

EDUCATION SERVICES



VISITOR WORKSHOP BOOKLET

Be creative
Work as a team
Make decisions
Solve problems
Manage information
Learn something new
Have fun!

The Education Service can develop programmes for anyone!
Schools, Community Groups, Young and Young at Heart!

Minimum group of 5. Maximum group of 100.



General Information

Education Services at the Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum aims to encourage access and interest in the arts, culture and science and to open the museum collections to the widest audience possible.

- The Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum is located in Market Square, Lisburn. The Shelter in Castle Gardens Lisburn is also used by the Museum.
- All workshops and programmes must be booked in advance. Space can also be provided if your group wishes to take a packed lunch on site.
- Workshops and programmes are available for schools but are also open to any group – minimum number 5 people.
- For school bookings, suitability in terms of the relevant Key Stage is indicated beside each workshop. Teachers can mix and match any workshops or ask us to focus on something which the children are studying at school; we will do our best to accommodate requests.
- For general bookings children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult of age 18 or over. Teachers and leaders in charge of children and vulnerable adults groups must have adequate adult supervision levels.
- Adult and community groups can also book any of the workshops.
- All workshops and programmes are FREE! Unless otherwise stated.

If you want to book a visit and/or workshops

Telephone Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum Reception 028 92663377. Tell them what your areas of interest are and how your group likes to learn e.g. guided tours, demonstrations, have a go experiences, presentations or group work. We will do our best to tailor a programme to suit your own individual needs. A booking form will be sent out to you for completion. Please state details as accurately as possible on the booking form as we will allocate staff and resources based on the information you supply. Your booking is confirmed on return of the completed form.

What to expect from a visit

Depending on group size, one or more gallery assistants will be allocated to your group. A member of the gallery staff will guide the

group on its tour of choice and deliver any workshop(s). Education Services endeavours to make your visit as personal to your group as possible. Time will be maximised to the full. This service is FREE! All we ask is that you take a few moments afterwards to fill in an evaluation sheet. This helps us to develop our service.

Facilities

- Disabled access on Ground, First and Second Floors.
- Disabled toilet / Baby changing facilities located on the Ground Floor.
- Cafe Crommelin on the Ground Floor opens 9.30am to 4pm.
- The Museum Shop is at street level and sells a range of high quality linen and gifts as well as items at pocket money prices!





Workshops

All tours and workshops are free of charge, except for a small selection involving specialist materials.

Badge Making (KS1-3)

Children can create their own design and make it into a badge either to keep or exchange with a friend. (15mins)

Bandanas (KS1-4)

Create a funky bandana using cotton or felt. Enjoyed by all ages! (30mins)

Butterflies and Dragonflies ((KS1-2)

Paper modelling, working with acetate and tissue paper. (45mins)

Christmas Decorations (KS1-3)

Snowman Figure, Christmas Tree, Santa Stop Here Sign, Snowstorms. (30 to 90 mins)

Dream Catchers (KS3-4)

Suitable for students with a real interest in textile art. Requires some dexterity and patience. The Native Americans believed that placing a dream catcher above the bed whilst they slept meant that bad dreams would be caught in the webbing to be destroyed by the morning light and good dreams would pass through the hole in the centre. (45mins)

Drop Spinning (KS3-4)

Spinning the ancient way, suitable for textile students. (30mins)

Easter Decorations (KS1-3)

Puppets, Easter bonnets, Egg painting, Egg cups. (30-90mins)

Egyptian Canopic Jars (KS2)

Art from the more gruesome side of Egyptian life – mummification. Creating canopic jars from air drying clay: lungs, heart and intestines not included! (45mins)

Egyptian Headdress or Tutankhamun Mask (KS1-2)

Using our Egyptian panels for inspiration, these workshops are a step back in time to the pharaohs – the inventors of bling!(60mins)

Family Crest Wall Hanging (KS1-2)

Design and create a crest for your family. Working with textiles / multi-media. (60mins+)

Felt Making (KS1 to Adult)

A beginner's guide to felt making using coloured fleece. Concludes with making a small bag or wall hanging.(45-90mins)



Fishing Game (KS1-2)

A fun game to make using magnets, sticks, paper clips and hand made fish!(60mins)

Frame Making (KS2-3)

Popular with all ages. Using either cardboard to make a colourful 3 dimensional frame using multi-media (45-60mins)

Friendship Bracelets (KS2-KS4)

Using weaving methods to create a bracelet as a gift or to keep.(30-45mins)

Glass Decorating (KS3-4)

Make a colourful vase or tea-light holder using an assortment of glass paints or tissue paper to decorate a glass jar or shapes. (60mins)

Handmade Paper (KS2-4)

Create handmade paper using recycled paper products and natural materials sourced locally. Ideal for a special gift. Best in small groups of 15. (60-90mins)

Halloween Decorations (KS1-3)

Witches Hats, Masks, Tea Light Jars, Candy Holders, Trick or Treat Bags (30-90mins)

Kites with a Hole! (KS2-4)

Design a kite and have a test flight in Castle Gardens. Weather permitting. It may not look like a kite but it flies as a kite so it is a kite! Suitable for age 9 upwards. Better in small groups of 15. (60mins)

Lucets (KS3-4)

Suitable for arts students or adults interested in textiles. Requires some dexterity and patience. For older pupils. Lucet is a method of cord making or braiding which is believed to date back to the Viking / Medieval period. (45mins)

Lino Cutting (KS3-4)

Suitable for arts students and adults. Learning the basics of this traditional form of printmaking. (£3 charge to cover cost of lino) (60mins)





Matisse Style Placemats (KS1-2)

Copy Matisse's style of collage to make a montage which then gets laminated making the perfect placemat or cover for a desk, dressing table or tray.(45-90mins)

Mosaic Tiles (KS3-4)

Arts students and adults only. Create a coaster or small piece of art.(£3 to cover the cost of the tiles) (60-90mins)

Nature Workshop (KS1-3)

Make paper flowers or wind chimes out of recycled materials. Go on a minibeast hunt or make a pot and plant a seed. (30-90mins)

Natural Dyeing (KS2-4)

Using natural dyes from the kitchen cupboard participants have an opportunity to dye their own piece of cloth (45mins plus)

Needlework (KS3 -Adults)

Using binca this workshop teaches a range of stitches for the beginner(60-90mins).

Painting Fun (KS1-4)

Making frames and playing with portraiture. Freestyle art. Experimenting with water colours, printing, oils and pastels (45mins)

Paper Making (Adults Only)

Designed to introduce a variety of

papermaking processes and techniques that you can continue at home. (see also Handmade Paper).(60-90mins)

Paper Plate Masks (KS1)

Always enjoyed by children. Using various themes e.g. Halloween, animals children design and colour their own masks.(30mins)

Paper Mosaic (KS1-4)

Create colourful pictures using an assortment of coloured papers. For KS4 and adult groups we also offer tile mosaic workshops. (60-90mins)

Paper Weaving (KS1-2)

Learn the basics of weaving to create a woven design on a card. Cards can be themed with a special occasion in mind or just kept as a keepsake. (45mins)

Puppet Making (KS2)

Using the linen theme, children will create a play, split into groups to make a character from the linen story and perform some puppet theatre. (60-90mins)

Printmaking (KS1-Adult)

Designed to introduce a variety of printmaking processes and techniques that you can continue at home. Whether you have previous drawing or printing experience or just fancy having a go then this class is for you.(60mins plus depending on age and ability)

Recycling (KS1-3)

Make toys from trash, boats from junk, Flaxie musical instruments or wind chimes! (60mins)

Sun Catchers (KS1-2)

Working with tissue or glass paints on acetate to create a masterpiece to attach to windows. (45mins)

Treasure Hunt (KS1-2)

Castle gardens treasure hunt which gets children moving! (45-60mins)

T-Shirt Printing (KS2-4)

Using pen, fabric paints or iron in colours to create a unique design. (£3 charge to cover cost of T-shirt). (30mins)

Yarn Weaving (KS2- Adult)

Learn basic weaving techniques to create a swatch of fabric (60mins)

Activity Workshops including Historically Themed Tours and Outdoor activities

Castle Gardens

A 45 minute tour of the restored 17th and 19th century gardens. Tour concludes with a clay workshop giving participants the opportunity to replicate some of the objects found in the gardens during the archaeological dig.

Linen Role Plays (KS1-2)

Bringing to life the processes of making linen, growing, pulling, spinning and weaving. Making and using a flax flower instrument which children can bring home with them (45-60mins)

The Linen Game (KS1)

Based on the snakes and ladders game, this is an active way of reinforcing the knowledge children have gained in the Flax to Fabric exhibition.(60mins)

Lisburn Town Trail (KS1-3)

A tour around the historic town of Lisburn pointing out landmarks of historical interest includes a worksheet activity.(30-45mins)

Science Workshops

One of our most popular weeks at the Museum is the annual Science and Engineering

Week (which we have actually made into a fortnight due to high demand). Visitors have the opportunity to request a Science based workshop throughout the year. Themes include communication, forces, materials and properties.(45mins)

Victorian School Day (KS1-2)

Learn a little of what it was like to go to school in Victorian times. Prizes for best dressed Victorian child! (45mins)

World War II Workshops

Hands on experience with artefacts from the Museum's collections, topics include rationing, living in a blackout, evacuation and how children lived during World War II. Make your own (paper) gasmask. An optional parachute game as a teamwork exercise – weather permitting. Visit to our WWII air raid shelter. (45-60mins)

For further information contact our Assistant Education Officer, Angela Beggs email angela.beggs@lisburn.gov.uk or Tel. 028 92663377

It is amazing what you can learn in a museum – bet you didn't know there was so much in it!

Teacher Training Opportunities

We can offer workshops on how to use the artefacts and exhibitions in the Museum. Training will be around your needs. FREE! Telephone Collette Brownlee, Education Services Officer to discuss.

Learning Areas

Whole Curriculum – Skills Capabilities

Teachers can use the exhibition as a means of developing language across the curriculum.

Help your students to discover the meaning of being “on the push”, what a “yellow belly” was and just what a “weaver’s kiss” is. The permanent Flax to Fabric exhibition can be used as a resource for English, History and Science as well as Art and Design.

Learning for Life and Work

Local and Global Citizenship – study the inter-dependence between groups and understand what is shared and what is different using the linen industry as learning tool. The resource also helps in the study of mutual and personal understanding and economic awareness.

Education for Employability

Lisburn Museum was delighted to be part of the pilot scheme for this initiative. Using the Flax to Fabric exhibition students can look at the world of work, past and present. They do some group work on work roles within the linen industry and career opportunities now.

Museum staff share their work experiences and there is also a session on how to make a job application and how to sell yourself to employers. Education staff work with teachers to develop a half day / day session to suit the needs of the students.

Learning Experiences

Workshops teach children how to work on their own and as part of a group. They can assess the information they have received and have opportunities to present it to their peers. This can be done through use of museum artefacts, tours and trails.

Personal Development

A supportive and fun learning environment is encouraged which encourages children to take risks with their learning. Programmes are delivered through tailored tours and workshops using a variety of delivery methodology.

Contact Information

For further information on bookings please contact Mary or Michelle on Reception by telephoning **028 92663377** e-mailing **ilc.reception@lisburn.gov.uk**

For further information on bringing your group or on preferred format and content please contact Angela Beggs, Assistant Education Officer. Tel. **028 92663377**
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For information on designing a programme for your group or any other education information and advice please contact Collette Brownlee Education Services Officer. Tel. **028 92627054**
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Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum Opening Times

Monday – Saturday 9.30-5pm.

Last admission to galleries **4.15pm**. Museum shop closes **5.00pm**.

Building Closed: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day, Easter Monday and July 12/13.

Castle Gardens Opening Times

Opened all year round except Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

1 April – 30 September 8am-8pm

1 October – 31 March 8am-5pm.