### Ring of Gullion Lúnasa Festival July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup> 2016



### **Events Guide**



#### HISTORICAL COACH **TOURS OF THE RING OF GULLION**

Sat 30 Sat 6 **Sat 13** Sat 20 **Sat 27** Sat 3 **Sat 10** Sun 11 Crossmaglen Community

Fully guided coach tour, taking in the most impressive sights and monuments the Ring of Gullion has to offer. Experience the breath-taking landscape and the rich natural, archaeological and cultural heritage of the area. Booking essential via website, tickets can be purchased from

Centre, or paid for on the day. **Sat 17** Time: 10.30am - 4.30pm **Sat 24** Departs: Bagenal's Castle Carpark, Newry **Admission:** Adults £10. Concession £8, Family (2 adults, 2 children) £25 Contact: Therese, +4428 3082 8590 / info@ringofgullion.org

Ferryhill Road, BT35 8GT **Admission:** Free Contact: James McArevey, jmcarevey1@hotmail.com Facebook: NewryMaritimeAssociation



#### DOMHNACH AN FHRAOCHÁIN / **BLAEBERRY SUNDAY**

Goite linn don athbheochan

Domh 31 bliantúil seo. Beidh muid ag / Sun 31 déanamh oilithreacht an Fhraocháin i mbliana arís. Beidh muid ag fágáil Beár na Carraige, Tigh Giurann ar 7in agus ag siúl go Carraig a' tSeabhaic le haghaidh 8in. Beidh amhráin, ceol agus damhsa traidisiúnta le fáil. Is siúlóid 4 mhíle í sna cnoic agus ar bhóithre. Ní mór do shiúlóirí

bheith réasúnta aclaí.



**Sun 31** 

#### **FLAGSTAFF FIESTA**

Take a step back in time as we revive a popular community event to launch the Lúnasa Festival. For the first time in 46 years the centuries old tradition of hoisting the flag overlooking Carlingford Lough will take place. There will be fun and entertainment for all the family, set against the breath-taking scenery of the Ring of Gullion. Come and join

**Time:** 3pm – 5.30pm Venue: Flagstaff Viewpoint,

loin us on the revived annual Blaeberry Sunday pilgrimage from 'The Rock' at Granemore to the gathering on the summit of Carrigatuke. You are welcome to just come along to the gathering, where you'll be treated to performances from traditional musicians and Irish Dancers. The walk is roughly 4 miles long, uphill, along roads; a reasonable level of fitness is recommended.

Am / Time: Walk departs 7pm, Gathering 8pm to late **Áit / Venue:** Carrigatuke

Viewpoint (Walk departs The Rock Bar, Granemore) Luach / Admission: Saor in aisce / Free, please register for the walk

Teagmháil / Contact: Joe McGleenan, jjmcgleenan@ vahoo.co.uk



Fri 5

#### SERENDIPITOUS MUSIC

When you go down to the woods today, could you be in Mon 1 - for a magical musical treat?

Time: 12pm - 2pm

Venue: Slieve Gullion Forest

Park

**Admission:** Free Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@

ringofgullion.org





### Mon 1

Fri 5

#### **CREATIVE SKILLS PROJECT (11-14)**

This week-long activity will see young artists explore textile crafts, including tiedying, bead work, appliqué and embroidery. They will combine these skills to produce a fashionable bag, top or scarf by the end of the course.

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Venue: Red Balloon Creative

Studios, Bessbrook

Admission: £50 per child -

Booking essential

Contact: Aine McGowan. +4428 3083 9908 / aine@

redballoon.ie

Facebook: RedBalloon.ie

#### GAP O' THE NORTH **GUIDED WALK**

Enjoy a historical guided walk visiting the ancient sacred sites of Faughart graveyard and Kilnasaggart. Learn about the historical importance of this area in the 1600s and its impact on present day history. The walk, roughly 4 miles long is mostly downhill, with some on and some off-road sections. **Time:** 1.30pm – 4.30pm

**Departs:** Faughart Graveyard Admission: Free - Booking essential, via website Contact: Alison. +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@

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# WILD WEDNESDAYS - PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Get snap happy and take part in our free photography workshop. It's a great opportunity to learn how to take wildlife and landscape shots and master your digital camera's features. Please bring a packed lunch.

Time: 11am – 3pm Venue: Pastoral Centre,

Jonesborough

Admission: Free - Booking essential, via website

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**Contact:** Therese, +4428 3082 8590 / info@ringofgullion.org



Wed 31

### ROGHA ANNUAL EXHIBITION

An exhibition of contemporary art & craft from local artists and craftspeople. The exhibition will showcase painting, pastels, mixed media, glass, ceramics, woodturning, felt and millinery. The official opening is Fri. 5th at 7.30pm.

Time: 9am – 7pm Venue: Tí Chulainn, Mullaghbane Admission: Free

Contact: Mary Cowan, +4478 2856 9235 / maryncowan@

yahoo.co.uk **Facebook:** ROGHA



### SLIEVE GULLION MURDER MYSTERY TOUR

On 20th Jan. 1852 Meredith Chambre, landlord and magistrate, was shot by Ribbonmen at Dromintee. He survived but local man Francis Berry was hanged in Armagh in circumstances which are still hotly disputed. The key sites in the story will be bought to life by your guide.

Time: 10am – 12.30pm Departs: Slieve Gullion Forest

Park car park

Admission: Free - Booking essential, via website Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@

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Sat 6

#### LÁ MÓR NA GAEILGE / BIG IRISH LANGUAGE DAY

Bíodh sáite i dteanga ársa
Oirialla. Beidh ranganna ann a
fhreastlaíonn ar gach cumas.
Tig leat spléacadh a fháil ar
bheatha na bhFilí agus na
Scoláirí in oirdheisceart Uladh.
Um thráthnóna gheobhfar
blaiseadh de cheol agus d'
fhilíocht Oirialla. Le haghaidh
a thuilleadh eolais agus le háit
a chur in áirithe tabhair cuairt
ar: www.tichulainn.com.

Come and immerse yourself in the Irish language for the day. There will be Irish classes for all abilities. You will get a glimpse of the lives of Oriel poets and scholars and enjoy the music



and song of south-east Ulster. For full details and to book a place: www.tichulainn.com. **Am / Time:** 9.30am – 11pm Ait / Venue: Tí Chulainn. Mullaghbane Luach / Admission: Ranganna / Classes £10 / lacáister / concession £8: Turas bus / Bus tour £6 / lacáiste / concession £5 Teagmháil / Contact: Mary, +0028 3088 8828 / info@ tichulainn.com

Mullaghbane

Admission: £25pp (includes lunch) - Booking essential Contact: Caóilfíonn Murphy-O'Hanlon, +3538 7224 8186 / cushladesign@live.co.uk Facebook: ROGHA



#### **FAMINE WALL HIKE**

Visit the infamous Famine Walls of Slieve Gullion mountain. Most of this hike will take place on steep, rough, open mountain; hiking boots are essential and a walking pole and a reasonable level of fitness are recommended. **Time:** 10am – 1.30pm Departs: Information board,

**Admission:** Free – Booking essential, via website Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@

Slieve Gullion Forest Park car

park

ringofgullion.org

Sat 6

#### **ROGHA BUS TOUR OF ARTISTS' STUDIOS**

Website: www.tichulainn.com

This bus tour is a fantastic opportunity for those interested in art and craft to get a behind the scenes look at the workplaces of artists and craftspeople and see how they make their work.

Time: 10.30am - 4.30pm Departs: Tí Chulainn,





Fri 12

#### MAKE, PLAY & MOVE (4-10)

This week-long activity will allow little artists to have daily imagination work outs, explore a wide variety of art, engage in movement and music activities, and create their very own exhibition. Packed lunch required.

Time: 10am - 2pm

Venue: Red Balloon Creative

Studios. Bessbrook

Admission: £60 per child -

Booking essential

Contact: Aine McGowan. +4428 3083 9908 / gine@

redballoon.ie

Facebook: RedBalloon.ie



Tue 9

#### HISTORICAL WALK OF **MULLAGHBANE**

Mon 8

Enjoy a circular guided walk of Mullaghbane village, showcasing its hidden heritage. The walk will take you to visit sites of historical interest and beauty. The walk takes place on roads and forest tracks, with a few moderately steep inclines. Sturdy footwear

fitness are recommended. **Time:** 2pm – 4.30pm Departs: Tí Chulainn,

and a reasonable level of

Mullaghbane

Admission: Free - Booking essential, via website Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@

ringofgullion.org

#### THE STORY OF NEWRY'S WORST SHIPPING **DISASTER**

Join James, local maritime historian and canal enthusiast, for an insight into the worst maritime tragedy in the history of Newry and South Armagh; the loss of the SS Connemara and SS Retriever.

Time: 7pm-9pm Venue: Tí Chulainn, Mullaghbane

Admission: Free - booking essential, via website Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@

ringofgullion.org



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#### POTTERY WORKSHOP – FUNKY TEXTURE TILES

Participants will get the opportunity to explore texture and pattern in clay. They will make up to three flat items such as pot stands, coasters, decorative wall panels or house number tiles. The first class will be making and the second class glazing. Admission covers both classes.

Time: 6.30pm – 9pm Venue: Tí Chulainn, Mullaghbane

Admission: £45pp - Booking

essential

Contact: Mary Cowan, +4478 2856 9235 / maryncowan@

yahoo.co.uk **Facebook:** ROGHA



#### FELTING WORKSHOP

Create your own landscape picture from natural fibre using wet felting and needle felting techniques.

**Time:** 6.30pm – 9pm **Venue:** Tí Chulainn, Mullaghbane

Admission: £25pp - Booking

essential

Contact: Caóilfíonn Murphy-O'Hanlon, +3538 7224 8186 / cushladesign@live.co.uk Facebook: ROGHA



#### FELTING WORKSHOP

Create your own clutch bag or bowl using the resist technique. You will be able to use a variety of natural fibres including wool, yak, camel, silk and many others to make your own unique piece.

Time: 10am – 2pm Venue: Tí Chulainn, Mullaghbane

Admission: £40pp - Booking

essential

Contact: Mary Larkin, +4475 4138 8446 / marytlarkin@

hotmail.co.uk **Facebook:** ROGHA



# WILD WEDNESDAYS – CREATURES OF THE NIGHT PICNIC

Do you have a budding David Attenborough in the family? If so, join us for a picnic with a difference. Bring along your picnic to enjoy whilst you watch and listen for the bats and mammals of Slieve Gullion.

**Time:** 8.30pm – 10.30pm **Venue:** Courtyard Pond, Slieve

Gullion Forest Park

Admission: Free - Booking

essential, via website

**Contact:** Therese, +4428 3082 8590 / info@ringofgullion.org

Sat 13

**FLEADH RUA** 

Calling all red heads and lovers of red heads! Come to the Fleadh Rua to celebrate all things red, especially the red hair gene and have a bit of craic. There will be red-themed fun and games, market

stalls and traditional music sessions, as well as a céilí in the evening with Bothán. For an accommodation deal visit www.tichulainn.com.

Time: TBC Venue: Forkhill

Admission: Free; Céilí £6 αt the

door

**Contact:** Alison, +4428 3082 8591 / info@ringofgullion.org

Facebook: FleadhRua



### TASTER MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SESSIONS

Contact: Mary, +4428 3088

8828 / info@tichulainn.com

Website: www.tichulainn.com

learn some ancient crafts.

Time: 12.00 – 16.00

Venue: Tí Chulainn,

Mullaghbane

**Admission:** Free

Join our local Meditation Facilitator on these hour-long meditation taster sessions. Ann will introduce you to a range of mindfulness meditation techniques, particularly focusing on the sensory experience of eating. Time: Choose from one of four 1 hour sessions: 10am. 11.30pm, 1pm, 2.30pm Venue: Tí Chulainn, Mullaghbane Admission: £5 in aid of Alzheimer's Society NI -Booking essential Contact: Ann Ward, +4478 1683 5147 / ann@xhale.biz Facebook / Website: XhaleMeditation / www.xhale.



### WOOD TURNING WORKSHOP

Each participant will learn woodturning techniques and will make and take home their very own turned bowl.

Time: 10.30am – 5.30pm Venue: Padraig Carragher's Woodturning Studio,

Mullaghbane

Admission: £100pp (includes lunch) – Booking essential Contact: Padraig Carragher, +3538 7669 3393 / padraig. carragher@hotmail.com Facebook: ROGHA



#### **CULANN'S FEAST**

Cú Chulainn, Ireland's most famous warrior and King Connor of Ulster, welcome you to the heart of south Armagh at Tí Chulainn to celebrate the best local food and crafts the Ring of Gullion has to offer. You will have a chance to try your hand at Iron Age games, sample traditional food and



biz

Sun 14

### OUTDOOR PAINTING WORKSHOP

Tutors Diane McKevitt and Sharon Donnelly will demonstrate drawing and painting techniques to enhance the participants' skills. Individual support will be given to either complete a finished painting or a series of shorter studies. All levels of expertise welcome, participants must be 16+.

**Time:** 12pm – 4pm

Venue: Creggan Church &

Grounds

**Admission:** £25pp – Booking

essential

Contact: Diane McKevitt, +4428 3086 0150 / dianemckevitt@gmail.com

Facebook: ROGHA



### SUMMER COOK SMART (6+)

This week-long activity will

Mon 15

Fri 19

skills to create their favourite
meals and snacks, share recipe
ideas, and have lots of fun
along the way. It is a fantastic
opportunity for them to learn
some essential cooking skills
with Kerry, from Cook Smart.

**Time:** 11αm – 1pm

Venue: Red Balloon Creative

Studios, Bessbrook

Admission: £40 per child –

Booking essential

Contact: Aine McGowan, +4428 3083 9908 / aine@

redballoon.ie

Facebook: RedBalloon.ie

Ring of Gullion, the place to be this August.



### ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE SURVIVAL TRAINING

Do you have what it takes to survive a zombie apocalypse? If not why not come along to our Zombie Apocalypse session to learn some basic survival and bush-craft skills from our survival expert. This event is aimed at young people and adults; under-16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. A packed lunch is recommended.

Time: 10am – 4.30pm
Venue: Jonesborough Forest,
behind the Pastoral Centre
Admission: Free – Booking
essential, via website
Contact: Alison, +4428
3082 8594 / volunteer@
ringofgullion.org





Tue 16

### EDIBLE GEOLOGY BUS TOUR

Join Geologist Kirstin Lemon on an introductory and edible geology bus tour around key sites in the Ring of Gullion. It's an excellent opportunity for you to dip your toe into the geology of the Ring of Gullion, a landscape shaped by fire and ice. You can even sample some baked delights which represent different geological features.

Time: 6pm – 9pm Departs: Tí Chulainn, Mullaghbane

Admission: Free – Booking essential, via website Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@

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### WILD WEDNESDAYS – POND DIPPING

Join us to learn about what dwells beneath the surface of the Slieve Gullion ponds. Learn how to carry out simple experiments to find out how healthy the ponds are and compare the Courtyard pond to the Dragonfly pond, on the mountain. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Time: 10am - 12pm

Venue: Courtyard pond, Slieve

**Gullion Forest Park** 

Admission: Free – Booking essential, via website
Contact: Alison, +4428
3082 8594 / volunteer@

ringofgullion.org



# CELEBRATING LÚNASA – AN EVENING OF INSPIRATIONAL STORY, SONG & MEDITATION

Join local singer songwriter and soul artist, Denise Hagan, and Gullion Ambassador and meditation facilitator, Ann Ward, for this magical event held within the divine heart of Slieve Gullion.

**Time:** 7pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Hawthorn Suite, Slieve

Gullion Forest Park
Admission: £10

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Facebook: XhaleMediation
Website: www.xhale.biz / www.

denisehagan.com





#### **DISCOVER OUR GULLIONOSAURUS**

Join Bronagh, our Geo-Ambassador, to learn about which dinosaurs roamed the Gullion area before it became the landscape we recognize today. Try some messy geology making your own fossils and learning how the Ring of Gullion formed. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Time: 10am - 12pm & 2pm -

4pm

Venue: Outdoor Classroom. Slieve Gullion Forest Park

playpark

Admission: Free - Booking essential, via website

**PARENT & CHILD ART** 

Contact: Alison, +4428 3082

8594 / volunteer@ ringofgullion.org

WORKSHOP



Sun 21

Forkhill

**BOOLEY SITE HIKE** 

Time: 10am - 11.30am Venue: The Plantin, Bog Road,

Admission: £12 per pair -

Contact: Caóilfíonn Murphy-

Booking essential

Join Seamus for a guided hike on Slieve Gullion Mountain to learn about the ancient summer tradition of booleying and visit the sites used. This hike will take place on open mountain with sections of boggy ground; hiking boots are essential.

**Time:** 10am - 2pm

**Departs:** Information board, Slieve Gullion Forest Park car

park

Admission: Free - Booking essential, via website Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@ ringofgullion.org

Explore with your child the wonderful natural environment of Forkhill's Plantin and together find and gather natural materials to create a fabulous wildlife collage.





#### **FUSED GLASS WORKSHOP**

Each participant will learn glass fusing techniques so that they can design and create their own serving platter.

Time: 10am – 4pm Venue: Compass North Glass, 11 Whiterock Rd., Newtownhamilton

Admission: £100pp (including lunch) – Booking essential Contact: Tracey McVerry, +4477 3226 4848 /

traceymcverry@hotmail.com

Facebook: ROGHA

Please note that part of the route is hilly and steep.

**Time:** 10am – 2pm

Departs: Courtyard Pond,
Slieve Gullion Forest Park
Admission: Free (donations
welcome in aid of the Southern

Area Hospice) – booking

essential

Contact: Ann Ward, +4478 1683 5147 / ann@xhale.biz

Facebook / Website:

XhaleMeditation / www.xhale.

biz



### MINDFULNESS WALK THROUGH HIDDEN GEMS

Local Ambassador and meditation facilitator, Ann Ward, will guide this leisurely and mindful walk. She will share stories about the biodiversity and local historical sites. You will develop a sensory appreciation of the local landscape and discover the hidden gems of Slieve Gullion along the way.



### HAVE A GO AT STRAW CRAFT

Drop in and have a go at making harvest knots from straw with Straw Craft Ireland. You'll be guided through the necessary techniques to make something to take home. There will also be an exhibition of various items of straw craft woven in a method of plaiting unique to Ireland from baskets and cradles to mummer masks, variations of St. Brigid's crosses and corn dollies



Time: 09.30am - 12.30pm &

1pm - 4pm

Venue: Outdoor classroom, Slieve Gullion Forest Park

playpark

**Admission:** Free

Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@

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Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Time: 10am - 12pm & 2pm -

**Venue:** Bessbrook Community Centre, Mill Road, Bessbrook Admission: Free – Booking essential, via website Contact: Edel, +4428 3082 8591 / finance@ringofgullion.

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**Tue 23** 

#### TRY ONE OF OUR SELF-**DRIVE AUDIO TOURS**

Choose from our Cú Chulainn Journey or Fionn Mac Cumhaill & Fri 26 Adventure audio tours and explore the wonders of the Ring of Gullion at your own pace. Tours are available for free download from our website or in CD format from the Crossmaglen Community

> Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@ ringofgullion.org

WILD WEDNESDAYS -

SENSORY MINIBEAST

**HUNT & TEDDY BEAR'S** 

Centre.



#### **TOWNLAND REUNION**

Join our local historians Una and Kevin for a night Thur 25 of reminiscing about Carricknagavna National/ Primary School and the surrounding area from 1858 to 1972. Did you attend or teach there? Or do you have a relative who went there? Examine the old photographs, roll books and school reports. Even if you have no links to Carricknagavna, come and reminisce about school in the good old days and share the tales of your townland.

Time: 7pm - 9pm Venue: Tí Chulainn,

Mullaghbane

Admission: Free - Booking essential, via website Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@ ringofgullion.org

### Wed 24 PICNIC

Become a nature explorer by taking part in a bug hunt and help carry out real scientific research, in a relaxed, supportive and understanding atmosphere; finishing with a teddy bear's picnic (bring your own lunch & of course teddy/ toy). This event is aimed at children with additional needs. so group numbers will be small.



#### **FOOTSTEPS IN THE FOREST**

Sat 27

From land, sea and sky, a Fri 26 - mythical people are coming together. To meet old friends. to make new ones and to share their stories, of a world that has been forgotten but is just waiting to be explored. Rub shoulders with fairies. merpeople, selkies, giants and more, there will be enchantment on every corner; just step into the forest.

Time: TBC

Venue: Slieve Gullion Forest

Park

**Admission:** Free

Contact: Newry VIC, +4428 3031 3170 / newryvic@ newryandmourne.gov.uk

Website: www.

visitmournemountains.co.uk

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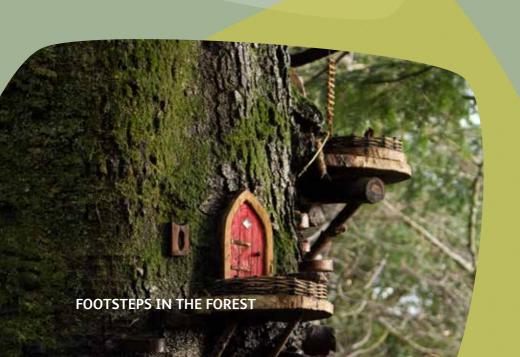
#### **ARTIST TALK & EXHIBITION TOUR**

Participants will receive a guided tour of the art exhibition by one of the ROGHA artists. It is a great opportunity to hear about the inspiration behind the work on show and explore the design and making process.

**Time:** 11am – 12pm Venue: Tí Chulainn, Mullaghbane **Admission:** Free

Contact: Mary Cowan, +4478 2856 9235 / maryncowan@

yahoo.co.uk Facebook: ROGHA





#### HISTORICAL HIKE – THE LAST MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY

Join Seamus for a guided hike on Slieve Gullion Mountain to learn about the last mountain community, which lived on Slieve Gullion. This hike will take place on open mountain with rough ground; hiking boots are essential.

Time: 10am – 1pm

Departs: Three Steps pub car

park

Admission: Free – Booking essential, via website Contact: Alison, +4428 3082 8594 / volunteer@ ringofgullion.org



### SUMMER FOOD FORAGE Join our experienced wild

forager, Dermot Hughes, on a guided wild food forage walk around Slieve Gullion Forest Park and the surrounding area. Time: 10am – 12pm Departs: Courtyard Pond, Slieve Gullion Forest Park Admission: Free – Booking essential, via website Contact: Alison, +4428

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For more information on this amazing festival, visit www.ringofgullion.org



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