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11. Lincoln Place, Swenys Chemist.
12. Westland Row, St. Andrews Parish Church.
13. Merrion Street, Natural History Museum.
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\* Beggars Bush Barracks, Haddington Road, Dublin 4. National Print Museum.  
\* South Frederick Street, Dublin 2. The Doorway Gallery.





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MERRION SQUARE OPEN DAY  
SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST 2012

Dublin’s Merrion Square Open Day is a day of special events celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of Merrion Square and its surroundings. Visitors will have an opportunity to see properties not often open to the public and enjoy special talks, walks, and music in a programme with something for everyone. Places for some events and tours are limited and are allocated on a first come basis.

Need more Information? Look out for the Merrion Square Ambassadors who will be on the Square, and in venues, on the day with a full programme of events, maps and information on Open Day buildings and events.

The event is organised in assoication with Merrion Square Innovation Network, the Central Catholic Library , the College of Anaesthetists, the Institute of Archaeologists, the Irish Architectural Archive, the Irish Georgian Society, Irish Traditional Music Archives, the National Gallery of Ireland, the National Library of Ireland, the National Museum of Ireland, the National Print Museum, the National University of Ireland, the Natural History Museum, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, St. Andrew’s Parish Church, St. Stephen’s Parish Church and Sweny’s Chemist.

Talks and Tours

10am-5pm	<b>Number 29, Georgian House Museum.</b> Free visit. Experience what life was like for the fortunate who lived in such elegant townhouses, and the less fortunate who worked in them. An ideal visit for history buffs of all ages or the plain curious! 29 Fitzwilliam Street Lower (on the corner of Merrion Square, where Fitzwilliam Street Lower meets Mount Street Upper). Ph: 01 7026165.
10am-5pm	<b>Irish Architectural Archive.</b> Open for guided tours of the largest terraced house on Merrion Square and an opportunity to see ‘Merrion Square 250,’ an exhibition celebrating the 250th Anniversary of Merrion Square. 45 Merrion Square. Ph: 01 6633040.
10am-5pm	<b>National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology.</b> ‘Thóg Trál! Take a Trail!’ Why not drop in and challenge yourself to our worksheets in Irish? Choose from Stone Age Ireland, Viking Ireland, the Treasury Trail or My Favourite Object (age 7+ drop-in activity). These activity sheets are available in the reception area and the activity cart in the Museum. Kildare Street. Ph: 01 6777444.
10am	<b>Irish Georgian Society.</b> Architectural walking tour of Merrion Square with Dr Conor Lucey. Meet at Rutland Fountain opposite National Gallery of Ireland.
11am	<b>College of Anaesthetists.</b> Introductory Talk. Places are limited to 15 spaces on a first come, first served basis. 22 Merrion Square North. Ph: 01 6614414.
11am - 5.30pm	<b>Central Catholic Library.</b> ‘The Wildes of Merrion Square’: This exhibition will evoke in word and image the family background of Oscar Wilde. 74 Merrion Square. Ph: 01 6761264.
11am	<b>St. Andrews Church.</b> A history of St. Andrews Church with Gregory Pepper. Westland Row. Meet inside the church.
11am – 4pm	<b>National Print Museum.</b> Join us for Family Fun Day. Activities include mini children’s workshops, face painting, arts and crafts and printing demonstrations. Beggars Bush Barracks, Haddington Road, Dublin 4. Ph: 01 6603770.
12 noon-1pm	<b>National Museum of Ireland – Natural History.</b> Gallery Talk: ‘Darwin’s Beetles.’ Join zoologist Catherine McGuinness to find out more about the beetles in the museum collected by Darwin, and how they ended up in Dublin. No booking required but places limited. Wheelchair accessible. Merrion Street. Ph: 01 6777444.
2pm-4pm	<b>Irish Traditional Music Archives</b> ‘Irish Traditional Music on Long-Playing Discs.’ This exhibition will explore the development of Irish traditional music during the LP era. It shows the change in style of artwork on the covers as well as reflecting major shifts in technology, i.e. from mono to stereo. 73 Merrion Square. Ph: 01 6619699.
2.30pm	<b>National Library of Ireland.</b> Take a free tour of the National Library’s magnificent domed reading room. 2/3 Kildare Street. Ph: 01 6030200.
2pm-4pm	<b>National Museum of Ireland – Natural History.</b> ‘Amazing Amphibians’ (drop-in activity). Join herpetologist Rob Gandola and members of the Herpetological Society of Ireland and discover the amazing variety of amphibians from around the world and their importance to the ecosystems they live in. No booking required but places limited, wheelchair accessible. Merrion Street. Ph: 01 6777444.
3pm	<b>National Library of Ireland.</b> Take a free tour of the National Library’s award winning Yeats exhibition. 2/3 Kildare Street. Ph: 01 6030200.
3pm	<b>Sweny’s Victorian Chemist.</b> ‘Recreations and Recitations’ from James Joyce’s Ulysses. Please note that the space is precious and limited. Lincoln Place.

Private Gallery Exhibitions

10.30am-6pm	Solo exhibition by artist Hugh Frazer at The Doorway Gallery, South Frederick Street, Dublin 2. Ph: 01 7645895.
12noon-5pm	TTT (thirtythreetrees) presents: Parallel Lines. A trilogy of images, (from a working practice), illustrating the generative force of geometry in all design disciplines. Parallel Lines is a collaboration between Jimi Shields and Rossi McAuley. 77 Merrion Square. Ph:01 5079161.

Music at the Pepper Canister Church

	Musical performances will take place throughout the day:
11am	Vocal Recital with singers from the Maire Ledwith Butler Singing Studio.
1.30pm	David O’Shea, organ: music by Bach, Liszt and Rheinberger.
2.30pm	Maria Greenan, piano: music by Mendelssohn, Messiaen and Ginastera.
3.30pm	Ciarán O’Connell, flute and Siobhán Kilkelly, organ: music by Roseingrave, Liebermann and Alain.

The National Gallery of Ireland

11.30am	Highlights of the Gallery’s Collection (a talk in the lecture theatre).
12 noon	Family Tour.
12.30pm	Aspects of Irish Art (a talk in the lecture theatre).
2pm	Public tour.
3pm	The World of Jack B. Yeats (a talk in the lecture theatre).
4-5pm	Film, Vermeer’s ‘The Art of Painting’ (film screening in the lecture theatre). The Atrium work space will be supervised throughout the day for anyone to drop in and use for drawing and creative work.

Historic Buildings

- Throughout the day visitors will be able to drop into many well known and lesser known historic buildings (please note opening hours), including:
- Number 29, Georgian House Museum. Junction of Fitzwilliam Street Lower and Mount Street Upper. 10am-5pm.
  - 8 Merrion Square, Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland. Townhouse and Architecture Bookshop. Partial wheelchair access. Self guided. 11am-4pm.
  - 45 Merrion Square, Irish Architectural Archive. 10am-5 pm.
  - 49 Merrion Square, National University of Ireland. Self guided tour of the unique painted murals on the first floor with staff available for questions. 10am-5pm
  - St. Stephen’s Pepper Canister Church. 10am- 5pm.
  - 63 Merrion Square, Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland. Explore this fine townhouse and its beautiful recently restored Georgian back garden. (South Side of Square). 11.30am-1.30pm.
  - 63 Merrion Square, Institute of Archaeologists in Ireland. (South Side of Square). 11.30am-1.30pm.
  - 73 Merrion Square, Irish Traditional Music Archives. 2pm-4pm.
  - 74 Merrion Square, Central Catholic Library. 11am-5.30 pm.
  - Swenys Chemist. Victorian Chemist mentioned in Ulysses. Lincoln Place. 10am-5pm.
  - St. Andrews Parish Church on Westland Row. 11am-12.30pm.

Time for Tea

The Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street, (off Merrion Square).  
The Davenport Hotel, Merrion Square, Dublin 2.  
The Mont Clare Hotel, 6 Merrion Street Lower.  
Special offers will be available on the day (ask staff for details).