

ULSTER SCOTS LEID WEEK 25 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2019

The Arts and Culture Service are running a number of events as part of Ulster Scots LEID Week from 25 to 30 November 2019.

Ballyclare Town Hall

Monday 25 November 2019, 7pm – 9.30pm

Join us for an evening of music and dancing with the Alastair Scott Ceilidh band to celebrate the launch of the first ever Ulster-Scots Language Week!

No previous dancing experience necessary!

Arts Service

With assistance from the Ulster Scots Agency the arts development service will be delivering a drama project with two Borough Secondary Schools, which will create a performing art piece which will then be delivered to older residents in some Borough care homes as an outreach activity.

Pogue's Entry

Tuesday 26th November, 7pm – 8pm.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

A discussion from Gary Blair on the history and usage of the Ulster-Scots Language in literature and everyday life. Ulster-Scots has largely been assimilated into the everyday speech of people across Ulster with its purest forms spoken in the North East, the South East and areas of the West of the Province. We will look at how this came about and why, on the one hand it has remained constant in some areas but declining elsewhere. We will also look at the variants of Scots spoken here and in Scotland itself and how the Language adds to the richness of our various communities throughout Ulster.

Gary Blair is an Education Officer for the Ulster Scots Agency responsible for organising and delivering projects in schools in the primary and post-primary sectors in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Cavan, Donegal and Monaghan.

Museum at The Mill

Thursday 28th November, 7pm – 8pm

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

The Ulster Scots language has been around for 400 years. During this week it is the intention to make people aware of how it is used in every day speech, without them

realising it. You will hear many words and phrases that are very familiar and perhaps not so familiar.

Pull up a chair to hear about the Ulster Scots culture, music and dance and how some of these traditions arrived and evolved, presented by William Hill. Following with poetry readings and friendly discussion over a cup of tea.

Antrim Castle Gardens

Antrim Town Historic Walking Tour

Saturday 30th November, 2pm – 4pm

Starting at the historic Clotworthy House the tour will take you on a journey through the beautiful Castle Gardens learning of the towns Elizabethan origins, we then follow the 6 mile river to the Massereene Bridge where we enter the town centre where we visit Pogues Entry the former home of world renowned author Alexander Irvine and also visit his and his parents grave in the historic All Saints Parish Church.

We then proceed from the 'Scotch Quarter' of the town down to Market Square walking in the footsteps of the United Irishmen Presbyterians of 1798 and learn of their failed battle in June of that year.

Its then through the beautiful Barbican Gate and back into the Castle Gardens to learn of the rise and fall of the local gentry the Massereene family, finishing back in Clotworthy House.

Duration approx 1.45 hrs