

WINTER SOLSTICE NIGHT

COME AND JOIN US ON WINTER SOLSTICE NIGHT,
21 DECEMBER 2016 FOR THE CITY OF DUBLIN
WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION FESTIVAL



Slí an Chroí and **Smashing Times Theatre Company**, supported by Grangegorman Public Art and Dublin City Council, are delighted to announce the 7th annual **City of Dublin Winter Solstice Celebration Festival** taking place on Wednesday 21 December 2016 from 6 to 8pm.

Young and old are invited to take part in this year's magical parade which honours the Winter Solstice on December 21, marking the shortest day of the year which is celebrated worldwide across a range of cultures. This family festival is a colourful gathering of local communities with national and international visitors celebrating the Winter Solstice, bringing together traditional storytelling, poetry and craft making with the processional parade culminating in a pow-

erful and moving collective fire ceremony in Dublin's Smithfield Square. The Celebration invites everyone to take part in this inclusive gathering of people of all ethnicities and cultures through costuming, drumming, parading, flag carrying and being a participant in the Winter Solstice Fire Ceremony, the traditional climax on Smithfield Square.

Bring warm, colourful clothes to wear for the parade. Red and yellow colours are preferable.

Please also feel free to carry your own battery operated lanterns, or a drum or rattle if you have one. Come and welcome the return of the light on this festive and magical night for family and friends to enjoy.

The City Of Dublin Winter Solstice Celebration Festival 2016 is generously supported by '...the lives we live'¹ Grangegorman Public Art and Dublin City Council. A family friendly, participatory and inclusive festival.



INDOOR FESTIVAL:

6-7pm, DIT Grangegorman Campus

The gathering begins. All are welcome to come and enjoy storytelling and poetry sessions, céili music and dancing, face painting and craft making to work on rattles and wreaths for the parade.



OUTDOOR FESTIVAL AND PARADE ASSEMBLY:

7pm, An Croí – DIT Grangegorman Campus

Parade assembles at 7pm and starts at 7.10pm, moving from DIT Grangegorman Campus to Smithfield Square and culminates in the Winter Solstice Fire Ceremony.

All activities are free. Street Parking is available on Rathdown Road outside the DIT Grangegorman Campus.

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