

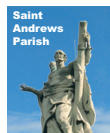
Merrion Square Heritage Open Day

Saturday 29th August 2009

10am-5pm



1. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower Georgian House Museum.
2. 49 Merrion Square. Unique painted murals in first floor rooms. The National University of Ireland.
3. 45 Merrion Square. Irish Architectural Archives.
4. St. Stephen's Pepper Canister Church.
5. Mercy International Chapel, Baggot Street Lower.
6. 58 Merrion Square, Daniel O'Connell House.
7. 63 Fitzwilliam Lane. The Merrion Mews & Stables. Restored Coach house, Coach yard and Horse Stables. The Irish Landmark Trust.
8. 63 Merrion Square, House and Garden of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.
9. 70 Merrion Square, Meeting Point for Literary Merrion Square Tour.
10. 8 Merrion Square, Architecture Centre and Townhouse, Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland. Venue for Georgian Style and Splendour.
11. St. Andrew's Parish Church, Westland Row. Meet here for from Church to Church walking tour.
12. Rutland Fountain, Merrion Square West. Meet here for the architectural walking tour.



Now in its fifth year, the Merrion Square Open Day is a day of special events celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of Merrion Square and its surroundings. Explore Georgian Dublin in a relaxed and informal programme taking in the houses, streetscapes, and churches at the heart of the city. Visitors will have an opportunity to see properties not often open to the public and enjoy special talks, walks, workshops, and music in historic churches in a programme with something for everyone.

The event is organised by Electricity Supply Board (Number 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower) in association with the Irish Architectural Archive, the Irish Georgian Society, St. Stephen's Parish Church, the Irish Landmark Trust, Mercy International Centre, the National University of Ireland, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, St. Andrew's Parish Church, and the University of Notre Dame.

Places for some events are limited so booking is recommended where you see (B). To book and for more information please see www.esb.ie/no29 or call 01 7026165.

OPEN DOORS


Throughout the day visitors will also be able to call into and gain a fresh perspective on some of the area's well known and lesser known buildings, from 10am until 5pm, including

8 Merrion Square Townhouse & Architecture Centre 

45 Merrion Square Townhouse, exhibition & archive 

49 Merrion Square Unique painted murals on first floor








St. Stephen's Pepper Canister Church, Mount Street Upper 

29 Fitzwilliam Street Lr. Georgian house museum
(ground floor access only) 

63 Fitzwilliam Lane Restored Mews and Coach house

St. Andrew's Parish Church on Westland Row 

WALKS, TALKS, & MUSIC

- 10.00am Guided Tour of 58 Merrion Square, home of Daniel O'Connell from 1809-1847 with Professor Kevin Whelan, University of Notre Dame, Keough Naughton Centre* (B)
- 10.00am Meet at Rutland Fountain opposite National Gallery of Ireland for Architectural Walking Tour of 18th Century Merrion Square, Sarah Drumm, Art Historian, Irish Georgian Society. 
- 10.00am Guided Tour of 63 Merrion Square, home of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland *(B)
- 10.30am Guided Tour of 45 Merrion Square, home of the Irish Architectural Archive * 
- 11.30pm 'Window on Baggot Street', Guided Tour of the Mercy Chapel & Catherine McAuley House on Baggot Street. (B) 
- 12.00pm 'Music in the Pepper Canister'. Listen to the sounds of an 18th century organ, built by a contemporary of G.F.Handel. St. Stephen's (Pepper Canister) Church Mount Street Crescent. 
- 1.00pm 'From Church to Church: a walking tour of the Merrion Square Quarter,' with writer & historian Peter Costello, starting at St.Andrew's Church on Westland Row and ending in the Pepper Canister. 
- 2.00pm 'Georgian Style and Splendour: Fashionable Dress in the Eighteenth Century'with art and fashion historian Sara Donaldson, IPAV and Griffith College Dublin. Number 8 Merrion Square home of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland.
- 3.00pm 'Poems in the Pepper Pot' A reading of contemporary poetry by Theo Dorgan & Paula Meehan, celebrating Dublin's urban environment in the unique atmosphere of the Pepper Canister Church. 
- 4.00pm Meet at Number 70 Merrion Square for 'A Literary Walk around the Square' explore the literary and cultural heritage of Merrion Square with author and critic Paul O'Brien. 
- 4.00pm 'Childhood in Georgian Dublin'. Explore the life of children through the collection of the Georgian House Museum. Kieran Burns, Curator Number Twenty Nine. 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower. (B)

* Guided Tour Schedule

Guided Tours will run on the half hour throughout the day in Number 45 Merrion Square.

Guided Tours will run on the hour in Number 63 Merrion Square from 10am – 12pm & 2pm- 4pm (B)

Guided Tours will run through out the day in Number 58 Merrion Square on the hour from 10am to 4pm. (B) Professor Whelan will lead another tour starting at 11am.

