

FREE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS



WHAT CAN MY GROUP DO DURING THEIR VISIT?

The Education Department have a host of exciting workshops available to visiting education groups including:

- Medieval Workshop
- Stained Glass Window Workshop
- Saint Patrick Drama Session
- Music at the Cathedral
- Fighting Words Workshop
- Observation and Sketching
- Discovery Space
- Community of Faith



MEDIEVAL WORKSHOP

Focusing on the Medieval Period and the early history of the Cathedral, this workshop begins with a guided tour of the building, which explains who the Anglo-Normans were and what the building was like during the medieval period. The groups is then divided into smaller groups for a variety of medieval themed activities which include:

- Brass Rubbing
- Calligraphy
- Arch Building

Suitable for senior primary school students.



STAINED GLASS WINDOW WORKSHOP

This workshop involves a guided tour of the Cathedral with one of our education team which focuses on some of our beautiful stained glass windows. Having had their fill of inspiration they will be brought to our education space and shown how to go about designing and producing their own versions.

Students work in small groups to come up with a concept/story or theme for their window and then spend approximately 30 minutes creating their own masterpiece!

Suitable for primary and post-primary students.



SAINT PATRICK DRAMA SESSION

Students learn the story of Saint Patrick from the man himself in a dramatic retelling of his life. Children will travel with Patrick as he is captured as a slave and taken far from home and follow his journey through to his return to Ireland and his spreading of the Christian message.

Students will also participate in an art workshop with the Cathedral's education department staff exploring what it is like to feel sad or lonely and how we can help others in their time of need.

Suitable for 1st - 3rd class students



MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL WORKSHOP

Music has always played a pivotal role in the life of the Cathedral. In this workshop, run in conjunction with the Pipeworks Festival, students are introduced to the mighty organ of the Cathedral through the WOOFYT (Wooden One Octave Organ For Young Technologists). Together with our experienced musicians students explore how the organ works and get a chance to play a piece on the WOOFYT while also having the opportunity to take part in a signing workshop.

Suitable for primary and post-primary students.



FIGHTING WORDS WORKSHOP

Students can follow in the footsteps of our most famous Dean, Jonathan Swift, and write their own stories in this Creative Writing Workshop, run in conjunction with FIGHTING WORDS.



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OBSERVATION & SKETCHING

Saint Patrick's Cathedral is the perfect location for art students looking for some inspiration. Dramatic Gothic architecture, beautiful stained glass windows and fascinating memorials at every turn provide ample opportunity to carry out observation and sketching. A guided tour can be provided which will point out some of the interesting elements of the Cathedral and a small seated area can be booked if students need a private space to work.



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

There are few other places in Dublin which have a Religious history which extends back to the time of Saint Patrick. For Junior and Leaving Cert Religion classes studying “Communities of Faith” the Cathedral offers not only 800 years of history as a site of religious significance but also an example of a building which is still an active place of worship.

Students are taken on a brief tour of the Cathedral with one of our clergy describing how the Cathedral works on a day to day basis. After this the class are led into a seated area where they, as a group, can conduct an interview style session. They can pose questions to a member of our clergy and explore themes which are relevant to their studies.



DISCOVERY SPACE

In 2015, the Cathedral launched its new *Discovery Space*. This space is dedicated to interaction and learning and is available to all visitors to the Cathedral. Here students can explore more of the life and history of the Cathedral on a large touch screen table, or they can take a brass rubbing, listen to music from our choir, touch the fabric of the building or build a model of the cathedral.



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