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Welcome

Dear Friends of HSC,

It has been another busy month at the Centre. We are delighted to announce that our gift shop is now open! The general theme is "Science and Discovery" and we also support local artists.

Our patio has been turned into a Botanic and Physic Garden, modelled on Sir Hans Sloane's one in London! Please call in to see the changes, sit for a while and even have a tea or coffee.

We have numerous activities planned during the summer - so please keep reading and follow us on Facebook or Instagram or keep an eye on our website for further details.

For further information or to book any event:

- 1/ DM: Facebook or Instagram.
- 2/ Email: info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk
- 3/ Ring: **07896254153**.

Patio & Refreshments

Our patio area is now open, so please feel free to use it - just walk through the Centre to access!

We are often asked by visitors if we offer tea/coffee and so, your wish is our command!!



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



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

Opening Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10am-12pm & 2-4pm.

Wednesday 10am-2pm

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

The centre is often 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.

July Events

P6/P7 Summer Homework Club

Is your child moving into P7 in September?
Do they have lots of past papers and revision to do over the Summer?
Would they like some assistance?

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HSC will be running a P6 -> P7 Homework Club throughout the Summer.

These sessions are FREE - parents are welcome to have a cup of tea / coffee and wait in our outdoor patio area.

All sessions run from 2-3pm.

July Dates:

Tues 2nd, Mon 8th, Thurs 25th, Mon 29th.

To book: call in to the Centre, DM on social media or email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk.

August dates will be published in our next newsletter.

If you would like to be on our mailing list then please email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk.

Dragonfly Studio Raffle (proceeds to HSC)



Amanda has kindly organized a raffle for one of her limited edition prints!

**£2.50 per ticket
£10.00 for 5 tickets**

Tickets available to buy at the Sir Hans Sloane Centre. The winning ticket will be drawn on August 26th.

Exhibition: Inch Art Group 8th July to 30th August 2024

We look forward to hosting an Exhibition by Inch Art Group. Please call in and have a look - we can also provide tea / coffee inside or on our patio area - so why not sit and have a chat about the paintings?



Felting Workshop: Framed Picture

by Killyleagh's own Wee Felt Fiddler!

Due to popular demand, Jillian is running a couple of Felting Workshops over the Summer. The cost for each 2 hr workshop is £20.00 and includes all materials.

Workshop 1 = Framed Picture.

3-5pm on Thursday 25th July



Workshop 2 = Dressed Figure

3-5pm on Monday 19th August

Places are limited due to equipment needed.

To book: call in to the Centre, DM on social media or email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk.

Daisy: our Volunteer Rabbit

Our volunteer rabbit **DAISY** will be visiting us on **8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 19th August** so please do call in and say hello!



Reading Days: Rabbit Hutch Library

Call in anytime to have a read and maybe even meet Daisy!

Story Telling Sessions will be held on **12th, 15th, 19th, 22nd, 26th & 29th August at 3 pm.**

Why not meet up with friends and have a chat while the children have fun looking at our books and exploring our dressing up box?



Botanic and Physic Garden

It's been 3 yrs in the making but our Botanic and Physic Garden has really taken shape! Come along to see for yourselves. You can make a cup of tea or coffee and sit and enjoy the surroundings.

Our thanks to a wonderful and generous volunteer, Thomas, who has created and curated this collection.



Plants from around the world and through the ages. There will be an ongoing set of plant themes celebrated and of course in time the

development of a community garden. Come and see the plans.

The young man in the photos is Atanas who has also given his time on this project and learned many new skills along the way.



Ancient Celtic Tree Calendar

An interactive exhibition of discovery in our botanic garden that will allow visitors to see, identify and learn about the trees of the 13 month ancient Celtic calendar.



**Discover what your birth month tree is!
What's your tree sign..?**

Summer / Autumn 2024

Summer Scheme (10am - 2pm on 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th & 14th August)

Open to children of all cultures and traditions.

Our Summer Scheme is funded for the 4th year running by the Ulster-Scots Agency.

Booking fee = £5 / day (includes lunch)

Please keep an eye out for further details in our August Newsletter as well as on Facebook, Instagram and our website.



Ice Cream Day - 19th August

Come along to taste some freshly made ice cream, learn the science of ice cream making and make your own.



This workshop is FREE, but booking is ESSENTIAL.
Slots: 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm.

Email, DM or call in to the Centre to reserve your slot.

There will also be ice creams available to buy!

Science Activities

We were delighted to learn that we are the only centre outside of mainland UK to receive a grant from the **Royal Society of Chemistry**!

This grant enables us to host a range of Summer and Autumn activities including:

- 1/ visit to sewage plant, making water filters and water quality testing at Strangford Lough.
- 2/ molecules & fighting disease.
- 3/ making ice cream & edible cells.
- 4/ exploring & categorizing beach flora & fauna.
- 5/ Periodic Table Wall: chemical elements will be 'adopted' by families. e.g Iron (Fe) – the Ferris family. Children will paint stones with the elements and they will be displayed.

There will also be a number of talks and a Science Careers Event.



Please keep an eye out for further details in our August Newsletter as well as on Facebook, Instagram and our website. **If you would like to be added to our mailing list then please just call in to the Centre or DM on social media or email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk.**

Organisation (Location)	Project summary
Cambridge Hands-On Science (Mid-Anglia)	A student volunteer organisation is running a science roadshow bringing chemical science experiments to schools and public audiences.
Sir Hans Sloane Centre (Northern Ireland)	Activities for families centred on local history and industry, including chemistry and careers talks, interactive workshops & the building of a periodic table wall.
University of Birmingham (Birmingham & West Mids)	An outreach day for children from three primary schools, with research demonstrations, campus tours and hands-on activities. In order to raise aspirations and demystify uni.
Boston Endeavour Academy (East Midlands)	A tailored Wonder Dome experience will be provided to students at a SEN school, overcoming logistical and sensory issues and inspiring interest in science.
BeScience STEM CIC (East Midlands)	Series of problem solving events for secondary school students, where teams will address real-world chemistry challenges that require sustainable solutions to win prizes.
Ledbury Community Hub (Birmingham & West Mids)	Activity club focusing on water pollution and citizen science for teenagers from underrepresented backgrounds, prior to making their A-level choices.
Research Centre, Uni of Nottingham (East Midlands)	Workshops on electron microscopy for children- can make suggestions of items to image. A follow-up session will stream results while staff explain the electron microscopy process and its use. Alternative career pathways will be highlighted to raise aspirations.
Humber STEM Event (Hull and East Yorkshire)	Primary school students can engage in activities and attend Q&A sessions led by local industry reps, highlighting tangible career pathways and widening participation.
J Howroyd (Central Yorkshire)	Local artist & chemist will run workshops on the chemistry of natural dyes and pigments, aiming to widen participation in STEM by making the topic related to everyday items.
St Augustine of Canterbury (Liverpool)	A Design & Technology teacher is setting up an afterschool club for secondary school students covering smart materials chemistry.
Engineering Development Trust (Liverpool)	A charity is running a series of hands-on green chemistry-themed workshops for a primary school. Parents to attend a session with local chemists, covering careers.
Middlesex Uni London (Chilterns & Middlesex)	An outreach day will be delivered to Key Stage Two students from five schools, with two hands-on activities. In order to raise aspirations and demystify university.
King's College London (Kent)	Six one-day lab events for secondary students and a one week summer school for Year 12 students, giving underserved students experience of chemistry at university.
University of Oxford (Thames Valley)	The University of Oxford and a community charity are collaborating to provide a stall with family-friendly chemistry activities at playdays in underserved areas.
University College London (Chilterns & Middlesex)	Chemistry summer school followed by a 12 month virtual mentoring program focused on practical careers advice, for year 12 students from underrepresented backgrounds.
4wardFutures (Downland / Liverpool/Birmingham & W Mids)	A charity are organising workshops and webinars for children on sustainable chemistry relating to clothing, including a careers showcase and workshops.
Wowbagger Productions (Downland, Cent Yorkshire, Birmingham & W Mids)	Series of workshops at a festival, a comic convention and in community spaces. The workshops are themed around their 'Acid Box' comic work, covering the use of drugs in culture, chemistry and geology, and will be co-designed with young chemical scientists.
Then Try This (Peninsula)	A non-profit and community organisation to provide field trips and interdisciplinary lab activities for disadvantaged families, focus on local mining, crystals and music.
Pool School Gallery CIC / Falmouth Uni (Peninsula)	A gallery is running workshops for secondary school children on the chemistry of sculpture. A variety of art techniques and chemistry topics will be covered, and the workshops will be delivered to students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
The MoSAIC (Bristol & District)	An artist and former science teacher will run two day-long workshops for Key Stage 3 students, experimenting with hydrogen and turning the sounds of reactions into music.
The Real Photography Company CIC (Bristol)	A community interest company is providing ten workshops to primary school children on the chemistry of photography darkrooms.
Caine Pocket Park (Bristol & District)	Activities to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Joseph Priestley's discovery of oxygen including activity pack, pop-up show and a showcase of practical uses for oxygen.
Planet CIC (Southwest & Central Wales)	A community interest company - series of workshops for pupils to build eco cities from Lego while learning about how chemistry can address today's sustainability challenges.
Techniquest. (South East Wales)	Hands-on chemistry workshops for primary school students from disadvantaged areas will receive a visit to the science centre and an experience in the lab.
RSC South East Wales Local Section (South East Wales)	Along with local uni and industry partners - a stand at Eisteddfod 2024, to engage the public and to discuss all aspects of chemistry and its importance in society.

Talk by Bob Brown OBE - coming November 2024

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

Bob's talk had to be postponed last November and is now rescheduled for Autumn 2024 - any tickets bought for the original event will still be valid. If you are no longer able to attend (when the date is announced), please just call in to the Centre for a full refund.



Work Experience



We offer work experience to students during the Summer holidays (as well as a weekly basis).

Thank you to these 3 young ladies on a Work Experience project with the Sir Hans Sloane Centre . Creating a table top collage, taking inspiration from local resident Jackie Booth.



We look forward to enjoying the table on the Patio.

Remember you can drop in and make yourself a tea or coffee and relax amidst the plants. ... or the books!

Do you know anyone applying for teaching, drama, engineering, nursing, or vet courses? If interested, they should email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk with subject heading WEX.

Ongoing Events

Guided Tours



Please email (info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk) or DM (Facebook / Instagram) to arrange a guided tour of the Centre and / or short talk.

Gift Shop

We are delighted that our gift shop is now open! The general theme is "Science and Discovery" & we stock local art and craft pieces as well.



Our stock includes children's science kits, toys, and t-shirts, prints of Killyleagh Castle, cushions, jewellery, soaps, glassware, wooden clocks and

tea light holders, and framed pictures; all of which would make super presents.



Call in anytime to browse our complete range of cards and gifts.



Pre-Loved Book Sale



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

Why not call down and buy from us for a fraction of the cost you will pay at an airport?!

Look what we did in June!

Chocolate Workshop

Elizabeth and Donna were delighted to spend 2



hrs with Mr Watson's class at Cedar Integrated Primary School. The children learnt about classifying

sweets, hydrophobic and hydrophylic substances, oobleck, crystalline and amorphous



structures, the difference between cocoa and cacao, Sir Hans Sloane and even the Health Benefits of Dark Chocolate!

French & Italian Classes

Our French and Italian classes with Thomas continued throughout June. These have been extremely popular and you are most welcome to join at any time.

We plan to run more of these again in September! Why not follow us on Facebook or Instagram to get the most up-to-date information?



Wine Tasting Evening



We would like to thank Sean Hamill and JN Wines of Crossgar for hosting an amazingly successful evening.

This event was sold out, so if you missed out on a ticket, keep an eye out for similar events in the future!

Imelda Robinson, one of our attendees said:
"A fun and informative evening hosted by Sean from JN Wines of Crossgar that took us from France to Lebanon via Portugal, Spain and Italy with the most delicious and well priced selections. Breads, cheeses, olives and lots of other complementary delights were provided as Sean delighted us with fabulous wines whilst walking us through the regions and vineyards where they were produced.

Not only did I learn a lot about the wines and grapes we enjoyed but I met many lovely people and haven't laughed so much in quite a while! Very much recommended for wine buffs or just a great night out".

Art & Wellness Workshops for Adults

The workshops were facilitated by Rachel Browne. Since graduating Rachel's experience

includes kids workshops, Costume Breakdown for film, Carpet Design and she painted the HSC Mural promoting STEM and learning.



Felting Taster Session

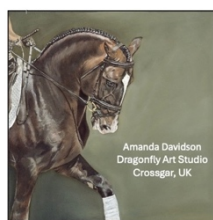
by Killyleagh's own Wee Felt Fiddler!

Our first felting workshop was enjoyed by all who attended and we have had numerous requests for further classes to be held!

The cards above show what an amazingly talented group of novice felters attended!



Solo Art Exhibition



We were delighted to host a solo exhibition by Amanda Davidson. If you missed it, why not call in to her studio in Crossgar to have a look at her amazing paintings and prints?

Room Hire

Please get in touch if you would like to rent out one of our spaces:

1/ Meeting Room



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

Accommodates? 12 people.

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

2/ Office



Cost? For 1 day / week = £45 / month

Accommodates? 2 people

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.

How to Donate

We are a charity led by volunteers. Our funding does not come from the Government, but from HSC Friends and visitors like you.

There are currently 2 ways to donate:

(1) email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk, to donate via bank transfer

(2) put an envelope with card and donation into the Donation Box at reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Volunteering at HSC

Can you spare a regular slot of your time to be in the Centre to allow visitors to see our displays and view our gift shop?

As visitors arrive they can browse the displays using one of our HSC Information Leaflets.

Volunteers Needed!



Your local knowledge of things to do around Killyleagh and Strangford Lough will be a great help to visitors.

For further information, without any commitment to volunteer:

1/ Email: info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk

2/ Call: 07896 254153

Facebook & Instagram

All activities are advertised on our facebook and Instagram pages:

www.facebook.com/sirhanssloanecentre

www.instagram.com/sloanecentre/?hl=en

Why not follow us to keep up-to-date with all of our events?

Websites

Look us up on the tourism websites below.

(1) Discover Northern Ireland



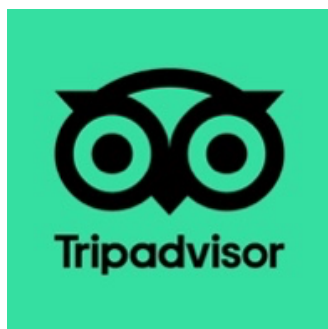
This is the official tourism website for Northern Ireland. You can find us at:
<https://discovernorthernireland.com/things-to-do/sir-hans-sloane-centre-p896581>

(2) Explore Strangford Lough

We are part of a group of tourism providers located on and around Strangford Lough.

See: <https://explorestrangfordlough.com/sir-hans-sloane-centre/>

(3) Trip Advisor



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

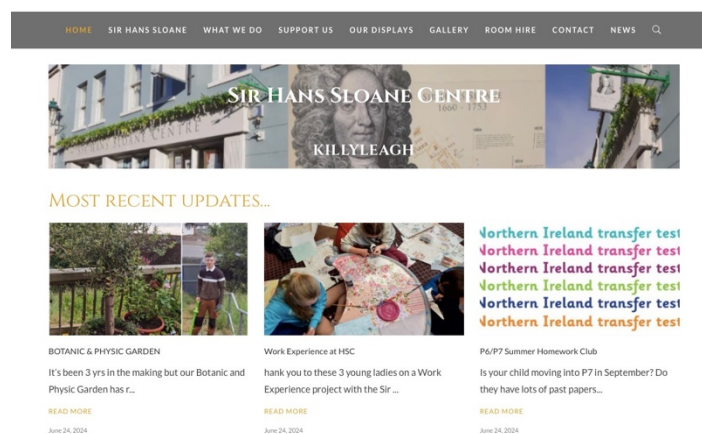
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https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g1024119-d26518956-Reviews-Sir_Hans_Sloane_Centre-Killyleagh_County_Down_Northern_Ireland.html

(4) Sir Hans Sloane Centre

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

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

Please go to the last heading, "News", for the most up-to-date information.



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