

ARTS AND HERITAGE SERVICE

Celebrating Women

2019



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
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Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is supporting this year's International Herstory Light Festival in January with a programme of events and activities.

The International Herstory Light Festival celebrates women and equality, with this year's festival focusing on the 'World of Equals' theme.

As part of the international festival, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will illuminate Enniskillen Castle and the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh, purple on four consecutive nights from Friday 4 to Monday 7 January 2019.

A number of events will also take place during the Festival to 'celebrate women'.

Events at Strule Arts Centre include:

Heroines and Feminine Wisdom

Friday 04 January 7pm - 9pm £FREE

A storytelling evening, around the theme of 'Ancients Rising', focussing on heroines and feminine wisdom will include Weihong, a Chinese dancer and Nisha Tandon, founder and Director of ArtsEkta. There will be a short dance performance, interesting insights into the role of Chinese and Indian women, in the home and work environments, along with their experiences in this country.

Walking the Labyrinth with Valerie Whitworth

Saturday 05 January 11am to 1pm (£3)

A simple but powerful tool to assist relaxation, meditation and self-discovery to encourage your personal development as a new year begins.

Burlesque Dancing

Saturday 05 January 1.05pm to 1.15pm £FREE

Kathy Collins will provide an insight and demo of burlesque dancing.

Hidden Figures (Film)

Saturday 05 January 2pm (£4)

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history.

Futuristic Careers

Monday 07 January 10am to 12.30pm (£2)

A variety of speakers will talk about career and business opportunities. Some speakers include Lauren O'Neill who is studying for a Ph.D. relating to the harp, Mary MacRory from Omagh Enterprise Centre and Lynn McKinley Chairperson Omagh Town Centre Forum. Some staff from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will also give talks in relation to Events Management, Economic Development and Tourism and IT.

In Enniskillen Castle the following events will take place:

Girl Power Workshop

Saturday 5 January at 11am and 2pm £FREE

Little ones can enjoy an hour-long Girl Power Workshop with picture books and stories to inspire young girls. Suitable for 4-7-year olds.

'Suffragettes, Scholars, Sisters & Spies: Women in Fermanagh 100 Years Ago' exhibition,
28 January to 6 April 2019

This exhibition illuminates Fermanagh's forgotten and famous daughters from the turn of the twentieth century. Discover what life was like for women at this pivotal time in national and international "herstory;" from the war to winning the vote. The unique selection of artefacts on display will remind us of the valuable contributions made by women to society, the home, and working life. Normal admission rates apply.

For more information on any of the events and to book please visit the Strule Arts Centre website at www.struleartscentre.co.uk and Enniskillen Castle website at www.enniskillencastle.co.uk