

**Celebrating 35 Years
of Temple Bar**

TEMPLE BAR ★35★

**Summer
Programme
Jul - Sep 2026**

**MUSIC
ART
THEATRE
DANCE
TALKS
FILM**

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WELCOME TO TEMPLE BAR

Thirty-five years ago, Temple Bar nearly became a bus depot. Instead, a city chose culture – backed by EU funding that transformed these cobbled streets into Dublin's creative heart.

That investment built more than buildings. It built a place. Today, 68,000 people pass through daily – families, visitors, new communities who find a quarter of culture and hospitality; bars, restaurants, and cafes that welcome and employ thousands.

This summer, Temple Bar 35 celebrates with six months of free music, comedy, film, art, history, and community events. Supported by the European Commission, Dublin City Council Office of City Recovery, the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport and Diageo.

Local artists are properly paid, and almost every event is free, because culture shouldn't come with a price tag and every euro is reinvested here in Temple Bar. Walk, cycle, or take the Luas; come from where you are, as you are. There's a seat, a stage, and a summer here for you.

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The majority of our programme is completely free. Many events are drop-in – simply arrive whenever suits you and join the fun. A number of special sessions have limited capacity and require a free ticket to guarantee your place. Please note that select theatre shows at Smock Alley are paid, ticketed events.

This summer programme runs from July to September – don't wait, book your spot for these sessions today. Visit lovetemplebar.com to view the full schedule, reserve tickets, and start planning your summer in Temple Bar.

Keep an eye out for our Autumn/Winter programme, coming soon.



REIMAGINING TEMPLE BAR

Dublin's cultural quarter

Aideen Howard,
DIRECTOR OF THE ARK
CHILDREN'S CULTURAL
CENTRE

**EUROPE'S
BUDGET**
**THE POWER
OF TOGETHER**



In the 1990s, the EU invested over €35 million to regenerate Temple Bar. Today, it is **a thriving hub for culture and creativity**, attracting over 20 million people annually and supporting **thousands of jobs**.

The Sound of Europe

JULY

The Sound of Europe brings live music to Meeting House Square every Thursday and Friday throughout July.

Each night has its own theme – from country and rock to Euro-pop and trad – so every evening offers something different. The line-up showcases emerging and upcoming artists giving you the chance to see them first. Expect high-energy sets and a packed open-air crowd right in the heart of Dublin's cultural quarter.

TRAD RAVE

JUL 2ND

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Caoimhín

Irish producer and multi-instrumentalist Caoimhín reimagines Gaelic tradition through psychedelic beats, sampling and ambient synth, offering old Ireland, boldly made new for today's festival audiences.

7:15 PM

Gerry's Trisco

Co. Meath DJ Gerry's Trisco pioneers IDM, that's Irish Dance Music, fusing trad and disco. Recent sets include the Liverpool Irish Festival and Fleadh Ceoil.

8:15 PM

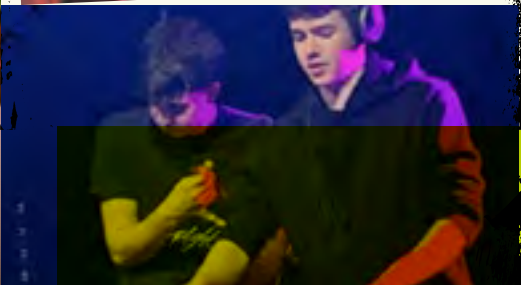
Strix Nebulosa

Professional fire dancer, flow artist, and aerialist, she brings a distinctive style to the stage, blending rope dart, pole dancing and pixel whip.

8:45 PM

Electrad

This all-female Irish trad band fuses fiery reels with 90s club anthems. Multi-time All-Ireland champions, they're guaranteed to get any audience singing and dancing along.



The Sound of Europe

JULY

EURO POP

JUL 3RD

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Essiray

Irish singer, songwriter and producer Essiray blends opera roots with electronic pop, breakbeats and layered vocals, creating bold, atmospheric, genre-pushing soundscapes for the outdoor stage.

7:15 PM

Aidxn G

Dublin's queer pop disruptor from Tallaght, Aidxn G blends theatricality, raw emotional honesty and high-impact visuals, fusing pantomime roots with fearless, cinematic, DIY pop performances.

8:15 PM

Louise Ní Éideáin

Award-winning Irish comedian and writer Louise Ní Éideáin brings her sell-out Edinburgh Fringe 2026 show, fresh off her Best New Act win at Bray Comedy Festival.

8:40 PM

Bobbi Arlo

Irish hyperpop and alt-R&B artist Bobbi Arlo is Choice Music Prize nominated and was named Gay Times Artist of the Year 2024, one of Ireland's most exciting emerging voices.

The Sound of Europe

JULY

CLASSICAL

JUL 9TH

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Samuel

This Dublin female duo blends acoustic piano, cello and clarinet with electronic production, crafting a distinctive sound ahead of their debut album OH BOY, out September 2026.

6:40 PM

Flamenco Guitar & Dance from Andalucía

This flamenco trio unites fiery Cádiz guitar, soulful Seville vocals and Dublin dance, delivering a passionate, intimate journey that bridges Spanish tradition with Irish artistry.

7:50 PM

Glas Quartet

This conservatoire-trained Irish flute, violin, viola and cello quartet brings classical polish to the stage, having collaborated with artists from Michael Bubl  to Westlife since 2020.

9:00 PM

The Ramparts

Dublin's 30-strong all-male *a cappella* group delivers folk, barbershop, classical and contemporary sounds, bringing big sound and even bigger personalities to the stage since 2016.

The Sound of Europe

JULY



ROCK

JUL 10TH

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Gag Reflex

Irish-German grunge duo Gag Reflex craft visceral, literary soundscapes of chaos and catharsis, having been a mainstay of the Irish underground music scene since 2022.

7:15 PM

Ultras

Irish indie rock band Ultras have stormed the scene in under a year, notching two RTÉ 2FM Tracks of the Week, BBC airplay and sold-out Whelan's shows.

8:15 PM

Strix Nebulosa

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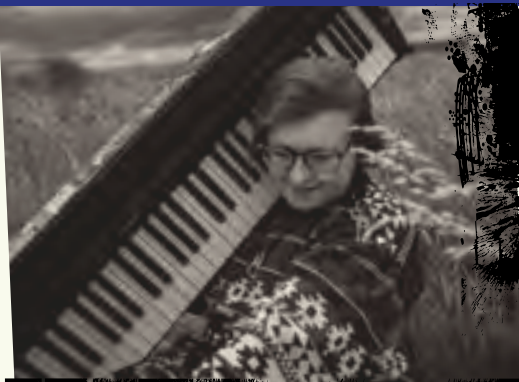
Sick Love

This Irish four-piece serves up punchy guitars, sharp hooks and honest songwriting. Their debut album Champagne is out now, already racking up four million streams.



The Sound of Europe

JULY



FOLK

JUL 16TH

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Laura Ampersand

Mayo pianist and songwriter Laura Ampersand blends classical and alternative pop, composing for video games and documentaries. She's joined on stage by cellist Ri Dunne.

7:30 PM

Dubh Lee

Offaly singer-songwriter Dubh Lee blends folk, indie and pop. With a FUFO EP out in 2026, they're an RTÉ 2FM Track of the Week and Hot Press Artist to Watch.

8:45 PM

Dawna

Tipperary folk-pop artist Dawna was named Irish Times One to Watch 2024, has racked up over one million Spotify streams, and completed a sold-out debut UK tour.

9:00 PM

Kim O'Hehir

Galway singer-songwriter Kim O'Hehir blends raw honesty with warmth and vulnerability. A viral moment in 2025 launched her career to a growing international audience almost overnight.



The Sound of Europe

JULY



HIP HOP

JUL 17TH

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Escoba

Nigerian-Irish artist Escoba blends Afrobeats, R&B, pop and dancehall into one sound. A multi-instrumentalist storyteller, his music is where cultures, dedication and hypnotic melodies collide.

6:30 PM

Streets Ahead Dance Academy

Dublin dance school offering classes from toddlers to adults, specialising in hip hop in a fun, friendly and welcoming environment.

7:00 PM

USNABOY

Fermanagh alternative artist Usnaboy blends hip-hop and electronic music, with self-directed videos and debut EP GUT FEELING earning Wonderland's praise for a "seamless fusion of styles."

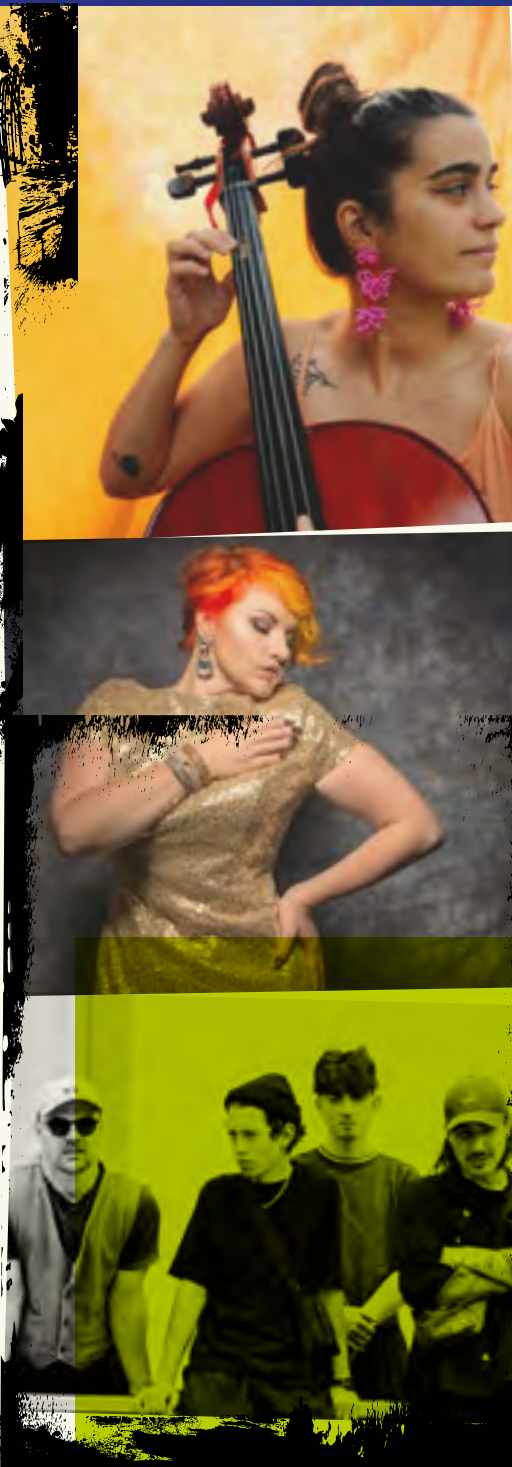
8:30 PM

Ahmed, with Friends!

Featuring Ahmed, with Love. , Kayleigh Noble & Negro Impacto
Rapper Ahmed, With Love brings hip-hop, electro-pop and neo-soul to Meeting House Square for two hours of outdoor silliness, live music and friendship for all.

The Sound of Europe

JULY



JAZZ

JUL 23RD

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Matilde Lotti

Dublin cellist and vocalist Matilde Lotti blends classical training with jazz and pop, for a warm, sophisticated and deeply personal sound, think Norah Jones meets Ella Fitzgerald.

7:15 PM

Soozie

Dublin's answer to Raye, Soozie blends soulful pop with raw honesty and a magnetic stage presence, drawing on jazz, soul, blues, folk and funk influences.

8:30 PM

Oceanna

This Dublin five-piece blends jazz, hip-hop and neo soul. Their debut EP was praised by Hot Press, and a sold-out Irish tour precedes a second EP coming Spring 2026.

The Sound of Europe

JULY



SOUL

JUL 24TH

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Edwina van Kuyk

Limerick pop-soul artist Edwina van Kuyk has been hailed by Hot Press as "a thrilling new talent," with an RTÉ 2FM Track of the Week and Electric Picnic performance.

7:15 PM

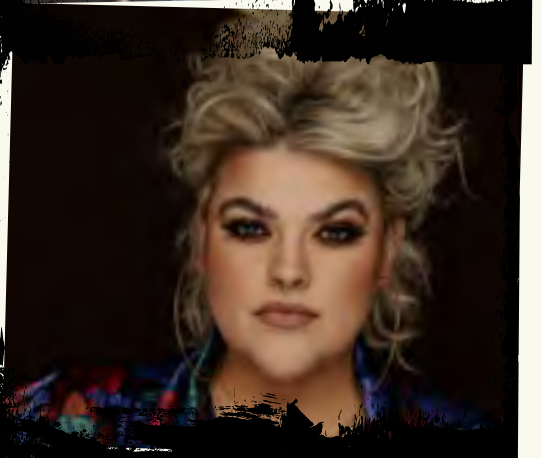
Chief Keegan

Dublin's finest funk-jazz instrumental quartet, Chief Keegan channel Booker T meets The Meters, Irish-style. Their debut album *The Piles High Club* is earning worldwide acclaim.

8:30 PM

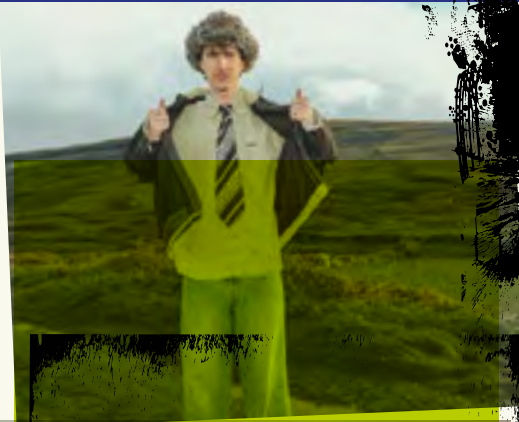
Megan Burke

Dublin R&B, soul and pop artist Megan Burke has 155k followers and an iTunes No.1 to her name, having performed at Bord Gáis Energy Theatre and the 3Arena.



The Sound of Europe

JULY



POP

JUL 30TH

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Niall Tarmey

Galway alternative pop singer, songwriter and producer Niall Tarmey has featured on Spotify's Global New Music Friday and performed on the Forbidden Fruit main stage.

7:15 PM

Rebecca Lane

Irish-French singer-songwriter and producer Rebecca Lane crafts soulful bilingual pop. A Eurovision contributor and Electric Picnic performer, she's also BBC Introducing's coveted One to Watch.



8:15 PM

Strix Nebulosa

Professional fire dancer, flow artist, and aerialist, she brings a distinctive style to the stage, blending rope dart, pole dancing and pixel whip.



8:45 PM

Aimee Cuffe

Mayo indie-pop artist Aimee Cuffe, now based in London, has featured on ITV, RTÉ and BBC Introducing, with heartfelt storytelling inspired by Maggie Rogers and Gracie Abrams.



The Sound of Europe

JULY

COUNTRY

JUL 31ST

MEETING HOUSE SQUARE / FREE

6:00 PM

Jayne Pomplas

Fiddle player, vocalist and composer Jayne Pomplas blends Americana, Irish trad and folk into music described as "sweetly fierce," delivering intimate, electrifying and genre-defying performances.

7:00 PM

Line Dancing Workshop

Dublin couple Patricia and Pat Brady bringing jive and line dancing to venues citywide for a decade. Expect dancing, music and great craic guaranteed.

8:00 PM

Jem & the BeezNeez

This Dublin-based American country trio brings authentic Nashville energy to Ireland, specialising in line dancing, jiving and country socials for a guaranteed, fun-filled festival performance.

9:00 PM

Dublin City Rounders

These Dublin brothers have played Americana, blues and western swing since 2013. Five albums in, they've earned an Irish Times Song of the Week and performed at Aras an Uachtaráin.



Temple Bar Square 1985



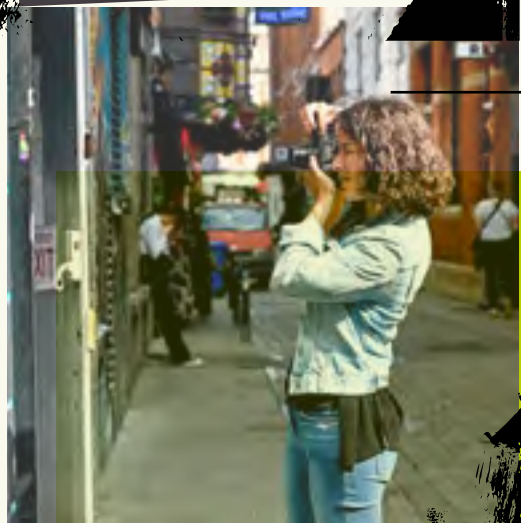
Temple Bar Square 2026



Temple Bar - Before the Renaissance

JUL 4TH-8TH / 13TH - 15TH / 27TH - 30TH
10am - 6pm
SMOCK ALLEY THEATRE FREE

Before it became Dublin's cultural quarter, Temple Bar was a neighbourhood of traders, markets and everyday city life. Through historic photographs from 1985, paired with contemporary images from the same locations, explore a district on the cusp of transformation.



Picture Perfect Temple Bar with Brendan O'sé

MON 13TH JUL / 11am - 3pm
FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL:
photomuseumireland.ie/events/
Presented in association with Temple Bar Company and Photo Museum Ireland

Hit the streets of Dublin with award-winning photographer Brendan O'sé for a full-day street photography workshop. Explore Temple Bar, develop your eye and style, and finish with personalised feedback at Photo Museum Ireland. All levels welcome!

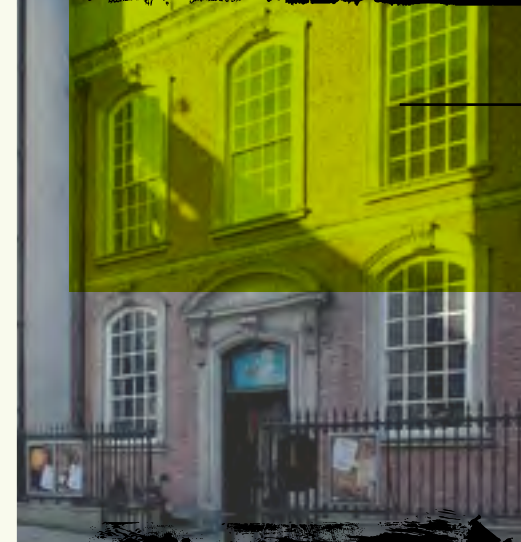
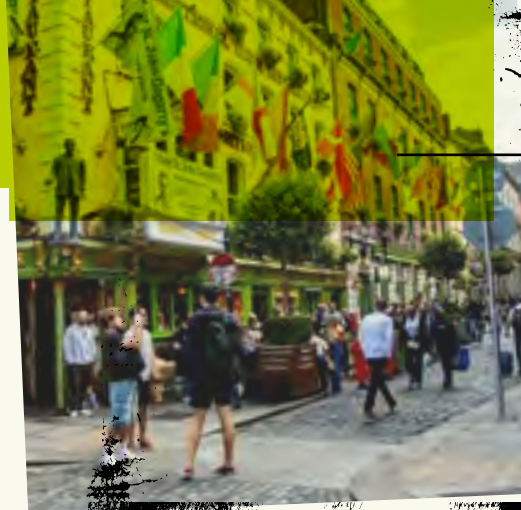


Immigrants Ruin This Country - Live!

JUL 23RD / 7:30PM
SMOCK ALLEY THEATRE
TICKETS €22 / €20
BOOKING AT www.smockalley.com

Ireland's in ruins – so the government has handed five immigrant comedians the keys. A sharp, satirical comedy panel show about modern Ireland, created by Daniel Lukas and James Surgeoner. Good luck to us all.

JULY



Temple Bar Through The Lens: Street Photography Competition

SUBMISSIONS JUL 27TH - 30TH OCT

Capture the energy and character of Temple Bar and you could win €500! Submit your best Temple Bar photographs between 27th July and 30th October. The Top 25 will be exhibited in December. Start shooting!

Lost The Plot An Improvised Musical

JUL 30TH / 7:30PM
SMOCK ALLEY THEATRE
TICKETS €22 / €20
BOOKING AT www.smockalley.com

Every line, note and chorus – fully improvised, every time. Will our hero find love, face their fears or run away to join the circus? We honestly don't know either. The world's newest musical, guaranteed!

Photo Moments of Temple Bar

FROM JULY

Keep an eye on our social media channels across TikTok, Instagram, and FaceBook @lovetemplebar. Let the team show you the hidden iconic places to go in Temple Bar to really make your photos special.

JULY

AUG

Temple Bar; Before the Renaissance

MONTH OF AUGUST
FILMBASE FREE

Before it became Dublin's cultural quarter, Temple Bar was a neighbourhood of traders, markets and everyday city life. Through historic photographs from 1985, paired with contemporary images from the same locations, explore a district on the cusp of transformation.

Craic of Dawn

FRI 7TH, 14TH & 28TH AUG | 7AM-10AM
MEETING HOUSE SQUARE
FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED

Not all raves end at sunrise – some start there. Join us for a feel-good, alcohol-free morning rave from 7am. Great tunes, big smiles and questionable dance moves guaranteed. Who needs a lie-in?

The Big Temple Bar Playdate

AUG 16TH / 2PM - 6PM
MEETING HOUSE SQUARE

Temple Bar transforms into a giant playground! Featuring Dream Train, Mists of Time, The CRISPR Show, Cupla Clown, Johnny the Juggler, face painting, life-size Jenga and more. Free, family-friendly fun for all ages. Drop in!

Temple Bar: The Musical

AUG 27TH - 29TH / 7:30PM
MATINEE AUG 29TH / 2:30PM
TICKETS €22 / €20
BOOKING AT www.smockalley.com

On one fateful St Patrick's day, Sonny McNamara is tasked with 7 gigs to play around Temple Bar. Everything that can go wrong will go wrong, however the show must go on. Written by Molly Mew.

AUG



Temple Bar; Before the Renaissance

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
VIRTUAL GALLERY
PHOTO MUSEUM IRELAND

Before it became Dublin's cultural quarter, Temple Bar was a neighbourhood of traders, markets and everyday city life. Temple Bar Historical Photographic Exhibition goes virtual.



Hidden Histories An Improvised Musical

SEP 1ST - DEC 31ST

Think you know Temple Bar? Think again! Download this audio walking tour and let the voices of the past uncover Vikings, revolutionaries, rascals and adventurers hiding in its cobbled streets. Created by Peter Dunne of award-winning podcast Petrified.

Lights, Camera, Temple Bar!

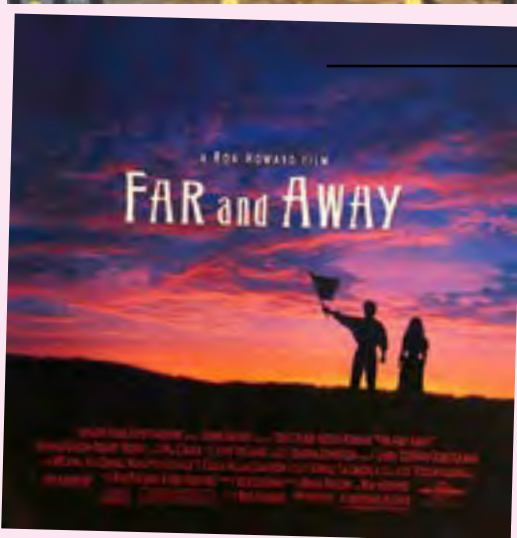
SEP 3RD / 20TH / 24TH
MEETING HOUSE SQUARE
FREE BUT BOOKING IS REQUIRED

Temple Bar in film - a series of movie screenings in Meeting House Square.

SEP 3RD: Far & Away

SEP 10th: Bananas On The Breadboard
& The Women Flower
Sellers of Grafton Street

SEP 24th: About Adam



SEP



City in Layers

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER | 2PM-4PM
15 PLACES
FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED

Artist-led outdoor painting workshops with Karen Lee.
Slow down and see Dublin differently. Paint shared views of Temple Bar's most iconic spots using layered acrylics and palette knife techniques. Four locations, four perspectives, all levels welcome. No realism required – just your response to place.

The Sunday Stretch Sessions

SUNDAYS IN SEP | 12PM-1PM | FREE
MEETING HOUSE SQUARE
FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED

Four free outdoor wellbeing sessions led by Rachel Gaffey of MyWellbeing.

SEP 6TH: Yoga & Mindfulness

SEP 13TH: Baby massage

SEP 20TH: Yogalates

SEP 27TH: Full Moon Flow.

All ages and abilities welcome – mats provided.



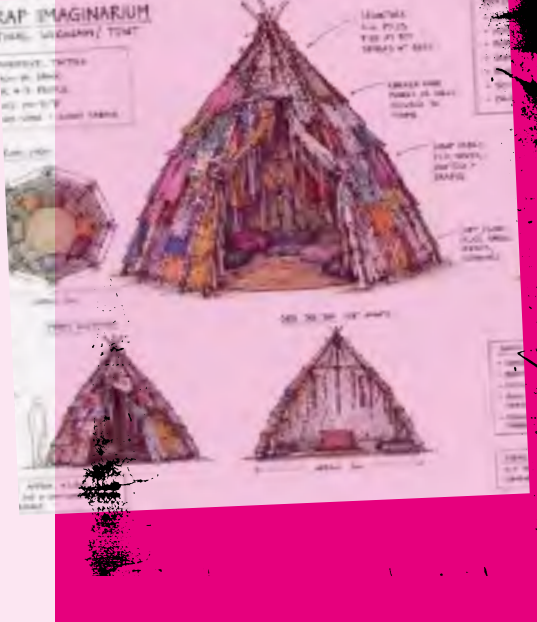
The Wardrobe Remix A Free Clothes Swap & Creative Fashion Event

SEP 13TH / 2PM - 6PM
MEETING HOUSE SQUARE

Browse, swap and restyle pre-loved clothing. Join hands-on workshops in embroidery, printing and upcycling, contribute to our community Promise Wall, and leave with something new – for free.



SEP



The Scrap Imaginarium

SEP 13TH
TEMPLE BAR

Step inside a handcrafted installation built entirely from reclaimed textiles, rope and wire. Part sculpture, part sanctuary, part collective artwork – wander its textured spaces, discover unexpected details, and listen to Temple Bar, a newly commissioned composition by Dublin composer Juliette Crosbie.

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