



New Public Art for Salmon Point Amenity Area

Nine sculptural artworks have recently been installed at Salmon Point Amenity Area. The sculptures have been specifically designed for the area by artist Stephen Hurrel. By introducing colour and intriguing shapes to the amenity area the artist hopes that more people will find the site interesting and welcoming.

Each of the five wood and steel constructions is based on designs of nautical signal flags. Each signal flag represents a message as well as a letter of the alphabet. The 'hidden message' in the five pieces spells out **S.L.I.G.O.**

Four large pieces of Kilkenny Limestone each have a single word craved into their top surface, **HOLD FAST** and **HANG TEN**. The idea of having the text on the top surface is so that so that each letter may, at times, fill up with rain water. This also makes reference to the water that used to exist on this former swimming pool site.

The text '**HOLD FAST**' refers to tattoos that Riggers who once worked in the port used to have on their hands to help them pull in the ropes.

The text '**HANG TEN**' refers to a surfing term, ten toes hanging over front of the surf-board. This reference recognises the many forms of exchange between Ireland and America. Surfing has become a popular 'imported' sport. However Ireland is well connected to



Wood and painted steel sculptures at Salmon Point Amenity Area (adjacent to Hughes Bridge on the site of the old swimming pool) Photo credit: Andrew Pattie

the history of surfing also as it was George Freeth, son of an Irish family who immigrated to Hawaii, who learned how to surf from the locals and then introduced it to California... it then travelled back to Ireland.

Additionally the artist has also designed ripples in the grass - in the area where the swimming pool used to occupy. The ripples emanate from the point where people would dive from the diving board.

Stephen Hurrel was commissioned by Sligo Local Authorities and funded by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Per Cent for Art Scheme. The commission marks the delivery of the Sligo Waste Water Treatment Plant officially opened in May 2009.

Further information is available from Sligo Arts Service, arts@sligococo.ie 071 911 1822

Disposal of Organic Waste



As part of the ongoing series of Podcasts being produced by Sligo County Council, Pete Murtagh, Waste Enforcement Officer with Sligo Co. Co. talks about the importance of managing organic waste properly and the imminent changes that are about to happen in this area of waste management which will affect everybody.



Due to the difficulties associated with dealing with organic waste at landfill, such as leachate and landfill gas, as well as various legislative targets that Ireland has to meet with regard to waste management, we shall soon see the introduction of a third bin for the collection of organic waste from domestic households.

It is envisaged that this third bin or 'brown' bin will start to be introduced in Co. Sligo from September 2009. This bin will be for the disposal of food waste, both cooked and uncooked, green waste, from the garden and other domestically produced organic waste.

The system will be initially rolled out in the urban areas of the County, with further provision expected in the future. Sligo County Council is also continuing to promote the use of home composters as this is a simple, yet effective, way of diverting organic waste away from landfill.

Home composters are available at a subsidised rate of €35 from your local County Council office. Green waste from people's gardens can also be brought to the Ballisodare Composting Facility, where the waste is transformed into compost which can be used again for gardening or landscaping purposes. Opening times and details as follows:

Opening Times:

Monday – Friday	10:00 am – 1:00pm	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Saturday	10:00am – 2:00pm	

Gate Fees:

Standard Black Bag	€1
Car Trailer (single axle)	€6
Car Trailer (double axle)	€8
Standard Van	€15
Standard Truck	€20

Further details are also available on the Sligo County Council website or from the Environment section on 071 9111915.

The Podcast will be aired on Ocean FM on Sunday 13th September at 9.00am and again on Wednesday 16th September at 6.40pm. It will also be available for download on the Sligo County & Borough Council websites at www.sligococo.ie or www.sligoborough.ie

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Culture Night Sligo 2009

**SEE ALL SORTS,
ALL AGES,
ALL FREE**

**Friday 25th September,
6pm – 10pm**



Curiosity and energy will fill the streets on Friday 25th September 2009 as Sligo's first ever Culture Night brings together over 30 cultural organisations who will open their doors and provide an evening of free entertainment for all the family to enjoy. Running from 6pm – 10pm, the town will be transformed into a cultural wonderland on the night for what the organisers promise will be a night of entertainment, discovery and adventure.

Alongside collage parties, outdoor films, exhibitions, concerts, jamming sessions, DJing, opportunities to meet artists in their studios and so much more, keep a look out for the carnival characters and drummers weaving their way through the streets of Sligo.

There's all sorts of fun and entertainment in store, for all ages and it's all for Free!

To ensure that nobody misses out, Bus Eireann Sligo are providing discounted bus fares on 3 of their main routes into Sligo from 6pm to 10pm. So go on ... Hop on a bus and let the live musicians on the buses get you in the mood for Culture Night Sligo. Will your route be jazzy, trad, classical or folksy? Catch the last bus into town for 6pm as all routes will be in full swing for what promises to be a night to remember! Sligo Concert Band will greet and meet you as they perform at Bus Eireann Station from 6pm.

Another special treat in store for the night is Sligo's Bag of Culture available for free at the three Information Points at the Bus Eireann Station, in the White Cube along Rockwood Parade and at the main entrance of the Institute of Technology, Ballinode and create your own journey of discovery around Sligo's Culture Night trail. Each participating venue or event has a specially designed stamp so you can get your bag marked as you go!

Programmes with full listings of events are available from Sligo Arts Service, (071) 911 1826, participating venues and public buildings or by logging on to www.sligoarts.ie.