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### Welcome

Dear Friends of HSC,

We have a full Winter programme ahead. Highlights include Philip Johnston's book release "The Tale o' Daft Eddie an' the Smugglers o' Strangford Lough" and Bob Brown's talk on "Jamaica and Strangford Lough.... What's Hans Sloane got to do with it?" Both are well worth reserving a seat for. Philip is a nephew of Jim Lindsay and Bob holds major wildlife and environmental credentials.

We have a Tropics Skincare Kit on Raffle, Lino Printing and Felting workshops for any crafters and EFL Conversation Classes for our new residents.

Book now for our **Christmas Music by Firelight** evening, with Mulled wine, German treats, Christmas Music and Carols and Songs. Please read on for all the details.

### For further information or to book any event:

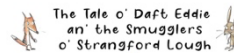
- 1/ DM: Facebook or Instagram.
- 2/ Email: [info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk)
- 3/ Ring: 07896254153.
- 4/ Call in to the Centre.

If you would like to be on our mailing list then please email [info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk).

## New Book Release

### The Tale o' Daft Eddie an' the Smugglers o' Strangford Lough by Philip Johnston.

#### New Book Release!



An evening with the Author and Illustrator  
Philip Johnston

Thursday 7th November 2024 7:30pm  
The Sir Hans Sloane Centre, Killyleagh

To reserve a seat TEXT your name, number of seats and Daft Eddie to 07896254153

We are thrilled to announce that author and illustrator, Philip Johnston, will be at the Centre from 7.30pm on 7th November 2024.

To reserve a seat TEXT your name, number of seats and Daft Eddie to 07896254153.



"I'm very excited to be coming to Killyleagh, my ancestral home! A very special place to me indeed! I look forward to sharing a little about my book with you all!"  
The Tale o' Daft Eddie an' the Smugglers o' Strangford Lough"

Thursday 7th November 2024 7:30pm  
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### Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 10am-12pm & 2-4pm.

Wednesday 10am-4pm

Saturday

10am-12pm & (often) 2-4pm

The centre may be open outside these hours or on request.

Please tel 07896254153.

Opening hours are due to volunteer availability. We welcome more volunteers to join our staff rota.

## November Events

### Talk by Bob Brown OBE (19<sup>th</sup> Nov)

#### *Jamaica and Strangford Lough.... What's Hans Sloane got to do with it?*

**When?** 7pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

**Cost?** £10

**How?** Eventbrite ([www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/sir-hans-sloane-centre-37150444393](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/sir-hans-sloane-centre-37150444393)) or at the Centre.

We are delighted to have Bob come and give us such a personal perspective on the flora & fauna of Strangford Lough and its surrounds, comparing it to that in Jamaica. With much for locals and the general public to relate to, and ideas of what might have been formative in the development of young Hans Sloane in the 1660s.

Bob is our local marine biologist and worked for almost fifty years in research and conservation, living in Jamaica for 3yrs doing research and lecturing at the University of the West Indies. He managed the National Trust's Strangford Lough Wildlife Scheme for a decade before becoming head of RSPB's work in NI. Bob is a Trustee of Ulster Wildlife and gives lectures on expedition ships in the Polar Regions and the South Atlantic.



**We are extremely grateful to Bob for donating all proceeds to HSC.**

### Science Club: 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Our Science Club for Key Stage 2 & 3 pupils (approx age 7-14) continues on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 2-3.30 pm.



This month we are going to investigate Liquids and Solids and make our own oobleck from Dr Seuss (9<sup>th</sup>) and then look into atoms, molecules, elements and The Periodic Table (23<sup>rd</sup>).

If you are interested in joining, please let us know via facebook, Instagram or email (see first page).

### Lino Cutting for Christmas Cards.



Delighted to have Cecilia share her many years experience with us for a 5 week course.

**When?** Weekly from Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Oct to Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov (1:30 - 3:30pm).

**Cost?** = £35

**How?** DM or call into HSC to book.

Print your very own Christmas Cards - materials & refreshments are included in the price. Booking is essential!

### English as a Foreign Language : Conversation Classes

Donna and/or Thomas will take these informal lessons, focusing on increasing vocabulary and improving conversational abilities.

**When?** Wed 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov (12-1pm)

**Cost?** FREE

**How?** DM to ensure your place or call down on the day and we will find you a seat.



We look forward to meeting as many people as possible from all over the world – you will be most welcome.

## Internet Café

Due to funding from FIBRUS, we are delighted to offer FREE internet access.



Call down any time we are open and you can even make yourself a coffee while you work!

We can also offer use of laptops when trained staff are available to assist you get set up.

### When?

12-2 **Wed 6<sup>th</sup>**, 2-4pm **Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** & 10-12 **Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Nov.

We will try to accommodate people outside of these times and hours will increase as more staff are trained. Please do call in and avail of this new facility.

If your computer or laptop breaks down and you need some homework, coursework or work preparation completed then please DM us on Facebook to arrange a time or call in to the Centre and we will do our best to accommodate you.

## Ongoing Events

### Work Experience

We offer regular work experience to students both during the school holidays and at weekends. Students are currently helping with Saturday Science Club which runs twice monthly. If interested please email



**info@sirhanssloane centre.co.uk**

with subject heading WEX.

*" My summer gaining work experience at The Sir Hans Sloane centre was really enjoyable and I got a lot out of it. It will really help me at GCSE level. Working with Elizabeth and Donna has been great fun and I have continued to enjoy volunteering at their Saturday Science Club ".*

Quote from Student at Assumption Grammar School.

## Pre-Loved Book Sale

We still have a variety of paperback and hardback books for sale from 50p to £3.



## Gift Shop

Our little shop will be ready for Christmas, with Christmas cards, tree decorations, small toys, science kits and lots of stocking fillers for children!



Other stock includes a variety of cards, t-shirts, prints of Killyleagh



Castle, cushions, jewellery, soaps, glassware, wooden clocks & tea light holders, paintings and prints.



Call in anytime to browse

our complete range. All profits from our gift shop go directly to our charity work. Christmas stock appearing this month.





## Patio Garden & Refreshments

Although the days are getting colder, there is still life and colour in our botanic garden. Blooming now and bursting with colour: cyclamens, heathers, winter pearls (gaultheria procumbens),



hollies and pansies.

Please call in and have a rest on our new sofa and chairs! Why not bring a packed lunch and play some board games with the children?

If you fancy a cup of tea or coffee, you are most welcome to make it using our hot water jugs, tea, coffee etc on the tray provided!

We suggest a donation of £2 - £5, which can be left in our Donation Box.

## Plant of the Month : Mediterranean olive (olea europea)

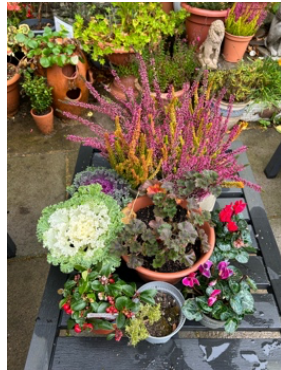
Our olive tree retains its leaves all winter and is about to produce a crop of black olives.



Thanks to our proximity to Strangford Lough, the mild microclimate of our botanic garden allows many tender Mediterranean plants and trees to overwinter happily outdoors in Killyleagh.

## Guided Tours

Please email [info@sirhanssloanecentre](mailto:info@sirhanssloanecentre) or DM Facebook / Instagram to arrange a guided tour and / or short talk.



## Look what we did in Oct!

### VIP Visitor

HSC was delighted to welcome, Claire Hanna, Leader of the SDLP to our Discovery Centre in Killyleagh.



As a charity / non-profit organization, it is essential for us to have as much support from local politicians as possible. This not only raises our profile but also provides us with

an additional network of support.

We were delighted to hear that Claire enjoyed her time at HSC and plans to come back again soon! Claire is pictured here with Trustee Martin Craigs

We thank Claire for taking time out of her busy schedule to visit us. The visit was arranged by SDLP Councillor Will Polland, whose grandmother Anne volunteers with us.



### Ken Legge Vision4Kids Art Exhibition

The Hans Sloane Centre was delighted to host Ken Legge's Vision4Kids Art Exhibition throughout October. Ken donates all proceeds of his paintings to mission work in Kenya.



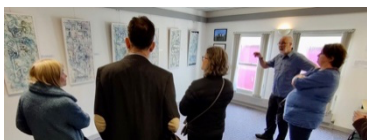
## Art Exhibition & Talk: Huguenot legacy in Ireland

by Tommy Barr

Tommy presented an extremely interesting illustrated talk on the Huguenots, their times and legacy in Ireland.



After this sold-out lecture, we were delighted that Tommy agreed to extend his exhibition for a further 3 weeks.



*We would like to thank Tommy for donating all proceeds to HSC.*



Thanks to all of our supporters, many new to the Centre, who came along to chat to Tommy at his closing event and to enjoy Ken Legge's paintings which continue to be exhibited until 1<sup>st</sup> November.



## A History of Unmanned Aircraft from Belfast

by Paddy Mallon from Spirit Aerosystems

There was a great turn out for Paddy's talk which covered the history and technical nuances of unmanned aircraft. His knowledge and humour made this a most

enjoyable event, attended by the great and the good of local air industry professionals, hobbyists and sixth form students applying for engineering degrees.



This free event was funded by a Royal Society of Chemistry grant and is part of our STEM series of talks. We are proud to have the RSC fund our project here in Northern Ireland.

## Chemistry of Combustion for Fire Engineering

by Mr David Brown (Flamma Fire Protection Services & Envirograf Ireland)

There was much to learn from David's talk on Fire Engineering. He not only covered the chemistry of combustion but also discussed how to prevent or reduce the impact of fire.

David has specialist knowledge and interest in the conservation and preservation of older buildings and artefacts which was fascinating to hear about!

This free event was also funded by the Royal Society of Chemistry grant and is part of our STEM series of talks.



## Science Club



Saturday Science Club continued in October and children made dinosaur nests, dissected a hen's egg and watched a video of a chick hatching! We were full to capacity for this workshop. Such great enthusiasm. We were impressed by the extent of knowledge children had on dinosaurs. Always so fascinating!!





Funded by the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Science Club is currently FREE!

We are delighted to be the only organisation in NI to have been awarded a RSC grant.

## Science Workshop at St Mary's Primary School

Elizabeth and Donna were delighted to be working with the young scientists of Killyleagh.

Thanks to The Royal Society of Chemistry for funding our experiment to extract DNA from Strawberries - grown locally of course! So much talent In the P6 & P7 class at St Mary's Primary School! White coats on and such excitement when each child produced the DNA



## Room Hire

### 1/ Meeting Room.

**Cost?** £25 for first hr and £20/hr after that.

**Accommodates?** 12

**Includes?** wifi, kitchen & toilet facilities, heating, projector, chairs, desks, staff in attendance.



### 2/ Office.

**Cost?** For 1 day/week = £45/month

**Accommodates?** 2

**Includes?** wifi, kitchen & toilet facilities, chairs & desks, secure lock.



### 3/ Training / Workshop Room

**Cost?** £25 for first hour and £20/hr after that.

**Accommodates?** 20 with desks or 30 seated.

**Suitable for?** Art/Craft classes, seminars, talks etc

**Includes?** wifi, kitchen & toilet facilities, heating, projector, chairs, desks, staff in attendance.



## Volunteering at HSC

Can you spare a few hours/week to be in the Centre to allow visitors to see our displays and view our gift shop?



For further information:

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## Facebook & Instagram

All activities are advertised on our facebook and Instagram pages:

[www.facebook.com/sirhanssloanecentre](https://www.facebook.com/sirhanssloanecentre)

[www.instagram.com/sloanecentre/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/sloanecentre/?hl=en)

## Websites

### (1) Discover Northern Ireland

This is the official NI tourism website.

### (2) Trip Advisor

Why not give us a review if you've been to the Centre or attended any events?

### (3) Sir Hans Sloane Centre

Our website is currently being updated and improved but ALL activities are now advertised under the "News" section.

<https://sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk/>

**CEO & Founder**

**Dr Elizabeth Crilly MSc. PGCE, MInstP.**

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**Lorraine Lawson, Richard Cushnie & Martin Craigs**

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