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## Welcome



Dear Friends of HSC,

We have a full autumn programme. Highlights are an Art Exhibition and Talk on the Huguenots in Ireland by Tommy Bar on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and a talk on Unmanned Aircraft by Paddy Mallon on 9<sup>th</sup> October. The Legge Art Exhibition is also on from the 14<sup>th</sup> October until the end of the month, with all proceeds going to Mission work in Kenya.

In November we have our long awaited talk by local botanist and environmentalist Bob Brown OBE, and plans are in place for a talk on model Dolls Houses towards the end of November. And so much more. Read on for more 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).

## 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.



### Opening Hours:

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

**Wednesday 10am-2pm**

**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.*

## October Events

### Art Exhibition: Huguenot legacy in Ireland (30<sup>th</sup> Sept to 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024).

by Tommy Barr

We are looking forward to exhibiting Tommy's work from 30<sup>th</sup> Sept to 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024.

Internationally recognized, Tommy has exhibited extensively world-wide. He considers this travel an essential part of his work, finding inspiration in the lives of those he meets and the places they inhabit. Works by Tommy are held in the national galleries of Jordan & Bulgaria, the French National Archive and the national museums of Ireland, Romania & Malta.

Tommy is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (UK) & an executive member of the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences (NYC).

He is currently Chair of the Irish Section of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland. "The land determines the people's existence and shapes an identity linking them to the landscape. Tommy's works further define our connection to our land, to our beliefs and to our identity". Clodagh Doyle, Curator at the National Museum of Ireland.

#### Lecture and exhibition

#### On the Huguenot legacy in Ireland



Venue Sir Hans Sloane Centre,  
25 High Street Killyleagh.

Exhibition opens on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
September and runs until the 5<sup>th</sup>  
October. Admission is free to all.

Tommy will give an illustrated talk on  
the Huguenots, their times and  
legacy in Ireland, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at  
7pm.

Tickets available at the Sir Hans  
Sloane Centre or online with  
Eventbrite.

give a talk at HSC on the Huguenots, their times and legacy in Ireland.

Exhibiting his art internationally, Tommy speaks on the history and the legacies of the past that inspire it. Best described in his own words, Tommy's work is a "personalised form of abstraction to create an image which captures a meaning, a beauty or an instant in time of the subject. The abstraction means that the images are never definitively rendered, allowing the space for each viewer to interpret, based on their own experiences and hopefully also enjoy each piece in a personal way."

**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 call into the centre?

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

### Science Club: 12<sup>th</sup> October

Our Science Club for Key Stage 2 & 3 pupils (approx age 7-14) continues on 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2-4 pm.



On the 12<sup>th</sup> we talk about dinosaurs and research dinosaur eggs, making a dinosaur nest with eggs. Then we will put our white coats on and dissect a hen's egg. Nothing has changed since the age of dinosaurs.

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

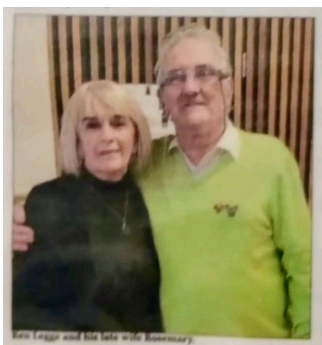
## Ken Legge Vision4Kids Art Exhibition: 14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October

Open Evening Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 6:30 -8:30pm.

Artist Ken Legge, of Newtownards, donates the proceeds of his paintings to mission work in Kenya.

Please kindly lend your support to this very special art exhibition to help Vision4Kids in Kenya. Since 2008 Ken has sold his paintings of local landscapes, and recently colourful abstract art, to raise money to build a classroom onto a school, Grace Academy, in a poor village Kiambururu.

Vision4Kids is a 100% volunteer run charity which has raised funds to build Grace Academy as a mission school. This school charity work was a passion of Ken's late wife Rosemary. This latest round of painting sales is to continue the mission work as Rosemary's legacy, while Ken's health and eyesight deteriorate. Ken is supported in this Christian mission, painting for God's purpose, with the help of his faithful friend Alfie Gibson.



The Hans Sloane Centre is pleased to have this opportunity to support this worthy cause. Please do come and buy in the knowledge that your money will be well spent.

## Periodic Table Wall

Each element in the periodic table will be 'adopted' by a pupil at a local primary school e.g Iron (Fe) for the Ferris family name. The children will paint stones with the elements and they will be displayed at HSC.



An interactive Periodic Table Talk will then be held at the Centre and a few pupils from each school will be invited to show their "painted stone element" and talk a little bit about it.

## STEM Talks

These talks are FREE and open to everyone and you will be most welcome to attend. However, they are aimed at slightly different audiences as stated below - just so you have a rough idea of the level to expect.

### Talk 1: A History of Unmanned Aircraft from Belfast

by Paddy Mallon MSc, C.Eng., FRAeS (Senior Technical Fellow, Spirit Aerosystems).



**When?** 7:30pm on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

Ideal for GCSE & A level STEM students or those with a general interest in aviation.

**How?** Email, DM on facebook or Instagram, or call into the Centre.

### Talk 2: Chemistry of Combustion for Fire Engineering

by Mr David Brown (Managing Director of Flamma Fire Protection Services & Envirograf Ireland).

**When?** Hopefully end of Oct/ early Nov 2024 (TBC asap)

Ideal for GCSE & A level STEM students or those with an interest in chemistry & engineering.



**How?** Email, DM on facebook or Instagram, or call into the Centre.

Each talk will be followed by a Q&A session.

### Talk 3: The Periodic Table

The date of this interactive talk has been changed to Nov/Dec (date to be confirmed). This is to enable more schools to join in.

## Autumn 2024

### The Periodic Table: Interactive Talk

by Mrs Janice Adgey BSc (Chemistry teacher).

**When?** Nov / Dec 2024 (TBC)

Ideal for Primary School children and their families or those with a general interest in Chemistry.



**How?** Email, DM on facebook or Instagram, or call into the Centre.

### 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.**

## Felting Workshop: Dressed Figure:

Killyleagh's Wee Felt Fiddler and HSC Volunteer,



Gillian will run this felting workshop asap (date TBC so please keep an eye on our social media platforms

or website.

## Ongoing Events

### Work Experience

We offer regular work experience to students.

During the summer we had students helping in the garden, assisting with workshops, preparing their own workshops, and



story telling.



If interested please email [info@sirhanssloane-centre.co.uk](mailto:info@sirhanssloane-centre.co.uk) with subject heading WEX.

*"The Hans Sloane centre offered me a valuable experience. It helped refine key skills like communication and leadership as well as boosting my confidence, I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in careers like education or childcare".* Quote from 6<sup>th</sup> Form Student at Down High School.

### Gift Shop

The general theme is Science and Discovery & Local Crafts.

Stock includes cards, children's science kits, toys, and t-shirts, prints of Killyleagh Castle, cushions, jewellery, soaps, glassware, wooden clocks & tea light



holders, paintings and prints. Remember the Centre for your Birthday and Christmas gifts and shop local!

Call in anytime to browse our complete range of cards and gifts. All profits from our gift shop go directly to our charity work. Christmas stock appearing this month.

## Pre-Loved Book Sale

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



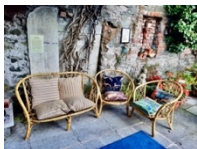
## Patio Garden & Refreshments

Our patio area is now reflecting autumn colours.



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 yourself - 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

### Coconut Palm (*cocos nucifera*)

Ever wondered how a coconut grows? Come visit our botanic garden and see one for yourself!

A single-stemmed palm, forming a tree up to 25 meters in the tropics, it is prized for its elegant form and edible seeds (coconuts!).



## Guided Tours

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



## Look what we did in Sept!

### Killyleagh Walking Tours

Sir Hans Sloane himself (or maybe an impersonator?) gave two excellent guided tours of Killyleagh. Visitors heard about Killyleagh's famous residents and then enjoyed tea/coffee and lots of chat at the Centre – we were talking so much that no photos were actually taken!

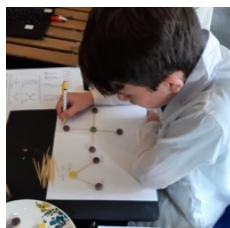
The following review is from one of our attendees: *"I had often seen a historical walking tour advertised and planned to do it sometime, but I just never seemed to get round to it. As a mailing list member of the Hans Sloane Centre in Killyleagh I saw an advertisement for a tour on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept and decided to make the effort and attend.*

*Clive Scholar provided the tour and what an interesting tour it was! History was really brought to life by Clive as he let us imagine the young Hans Sloane running from where his house had been up to the castle library and then up to St Johns Church of Ireland as he collected and researched all sorts of items found on the shores of Strangford. When you can picture in your mind sailing ships bringing items from far off places for Edward Hincks to decipher and stories of Vice Admiral Sir Henry Blackwood's exploits in major historical battles it really brings home the wealth of major players in world history who walked the same streets as we do now.*

*I thought I knew a lot about Killyleagh, but every day is a new learning opportunity, and I discovered lots of little facts and places of interest. I would highly recommend this tour as we often seem to know more about other places that our own beautiful locality".*

## Science Club

Our inaugural Saturday Science Club started in September.



Children extracted DNA from strawberries, made molecules from sweets and studied butterflies.



Funded by the Royal Society of Chemistry so the Science Club is currently FREE.

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

## Solo Art Exhibition-what a picture!

by Wendy Cromie

Some photos from the excellent launch of the Wendy Cromie Art Exhibition. A third of the artwork sold on the opening night.

Wendy is pleased that so many paintings and prints are to be enjoyed in homes here and in England.



## 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:

1/ Email: [info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk)

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## How to Donate

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

There are currently 3 ways to donate: (1) Bank Transfer, (2) Donation Box at reception, (3) Bank Card using chip and pin.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## 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/>

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