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Welcome

Dear Friends of HSC,

Well we are back to our full opening hours now and our special **Sloane 365** programme. We have Art Classes, Talks on a range of subjects- History, Science and the Environment. Some nights of Entertainment. There will be a chance to visit our local Water Treatment Plant and you can come to hear about our plans for the Botanic Garden. Afternoon Tea at Church Hill House and the Architectural History of Killyleagh. We aim to be part of the VE Day Celebration.

As always we need more volunteers to help staff the Centre and you can also apply to become a Trustee or take on a specific project for a short time. Something that is of interest to you that you can offer our community. We are always open to help and suggestions so that we can provide the broadest programme and provision for the people of Killyleagh and Shrigley, and far beyond.

For further information or to book any event:

- 1/ DM: Facebook or Instagram.
- 2/ Email: 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.

Neil Shawcross Raffle

We are very fortunate to have a painting donated by Neil Shawcross MBE RHA RUA to raise funds for the Centre.

Neil's work has exhibited worldwide and sells in the order of £900 - £9000! His work is highly collectable and so this is a rare opportunity to acquire one of his collection.



Size = 33 cm x 46 cm

The Centre is running a year-long raffle for his painting: **Malbec**. Our grateful thanks to Neil for supporting the Centre with this generous gift. A raffle will be held at our final event in December – what a super Xmas present for any Malbec lover!

1 ticket = £2.50 or 5 tickets = £10

To purchase a ticket:

- 1/ Call into the Centre anytime we are open, or
- 2/ Attend any of our events throughout the year.

An Evening with Caleb

We are delighted to support all local artists by giving them a platform to showcase their music and singing. So, join us for our first young performing artist – Caleb. If you are interested yourself or know of anyone, please encourage them to contact us or call into the Centre.

March Events

An Evening with Caleb Hardy (Mason)

After a very popular session at our Christmas Music by Candlelight Event, Caleb is returning to the Hans Sloane Centre to sing covers from artists including The Fontaines D.C., Pearl Jam, Oasis, Jeff Buckley and The Fray. He will also introduce some of his own unreleased songs.

If free, please do buy a ticket and come along to support this talented local guy!

When? Saturday 8th March 2025 (7 to 8.30pm)

Cost? £10 (including 1 glass of wine)

How? DM or book on Eventbrite using: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../an-evening-with-caleb...>

Illustration Station: Wed 5th March by Down Arts Centre's Artist in Residence, Kieron Black.

Guided illustration sessions including step-by-step instructions on composition and technique in watercolour, pencil, acrylic, and pen and ink. Students will work from a selection of original images to copy or will be encouraged to create their own compositions.



When? 5th March from 10:30 – 12:00

Cost? £5 (booking fee) - all materials provided FREE.

How? Email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk, DM us on Facebook or call into the Centre.

Petite Poets & Ingenious Illustrators:

Wed 12th March by Down Arts Centre's Artist in Residence, Kieron Black.

Children will listen to Kieron read from his storybook "The Troll in The Hole".

Kieron then guides children through the creation of their own character and the writing of an accompanying poem, in the style of his book.



The collective drawings and writing will be bound together to form a 'home-made' book for the children to take home.

When? Wednesday 12th March from 3:30 to 5pm

Cost? FREE (including all materials)

How? Email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk, DM us on Facebook or call into the Centre.

Language Classes: March & April

Our **French Classes** with Thomas continue on **Wednesdays from 2.30 to 3.30pm (12, 19, 26 March & 2, 16, 23 April).**

The emphasis will be more on speaking the language rather than writing or grammar. **No previous knowledge of the language is required.**



Cost? £7.50/class or £35 for the complete series of 6 lessons.

How? Please DM on Facebook, call into the Centre or email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk

This class is for beginners - if you have some conversational ability and would like to attend an Advanced French Conversation class, please DM to register your interest.

These were extremely popular last year and new students are most welcome.

Our **Italian Classes** with Thomas begin on **Mondays from 2.30 to 3.30pm (10, 17, 24, 31 March & 14, 28 April)**

The emphasis will be more on speaking the language rather than writing or grammar. No previous knowledge of the language is required.



Cost? £7.50/class or £35 for the complete series of 6 lessons.

How? Please DM on Facebook, call into the Centre or email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk

Again, you are most welcome to join.

Book Club: Thursday 20th March

We are delighted to be starting a **FREE** monthly Book Club on **Thursday 20th March from 7.30 to 8.30pm** (although we expect that discussions will be continued in The Dufferin afterwards).

This will be led by Margaret McCann in a very relaxed format. We encourage everyone to give it a try! Margaret knows much about literature but also how to engage those who are not avid readers, so please don't be shy – you will be most welcome!



Our first book will be **"Foster"** by **Claire Keegan**. Available on Kindle **£4.79** or **£4.86** from **Abebooks**

Shloer and wine will be available for a small donation.

Please DM on Facebook, call into the Centre or email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk

British Science Week: 7th -16th March

Changing and adapting plays a big part in science and STEM. Places where people live change and adapt as the world's population grows (environment, plants, animals). Technology has changed exponentially and adapted new, busier lives (or have we changed by technology).

Details online at the British Science Association Website and we will run events this week. Details on Facebook



Periodic Table Talk: March 18th 2025

by Mrs Janice Adgey BSc (Chemistry teacher).

This interactive talk will cover Mendeleev's organisation of elements into the periodic table as we know it. While it is aimed at Primary School children and our 2 local primary schools are attending, those with a general love of Chemistry are most welcome to come along too.



When? Tuesday 18th March from 10 to 11.30am

Cost? FREE

How? Email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk, DM us on Facebook or call into the Centre.

ESL Conversation Class: 5,12,26 March



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

When? Wed 5th, 12th, 26th March (12-1pm)

Cost? FREE

We look forward to meeting as many new people as possible – you will be most welcome. Please spread the word among any new residents.

Saturday Science Club: 1st & 15th March

Saturday Science Club for Key Stage 2 & 3 children (approx age 7 -14) will be on **15th March from 2-3.30 pm.**

We will make an electrical circuit and making a St John's Point light House with flashing LED.



Upcoming Events

Easter Holiday Story Time and Science and Craft Workshops

We are delighted to announce that we are supporting a final year teacher in training from Stranmillis University College.

Hollie will be her for storytelling sessions and science and craft workshops in the week beginning Easter

Tuesday. This will mean that children of primary school age can benefit from more enrichment activities here!



Easter Egg-stravaganza: March/April

Join us for exciting Easter Egg painting classes for adults and children during March and April. To add to the egg-citement we hope to arrange a roll-your-egg competition down the Millenium Hill at Delamont.



Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for dates which will be announced asap!



If you would like to offer any creative activities, please DM us on Facebook or email.

Easter Egg Schools Competition

Given the connections between Sir Hans Sloane, chocolate and Killyleagh village, we invite the children in Key Stages 1 & 2 in Killyleagh Integrated Primary School and Saint Mary's Primary School to participate in our first "Design an Easter Egg Competition." We will provide the template to the Schools – so you won't miss out!



Tea at Church Hill House

Enjoy Tea and Scones at this Historic House. Dates will be announced between May and August. All funds go to the Sloane 365 Programme of Events for the community.



Killyleagh Water Treatment Plant

NI Water have offered a tour of their Water Treatment plant Killyleagh.

This is part of our Royal Society of Chemistry project and Nature Week.

Date to be confirmed.

Expressions of Interest welcome.



Introducing our Little Hans Club

Little Hans will introduce science awareness activities for parents /guardians and 9 months to pre-school age children.

Little Hans is a small playgroup which will encourage young children to learn through child-led play in the outdoor environment – our patio area.



Following in the footsteps of the young Hans Sloane, the children's explorative play will have a strong input of the natural world around us. We will start with four **FREE** sessions - thanks to a generous donation from the Killyleagh Masonic Lodge no 30. Dates will be confirmed soon.

Nature Week: Save Killyleagh's Natural Environment

Bob Brown's excellent November talk on Hans Sloane and his contribution to Botany and plant records worldwide prompted a fascinating discussion about "what would Hans Sloane do if he were alive today?".

As a result, we will use his birthday to celebrate the conservation steps in progress locally and explore what more needs to be done to restore nature in the Killyleagh area.



The inaugural Nature Week will be in April and we will post more about it in our next Newsletter.

Any brilliant ideas or suggestions would be very welcome, as would offers from potential speakers or sponsors for the event.

Ongoing Events

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.



Computer or laptop problems! 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.

Workshops to support the Curriculum or for Science Awards.

We offer Science Workshops to Schools and Youth Groups, Scouts, GB, BB etc – if interested email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk , ring 07896254153 or DM us on Facebook.

Workshop Examples

- 1/ Science of Butterflies
- 2/ DNA Extraction from Fruit
- 3/ Science of Bubbles
- 4/ Cells
- 5/ Solar System
- 5/ Hans Sloane: the Scientist and Chocolate Connection.



All Science Workshops are devised and delivered by a research scientist, Dr Elizabeth Crilly, and a research engineer, Dr Donna Hall.

Guided Tours and Talks

Guided Tours are FREE. Group Talks cost £100 and can be arranged at your convenience and include:



- 1/ Scientists of Ireland - from Hans Sloane to present day.
- 2/ Hans Sloane: A Modern Day Scientist?
- 3/ Hans Sloane: An Early Nutritionist?
- 4/ Hans Sloane's link to The British and Natural History Museums in London – Our Collection.
- 5/ London's Chelsea Physic Garden and A Botanic Garden in Killyleagh

Please email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk or DM us on Facebook to arrange a guided tour and / or talk.

Tea/ coffee can also be provided if required.

Gift Shop

Our gift shop 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.

Pre-Loved Book Sale



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

Object of the Month

A double page botanical copper engraving from Sir Hans Sloane's monumental, extremely rare, "Voyage to Jamaica" depicting a life size example of 2 herb/plants of the bean family: wild liquorice known for its medicinal purposes and Jamaican peas.



The engravings from this collection, published in 1707, are the first record of the flora & fauna of Jamaica and the neighbouring islands.

Plant of the Month: crocus

The crocus is a seasonal flowering plant that is now blooming in our botanic garden. Its family includes over 100 species of perennials that grow from corms, similar to bulbs. Although crocuses are commonly considered Spring flowers, the saffron crocus (*crocus sativus*) flowers in the autumn and produces the world's most expensive cooking spice, saffron, widely used in Persian, Indian, Asian and European cuisines. Saffron is a key ingredient in traditional Spanish paella.



February Events Gallery

Femina Culpa Poetry Event

The audience thoroughly enjoyed listening to poets Kelly Creighton, Linda McKenna and Emma McKerverey read from their respective books before asking questions and discussing their work, research and collections.



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?



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.



Facebook & Instagram

All activities are advertised on our facebook and Instagram pages:

www.facebook.com/sirhanssloanecentre

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

Websites

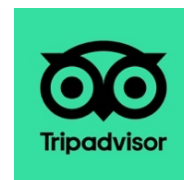
(1) Discover Northern Ireland

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/>

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