and spoken word exploring the meaning of Spirit at this most spooky time of the year.

9.45am
Monster Party in the Park

Mountjoy Square Park

After two years of waiting, the party is back

For primary school kids out looking for craic

Dress in a costume and come with your teacher

Be a fairy or gnome or a scary dark creature!

*The Spooktacular Sensory Bus will be present to welcome children with additional needs.



12 noon
Children's Bingo & Play Your Cards Right

Sheriff Street

Two little ducks, twenty two
Today this bingo is just for you
Listen to the numbers, be quiet as a mouse

With some luck, you'll win a full house

Sponsored by the North Wall Community Festival

2.00pm
Afternoon Tea & Sing Along with Dracula

Ballybough Daycare Centre

Dracula has been practicing his singing for you

So, join him for cake and a song or two

Come as you are or in fancy dress

His old Dublin songbook is sure to impress!

4.00pm
Find the Fangs

Somewhere in the north inner city!

Drac is back but he's missing his fangs
Out they fell with crash, wallops and bangs
If you find them, there'll be a big reward for you
A fifty-euro voucher, so be sure to follow the clue!

Clues on our Facebook and Instagram page!



7pm
Thriller!
Come and learn the famous dance & other Halloween moves !

Rutland Street School

This is an evening for all family members
Dance to that song that everyone remembers

It'll be great fun, that much we know

You'll be so sorry if you don't go!



2.30pm

Afternoon Tea & Sing Along with Dracula

Lourdes Daycare Centre

Halloween has come to this seniors' centre

Nostalgia and fun with Drac as presenter

There'll be dancing too for those who dare

So, get with the music and get off your chair!



4.00pm

Find the Fangs

Somewhere in the north inner city!

Drac is confused, he's lost his fangs once more

He got out of his coffin and they fell down on the floor

They're white and pointy, please don't be a sloucher

Find them quick and your reward will be a voucher

Clues on our Facebook and Instagram page!



7.00pm

Halloween Bingo

Hosted by Helena, Nicola and Count Dracula

Online

Join Helena and Nicola, your fabulous hosts

Dress as witches or dragons or skeletons or ghosts!

Win prizes for bingo or your fancy dress gear

With Drac calling the numbers, it's the hit of the year!

7.00pm

Fancy Dress Community Bingo

Sheriff Street

Come dressed up in Halloween gear

With family, neighbours and friends so dear

Apart from the fun, there's prizes to be won

It'll be a great night when all's said and done

Sponsored by the North Wall Community Festival



11.00am

Find the Fangs

Somewhere in the north inner city!

*Can you help,
Drac is sad today*

*His treasured fangs
have gone astray*

*They might be in
a park or a street nearby*

*Find them, you'll be
rewarded, we don't lie!*

Clues on our Facebook and Instagram page!



2.00 – 4.00pm

Drac Olympics & Fancy-Dress Family Fun Day

Mountjoy Square Park

- Face Painting
- DJ
- Doggie Dress-Up
- Pumpkin Patch
- Soccer • Boxing
- Basketball • Athletics



and much more!!

PRIZES for best dogs, decorated pumpkins, sports tasters and children's costumes!

There'll be boxing, soccer and other sports too

For our families in fancy dress to come and do

There'll be music, prizes and face painting there

It'll all be happening in Mountjoy Square

Sports hosted by Dublin City Council, North East Inner City Initiative and Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership.



6.30, 7.00 and 7.30pm

Ghost Walk (with real live ghosts!)

Buckingham Street

The ghosts are roaming through the dark eerie night

Lurking in corners, waiting to give you a fright!

Come in a group, it'll make you feel brave

As you see the spirits rise from the grave!

Meeting Place:
Dracula Mural, Buckingham Street



2.00 – 3.00pm

Spooktacular Sensory Funfair

(for children with
additional needs)

**O'Connell's School,
North Richmond Street**

*This special time is
for children we know*

*No lights, no noise
and the rides go real slow*

*A special treat will be
the Spooktacular bus*

*Full of sensory experiences
to enjoy without fuss*

Keep an eye on social media for details.



3.00 – 7.00pm

Big Scream Halloween Funfair

O'Connell's School

*Rides that spin and
go right up and down*

*There's gaming vans too,
the best in the town*

*It's all free for families
who live in the hood*

*Be sure not to miss it,
it's going to be good!*

Monster thanks to O'Connell's School for
the venue.



6.00pm

Senior Citizens Fancy Dress Party

Sheriff Street

*Calling all seniors
in Sheriff Street*

*It's your turn to party,
you're in for a treat*

*There'll be singing and dancing
and Dracula too*

*Just have fun and join in,
that's all you need to do!*

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Festival



2.00 – 3.00pm

Spooktacular Sensory Funfair

(for children with additional needs)

**O'Connell's School,
North Richmond Street**

Once more we have a warm welcome for you

The rides will be gentle, no need to queue

Book your slot on the Spooktacular Bus

Before you arrive to avoid any fuss!

Keep an eye on social media for details.



3 – 7pm

Big Scream Halloween Funfair

O'Connell's School

Halloween is here at last

At the funfair, have a blast!

Wear your costume, scary or sweet

O'Connell's is the place to meet!

Monster thanks to O'Connell's School for the venue

5.00pm

5k Run of the Dead – Sheriff Street

**Meeting Place:
Dublin City Council Hall**

Come dressed in costume or running gear

It's not just for athletes, so no need to fear

It's a long way to run, but it will be fun

You'll feel so good when you have it done

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6.00pm

Sheriff Street Parade of the Little Boos

**Meeting Place:
Sheriff Street Community Centre**

It's arrived at last, we've been waiting for this

The annual parade that no one can miss

Samba and costumes and walking to the beat

We'll strut our stuff along the street!

6.00 – 9.00pm

Canal Creepfest Royal Canal Greenway

(Sheriff Street to North Strand)

Halloween entertainers and fire eaters too

Perform in the darkness just for you

Creepy creatures and ghosts on the prowl

Bring the whole family, it'll be a howl!

7.00 – 9.00pm

Sheriff Street Skele-bration!

Rainbow Park

More entertainment on this great night

Come along to the funfair and hold on tight

Rides and music and lots more to do

Yup the Big Scream twenty-twenty-two!



A BIG BOO TO YOU FROM THE BIG SCREAM CREW

Reaction to last year's festival



"Literally blown away.... Something organised to keep everyone entertained from the babies to the elderly, nobody was left out"

Kerri Kelly.

"There was something for everyone fantastic memories for all families in the NEIC....Can't wait till next year"

Mary Meehan

"What a brilliant job you have done.... 100 out of 100"

Antoinette Caffrey

"You all did a fantastic job!! Big well done to each and every one of you"

Jane Ng

"Each year gets better and undoubtedly better because of the impact you have made on the community and the local schools. I can't thank you enough for being so generous with your time and energy"

Joeys School

"Outstanding job by all.... Everybody raving about it."

Emma Duffy Reid

"I think this year was bigger and better and having the fun fair in a closed in location..... I personally think it was more manageable and also the highlight was having the hour separated for our special needs children"

Michelle Reid

"The Autism Carnival Day was amazing and really well done".

Ashling O'Connor

"We made lots of special memories that we wouldn't probably have got the chance to do as a family. Can't wait for next year already".

Christine Lyons

"The buzz was amazing over the month of October. Well done to all involved."

Tara Ri Reign





Something for everyone.

Well done!

- Lynne Moore Gately

Kids and adults had a ball

- Emma Harris

Brilliant night for all the community

- Bernadette O'Neill

Great, so many things were free

- Sara Mason

Kids had the best time ever. Hopefully this keeps up every year

- Sarah Dunne

Everyone had a ball

- Michelle Savage

Bigger and better than last year. Adults and kids had a ball.

Was great for the community

- Charlene Donegan Grimes



THE BIG SCREAM FESTIVAL

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