



PLAYFUL MUSEUMS FESTIVAL

Fun for under 5's



1 – 28
FEBRUARY 2017

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WELCOME!

Playful Museums Festival is a new programme for children under 5 years.

Part of the Northern Ireland Museums Council and funded by the Heritage lottery Fund, Playful Museums is focused on the little ones in your life.

Activities, workshops and events designed for 0-5 year olds will take place in February in museums across Northern Ireland.

A mix of storytelling, arts, music, multi-sensory and interactives will create enjoyable experiences for the very smallest of visitors.

Programmes are designed to encourage learning and development from an early age and most importantly of all – it's fun!

We are really excited to welcome early year's children with their families and carers to our local museums.

Come along and join in!

KEEP IN TOUCH

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND US

Come and play!
Find your closest museum at
WWW.NIMC.CO.UK

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Programmes are designed to encourage learning and development.

- Communication skills
- Discover
- Thinking skills
- Imagination
- Creativity
- Sensory
- Hands on
- Music



Festival Opening
Join us to officially launch
the Playful Museums Festival
on Friday 3rd February at 1pm
at Carrickfergus Museum

Everyone welcome!

ALL MONTH FEBRUARY 2017

1 – 26
FEB

Down County Museum
Explore the Museum | Age 1–5 | 16th
– 19th Feb | Weekdays 10am–5pm
Weekends 1–5pm

Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum
Early year's area | Age 0–5 | Mon–Sat
9.30am – 5pm

Mid Antrim Museum, Ballymena
Early year's area | Age 0–5 | Mon–Sat
10am–5pm

Carrickfergus Museum
Early year's area and gallery trail
Age 0–5 | Mon–Sat | 10am–4pm

WEEK ONE

1 – 5
FEB


Festival Opening Event
Join us to officially launch the Playful
Museums Festival | Carrickfergus Museum
Everyone Welcome | Friday 3rd | 1pm


Tiny Tots at the Tower | Music, fun & games
Tower Museum, Derry/Londonderry
Age 0–5 | Wednesday 1st | 10am–12pm
To book (free): 028 7137 2411


Crafty Cosy Corner - Arts & Crafts for Little
Fingers | Enniskillen Castle | Age 3–5
Wednesdays in February 1st, 8th, 15th
& 22nd | 10.30–11.30am


Music, Singing & Movement with Jo Jingles
Enniskillen Castle | Age 0–5 | Thursdays in
Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd | 10.30–11.30am


 **Building Castles** | Carrickfergus Museum
Age 1–5 | Saturday 4th | 2–4pm


 **Wee Hands on History: Playful Textiles**
Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre,
Limavady | Age 3–5 | Saturday 4th | 2pm–
3pm | To book (free): 028 7034 7213 /
cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

 **Storytelling Adventures with Cyril the Squirrel!** | The Barn Museum, Tannaghmore Gardens, Craigavon | Age 1–5 | Sunday 5th 2–4pm | To book (free): 028 3831 1669 / museum@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk


 **Masks Mashup workshops- Drawn from Life: People on Paper, exhibition.**
F.E. McWilliam Gallery | Age 2–5
Thursdays in February 9th, 16th & 23rd
11am–12pm and 2–3pm | To book (public
and groups free): 028 4062 3322


 **Meet the Author - Paul Howard and the Book Trust** | No 5 Vicars Hill, Armagh
Age 4+ and families | Friday 10th | 2.30pm
To book (free): 028 3752 3142


 **Wee Hands on History: Playful Art**
Portnagree House, Ballycastle | Age 3–5
Saturday 11th | 2–3pm and 3.30–4.30pm
To book: 028 7034 7213
cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk


 **Storytelling Adventures with Cyril the Squirrel!** | The Barn Museum, Tannaghmore Gardens, Craigavon | Age 1–5 | Sunday 12th 2–4pm | To book (free): 028 3831 1669 museum@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk


 **Collections Wall Flash Mob - Music and Movement** | Mid Antrim Museum, Ballymena | Age 2–5 | Saturday 11th 10.30am & 12pm | To book (free): noreen.mullan@midandeastantrim.gov.uk 028 2563 5029


 **Playful Toddle** | Armagh County Museum
Under 5's | Saturday 11th & Saturday 25th
11am–1pm | Drop in


 **Tiny Tots at the Tower**
Baby Yoga | Tower Museum, Derry/
Londonderry | Age 0–5 | Wed 15th | 10am
–12pm | To book (free): 028 7137 2411

 **Wellies, Stories and Songs**
Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh | Under
4's | Wed 15th & Thurs 16th | 12.00pm and
1.30pm each day | (£) Normal admission
applies, children aged 4 and under free

 **Mini Fest**
Down County Museum | Under 5's &
families | Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th
10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm


 **Toddlers Take Over the Museum**
North Down Museum | Age 3–5 | Friday
17th | 10am–12pm | Drop in


 **Wee Ears on History: Playful Music**
Ballymoney Town Hall | Age 3–5 | Saturday
18th | 2pm–3pm | To book (free): 028 7034
7213 / cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk


 **Baby Sensory at the Gallery**
F.E. McWilliam Gallery and Studio,
Banbridge | 0–13 Months | Saturday 18th
10am–12pm | To Book (£):
babysensory.com/en/classdetails/southni


WEEK FOUR

20 – 28
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 **Polly Poppet and the Book Trust** | Armagh
Public Library | Age 1–5 | Mon 20th | 11am
To book (free): 028 3752 3142

 **Baby Massage & Baby Yoga**
F.E. McWilliam Studio | Age 0–6 months
Tuesday 21st & 28th | 10am – 12pm
To book (£): 077 3982 6506
julie-rodgers@thedaisyfoundation.com


 **Toddler Tuesdays with local artist Millie Moore** | F.E. McWilliam Gallery | Age 1–5
Tue 21st | 2–3pm | To book (free):
028 4062 3322


 **Tiny Tots at the Tower - Walk in the footsteps of a dinosaur** | Tower Museum,
Derry/Londonderry | Age 2–5 | Wed 22nd
10am–12pm | To book (free): 028 7137 2411

 **Flaxie Buds Take Over!: Week of Events at Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum**
Age 3–5 (providers) | Mon 20th–Fri 24th
45 minute sessions | Bookable by early
years groups and organisations:
ilc.reception@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

 **Wee Eyes on History: Playful Sam Henry Coleraine Town Hall** | Age 3–5 | Sat 25th 2–4pm | To book (free): 028 7034 71213 cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

 **Flaxie Buds Bonanza**
Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum
Saturday 25th | Children under 5 & their
families | 10am–4pm | Drop in

 **Finding Dory (U) Family Film Screening**
Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum
Children under 5 & families | Sat 25th
4pm | To book (free): 028 9266 3377

 **Tiny Tots at the Tower - Who am I? Where do I live?** | Tower Museum, Derry/
Londonderry | Age 2–5 | Wed 1st March
10am–12pm | To book (free): 028 7137 2411

SEE YOU
SOON!

Children must be accompanied by their parents/carers at ALL Playful Museums Festival events.

Families welcome!


WEEK TWO

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FEB

 **Hey Little Hen – 1940s Music & Storytelling**
Northern Ireland War Memorial, 21 Talbot
Street, Belfast | Age 2–5 | Mon 6th & Fri
10th | 10.00–10.45am & 12.00–12.45pm
both days | To book (free): 028 9032 0392 /
education@niwarmemorial.org


 **Baby Massage & Baby Yoga**
F.E. McWilliam Studio | Age 0–6 months
Tuesday 7th | 10am–12pm | To book (£):
julie-rodgers@thedaisyfoundation.com
077 3982 6506

 **Tales from Cosy Corner & Rhyme Time**
Enniskillen Castle | Age 2–5 | Tuesdays in
February 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 10.30–
11.30am

 **Tiny Tots at the Tower** | Storytelling
Tower Museum, Derry/Londonderry
Age 0–2 | Wednesday 8th | 10am–12pm
To book (free): 028 7137 2411

WEEK THREE

13 – 19
FEB

 **Tiny Tots at the Tower**
Baby Yoga | Tower Museum, Derry/
Londonderry | Age 0–5 | Wed 15th | 10am
–12pm | To book (free): 028 7137 2411