

Louisburgh HQ News

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"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" So says Aristotle and Louisburgh HQ

Coca Cola Thank You Fund*

We're delighted to announce that Louisburgh HQ has been shortlisted for the Coca-Cola Ireland Thank You Fund 2013.

45 projects across Ireland and Northern Ireland have been selected to be put forward to the voting stage.

Funding would help Louisburgh HQ to further develop the Community Garden Initiative and progress to a wider Community Health & Fitness Programme, making use of our beautiful location and many natural resources.

Voting opens on September 1st 2013 (tomorrow!), when the shortlist will be published on

www.Coca-Cola.ie/thankyou.

The final decision on who receives the grants will be split equally between a public vote and voting by an expert judging panel. Your support would be greatly appreciated and we will keep you up-dated as to how to vote and how we're doing as the information comes in. Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/LouisburghHq>

*The Fund is designed to support projects and initiatives which are having a positive impact on the quality of life of communities in the island of Ireland with a specific focus on innovative solutions to help communities be more active and healthy. The Fund was launched in 2011 to mark The Coca-Cola Company's 125th anniversary and was run again in 2012. Over the past two years €250,000 has been donated to the Fund and distributed among 26 organisations.

This year in 2013, the Fund will again focus on one overall theme –'Supporting an innovative approach to encouraging Irish communities to lead more balanced, healthy and active lifestyles.' The aim is to distribute €125,000 in total to be shared in varying amounts between 11 not-for profit, voluntary and charitable organisations based throughout the island of Ireland which are encouraging their communities to live a healthier, more balanced and active lifestyle.

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Festival of the Pirate Queen...

...Up-Date

Not long to go and preparations are well under way – if you have a talent you'd like to share and also take part in this fun celebration of all things nautical here are some more ways to contribute...(don't forget the costume-making workshop on September 8th!)

Musicians ~ Vocalists ~ Dancers

Between 5 and 8pm there will be a number of music and dance performances throughout the town – would you like to do a 10 or 15 minute turn?

Artists

Calling on all local artists to submit a piece or two for the art exhibition in the "HQ" Building. We are seeking pieces with a Clew Bay or Sea/Maritime theme.

For more information call Jane on 086 811 3813.

Granuaile Visitor Centre

If you haven't already paid a visit to this amazing interpretative centre in Louisburgh (or perhaps it's been a while), then what better day to go along than September 14th, when the centre will open from 10am to 4pm.

The centre commemorates perfectly the life and times of Ireland's legendary Pirate Queen with exhibits, paintings and an audio-visual documentary on Grace O'Malley's daring seafaring exploits. Not to be missed – be sure to make time for a visit.

Bord na nÓg Fixtures

Mon 2nd Sept:

U13 league, Louisburgh v
Burrishoole in Lyons' @ 7pm.

and

U18 West Mayo semi-final, Louisburgh v
Ballintubber in Ballintubber @ 7pm.

Sat 7th Sept:

U11 league, Louisburgh v
Bonniconlon in Lyons' @ 12pm.

Saturday 14th September

6pm at Louisburgh HQ

Official Launch of

**Louisburgh HQ Website & the Louisburgh
Loop of the Wild Atlantic Way**

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Autumn Art Classes now Enrolling!

- An Introduction to Painting
- Morning Painting for the 'Golden Years'
- Drawing & Painting for Talented Teens
- Oil & Acrylic Painting for all levels

All courses will run for 5 weeks (2 hours every week) €75



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FESTIVAL OF THE PIRATE QUEEN

Louisburgh,
Saturday, 14th September 2013

PROGRAMME

10am - 4pm Granuaile Visitor Centre

Discover the story of Grace O'Malley (Admission Adult: €4; Seniors/Students: €2. Group rates by arrangement)

11am Talk and documentary on the Pirate Queen and her role in the West of Ireland
Louisburgh HQ - Coffee, scones and refreshments provided.

Speaker Fr Padraig O'Maille former Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan (Admission €3, children free)

11am - 3pm Guided Foraging Walk with local expert Will Williams in Old Head
Woods - Pirate Queen Theme

Meet in the car park at Old Head

(Admission is free - please bring a packed lunch) For further information phone Will (0876249894)

12.30pm Duffy's Craft Shop open with Pirate Queen theme

Demonstration of Weaving by Clare Island Weaver Beth Moran.

Crafts made by local craftspeople available for sale.

5pm Photography and Art Exhibition in Louisburgh HQ and various venues

Displaying pictures of Clew Bay and its environs

5pm Taste of Louisburgh

Louisburgh HQ and various venues in the town.

Foodies will enjoy all the food and flavours provided on stalls at HQ, on the streets and in restaurants.

5pm Music and atmosphere on the Square

Music and dancing by local musicians and dancers - everyone is welcome to participate.

Win prizes for the best pirate costumes or costumes from Granuaile's time (late 1500's)!

8pm Ceile in the Parochial Hall

Music by Cluain Beat Ceili Band. Admission €5

Prizes for the best costume (best male, female and child) and judging will take place at the ceili

For further information in relation to the Festival of the Pirate Queen and all of the activities please contact
Louisburgh HQ at 087 6901727.

We invite everyone to join in!