

# shamrokon

THE DUBLIN EUROCON 2014

## README

### CONVENTION TIMETABLE AND INFORMATION BOOKLET

#### **Convention Opening Hours**

Friday: 12:00 - 18:00

Saturday: 10:00 - 23:00

Sunday: 10:00 - 18:00

#### **Dealers' Room/Art Show hours:**

Friday: 12:00 - 18:00

Saturday: 10:00 - 18:00

Sunday: 10:00 - 16:00



Welcome to Shamrokon, from the committee and from the science fiction and fantasy fans of Ireland! We've worked hard to bring you a fun and diverse selection of events, and this Readme guide will help you find the best panels, presentations and shows to go to while hopefully making your stay in our city as easy as possible.

## Code of Conduct

To ensure the maximum enjoyment of everyone involved, please read the following rules which make up the *Shamrokon Code of Conduct*

First and foremost, have a good time. That's the whole point of the convention

Please also do what you can to make sure others have a good time. In particular please read our harassment policy as this will inform you of how you should expect to be treated and how you should treat others.

The committee reserves the right to revoke the membership of any member whose behaviour they feel is disruptive and is preventing others from enjoying the convention.

Badges: The badge tells us that you've paid and are entitled to be admitted. It's your passport to the convention. Please keep it visible at all times. If the security gophers can't see it, they'll have to ask you for it. If you lose your badge, don't panic. You can get a new one from the registration desk for a fee.

Smoking is not permitted in any part of the hotel except smoking-permitted bedrooms. This is in accordance with Irish law. There is an outdoor smoking area.

Children under 12 may only be admitted to the convention if accompanied by an adult member. Adults bringing children to the convention must be responsible for them at all times during the convention, and are asked to ensure that they are responsibly cared for, and not allowed to cause disruptions during events. Please note that while Shamrokon is aimed at all ages, some events -

particularly those later in the evening - may be unsuitable for minors.

Unless otherwise stated, normal still photography is permitted in general convention areas. However please seek permission from members before taking their photos.

You should seek permission from dealers before taking photographs of their stands or any items thereon.

Some costumes may mean that the cosplayers may have limited visibility and may not appreciate being blinded at a crucial moment by a flash going off in their face. In general flash photography in general areas is frowned upon as others may also be shocked by a sudden flash.

Film, video and audio recording will only be permitted where the permission of the convention committee and the persons involved have been sought first. Otherwise, use your common sense.

The issue of weapons is always an area of controversy, however for insurance and legal reasons we have to draw a line in the sand. Accordingly we are decreeing that real and realistic-looking weapons or otherwise dangerous objects cannot be brought into the convention unless they are being used as a prop in a convention event. In such cases, they must be safely bound and may not be displayed outside the specific event. The committee must be informed of any such weapons and reserves the right to refuse their admission to the convention. All weapons should be presented to Ops for checking.

It is not normally permitted to bring food and drink into the hotel. There is a corkage charge on

bottles of wine. If hotel staff discover you bringing in food or drink, you're on your own.

Due to health and safety regulations at the hotel, no live animals - with the exception of Service Animals - may be brought into the convention.

If a problem arises with the Tech equipment, don't try to fix it yourself. There should be a member of staff present, but if there isn't, please find one.

Remember, the convention guests are people too! Please try not to monopolise their time or otherwise unnecessarily inconvenience them.

To avoid disruption, mobile phones must be switched off, or at least to silent, during panels.

Please remember Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Fandom is wonderfully diverse, we all have a part to play in respecting each other from respecting people's pronouns to respecting people's opinions and always being civil. Thank you for your part in keeping Shamrokon inclusive and fun.

## **Harassment Policy**

Shamrokon is dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive, and comfortable convention experience for everyone. Harassment of any kind, including unwelcome attention, verbal harassment, deliberate intimidation, stalking, or unwelcome physical contact - let alone physical assault or battery - will not be tolerated.

**If you are asked to leave someone alone, or are told no, your business with them is done.**

If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of the Convention Committee or report the incident to Ops immediately, or as soon as you can.

Your reports of harassment or similar activity will be recorded and the Co-Chairs will be informed. The Convention Committee will discuss the

situation internally. We will also discuss events with any relevant parties, keeping confidentiality of the complainants, and a decision will then be made on what, if any, action is to be taken.

Convention participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the convention at the discretion of the Convention Committee.

In addition to dealing with the harassment quickly and decisively ourselves, convention staff will be happy to help participants contact hotel security and/or the Gardaí, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the convention.

## **Volunteers**

Conventions like Shamrokon are run by a cadre of awesome volunteers, so if you want to become one of our Gophers you can either attend the training session on Friday at 3pm, or go to Ops. Gophers get access to the Green Room and work only the hours they're willing to give- Gophers are still encouraged to interact with all the programme items and fun to be had.

Members who need to approach a staff member or Gopher, remember that everyone involved in this convention has given their time for free in order to ensure everyone has a good time. Please let them have their breaks and don't bother them while they are attending panels unless you really need to.

## **Go To Ops**

When should you go to Ops?

1. You have a question
2. You have lost something
3. You have found something
4. You are lost
5. Someone is bothering you
6. You're running a panel and have a question
7. You're bringing them a drink
8. A staff member sent you there

9. You missed the registration desk and need to get your badge
10. You've hurt yourself
11. Other stuff
12. All of the above!

## Hotel

The Doubletree by Hilton Hotel has a long history in Dublin, and has gone through a few name changes over its time. Please be aware that residents and taxi drivers may respond better to "The Burlington Hotel" (or if you want to sound local, "The Burlo").

## Accessibility

Shamrokon is being held on the ground and first floor of the hotel, and there are two lifts between them. In addition the hotel can provide a large number of accessibility option. If any of our attendees require assistance, please grab a member of our staff.

## Blue Dot Scheme

At every large gathering of people there will be some attendees who might need a bit more time to move around, who might need chairs moved out of the way of their wheelchairs, or who have people with them to help them get to the event. This could be for a variety of reasons, and the reasons may not be immediately obvious. If you see someone with a blue dot on their badge, please assume they are fully entitled to it.

These people are entitled to a blue dot on their badge. We care about everyone, but if you see someone with a blue dot, please show a little extra consideration.

If you would like a blue dot, please ask at Registration or in Ops. There are no qualifying criteria for a blue dot; if you think it will be helpful to you, you can have one. Also don't forget that not everyone will see your blue dot the first time, so please don't assume they have!

## Hotel Parking

The Doubletree by Hilton Hotel apologises but one of the three car parks is being resurfaced so there is less parking available than usual. Parking is available on a first come first served basis. On street car parking is available in the area, and is free on Burlington Road (behind the hotel) on a weekend.

## Local Amenities

A variety of shops can be found on Baggot Street, which is a 5 minute walk from the hotel along Mezipil Road or Waterloo Road. This includes a pharmacy, a supermarket and several charming pubs and restaurants.

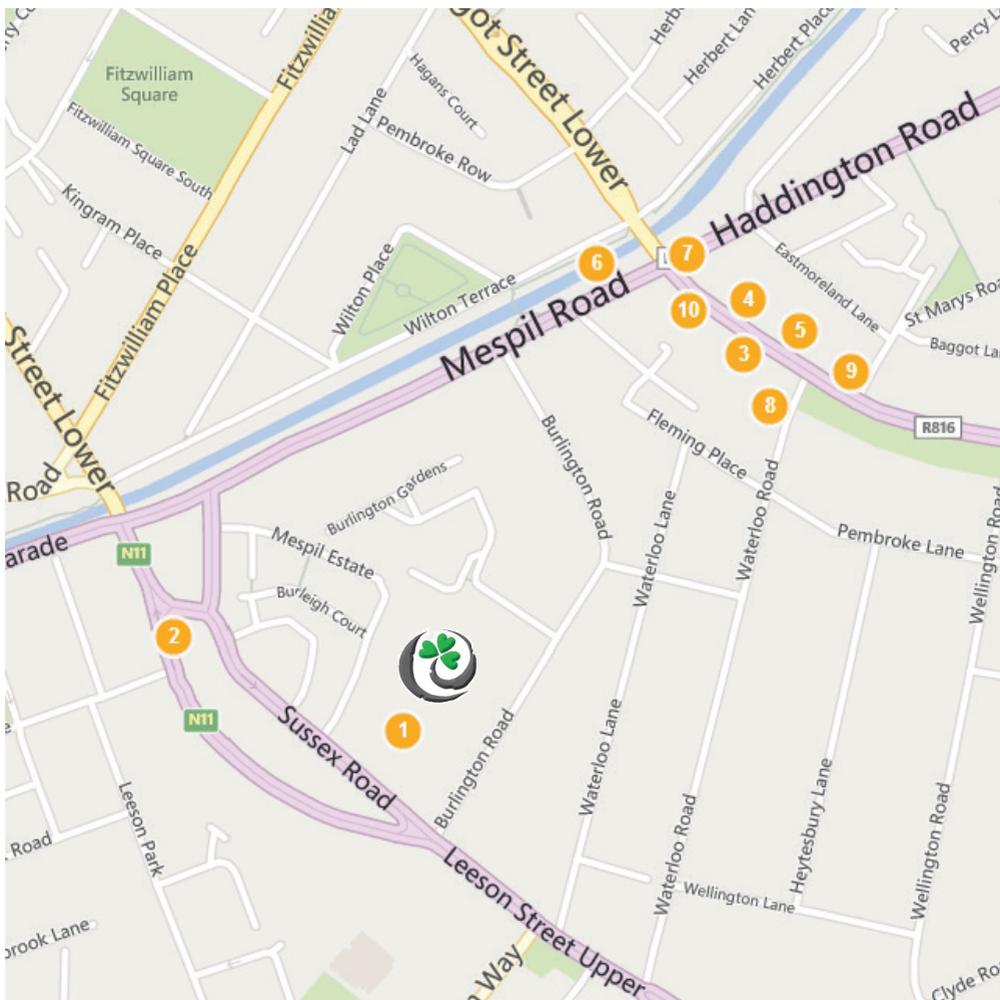
## ATMs

Cash machines in Ireland can usually be found in shops like Spar or Centra, or in most supermarkets. Please consult the map opposite for the nearest cash machines.

- 1 The Doubletree by Hilton Hotel - Shamrokon
- 2 Spar cash machine
- 3 Spar cash machine
- 4 Centra cash machine
- 5 Tesco cash machine
- 6 Petrol station cash machine
- 7 Cash machine on the corner
- 8 Starbucks cash machine
- 9 AIB cash machine
- 10 Donnybrook Fair cash machine

## Transport

The Doubletree by Hilton Hotel is on the edge of the city centre. Walking to Dame Street, Trinity College and Temple Bar should take about 15 minutes. In addition, you can catch the number 145 bus from in front of the hotel, or the 39 or 70 from behind it, all of which take you to Dame Street. Dublin Buses provide a helpful app which can be downloaded from the iTunes App Store or Google Play.



Taxis are readily available and can be called for you by the hotel if there isn't one out front. In addition, if you plan to head out and about you can use an application called Hailo, which will locate you by GPS, send the nearest taxi to you and tell you which taxi number to expect. It's pretty great for someone who's new to town, and you can register a credit card to it so you don't need to use cash. Hailo is also available from the iTunes App Store or Google Play.

### **The Art Show and Dealers room**

Our Guest of Honour, Jim Fitzpatrick, is the featured artist at the Art Show. His wonderful

artwork is on display alongside a variety of artists from Ireland, Hungary, Poland, France and Canada. The artists in attendance will happily discuss their work, both on display, and in their portfolios.

Food and drink will not be allowed into the Art Show or Dealers Room as there is a risk of damage to valuable items. Similarly, bulky or pointy items will not be allowed into the Art Show. Convention staff monitoring the entrance will make a judgment call and ask any appropriate items be left outside.

## Membership Upgrades

Supporting and Day memberships can be upgraded at the front desk at any time.

## Social Media

You can follow the con on Twitter @shamrokon

The Twitter hashtag for the con is #shamrokon

The Facebook group is <https://www.facebook.com/Shamrokon>

### **Shamrokon**

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and seeing your pictures!

## The Programme

The schedule of events and panels at Shamrokon can be found in this booklet. To help our members keep track of where and when their preferred events are, Shamrokon has a web application which you can reach at <http://guide.shamrokon.ie> which will let you search by event and panellist and mark your favourites for later. Many thanks to Helsinki 2017 for providing us with access to their software.

All panel items will finish ten minutes before the next event to ensure everyone has time to get to the next event they want to attend.. Please help the convention by allowing your fellow attendees to moving to your next destination quickly.

## Event Registration

The following events require pre-registration due to limited space. Registration will be available from Friday and reserves will be taken in case anyone needs to drop out.

- LARP: Humanity: This Too Shall Pass (*20 people*)
- Dothraki Jewellery Workshops (*12 people each / 3 sessions*) (€4 per person)
- Writers Workshop (*20 People*)
- Cosplay Workshop (*20 People*)
- Dr Sketchy's (*30 people per session / 3 sessions*)

## Special Events

### The Opening Ceremony

The Conventions Opening ceremony is the true start of the convention, where we will introduce to our Guests of Honour and get the convention truly started.

### The Golden Blaster Short Film Awards

The Sixth annual Irish Short Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror short film Awards. This is a collection of the best short films from around the world. There is both a Juried award and an Audience Award. The films will be shown to both jury and audience during the weekend. The winners will be announced at the Closing Ceremony.

### Tantalus Theatre Company

The talented folks from the Tantalus Theatre Company (link is external) will be putting on an original piece for Shamrokon on Saturday evening. We haven't got all the details yet, but we know it'll be very funny and relevant to the community.

### European Fandom Party

Shamrokon is, of course, a Eurocon and on Saturday night we plan to celebrate many of the countries and people that made our fandom great! Join us for a mix of food and drink from around Europe, great conversation and a party that we're sure will run long into the night.

### Le Fanu Track: Celebrating 200 Years of Gothic and the Supernatural

Marking the 200th birth anniversary of Irish author Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu (1814-1873), Shamrokon is pleased to announce a Le Fanu programming track at this year's convention. Known during his lifetime as Dublin's "Invisi-

ble Prince”, Le Fanu played a pivotal role in the development of both the modern crime novel and the dark fantastic. Shamrokon will join the celebrations with a number of panels and events hosted by international experts paying tribute to the life and works of Dublin’s master of the macabre.

More information on the Le Fanu 200 celebrations can be found on this Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/lefanu200>

## **The Closing Ceremony**

The end of the convention. This will feature the Golden Blasters and the ESFS Awards ceremonies.

## **Dr Who Season 8 Premiere**

I know you’d all much rather be discussing how the current socio-political landscape would react to the emergence of mutant powers? Yeah right, of course you want to watch Dr Who!

Join several hundred of your fellow fans for the Season 8 Premiere “Deep Breath”! Space in this room is limited to 350 so get there as soon as you can!

## **Dublin 2019 Venue Tour**

A tour of the CCD will take place on Sunday 24th August during Shamrokon. If you would like to take part, please sign up at our table, or use this form. A bus will leave the Doubletree by Hilton at 10:00.

## **Ingenious Dublin & visittheirish.ie**

For things to do in Dublin and the surrounding areas, check out pages 22 and 23 for some great ideas from our esteemed associates. There’s free chocolate in it for you!

## **Visit Le Fanu’s Vault**

For those interested, on Monday morning a small group will pay a visit to Le Fanu’s vault

in Mount Jerome cemetery. The vault has been recently refurbished with a memorial plaque installed for the bicentenary. A visit to Le Fanu’s home on Merrion Square can also be included, before arriving at the Dead Dog gathering at the Porterhouse. Please express interest to Brian J. Showers at the Swan River Press table in the Trade Room.

## **Dead Dog Party**

The convention may be over, but you can still hang out with your fellow members at this casual get-together in its traditional location of The Porterhouse Central on Nassau St in Dublin.

# **Programme Details**

## **Friday**

### **Newcomers’ Guide to Cons**

14:00

New to Eurocons, Irish cons or cons in general? This is the event for you! As well as answering practical questions, this will be a great opportunity to make some new friends!

*James Bacon (M), Laurie Mann*

### **European Focus: Missing Medieval Women**

*The European Track*

15:00

Women farriers, Viking Shieldmaidens, Court Poet Christine de Pizan... there were lots of women who weren’t damsels in distress or burnt at the stake. So why don’t we see them in high fantasy?

*Liz Bourke (M), Susan Bartholomew, K. A. Laity, Gillian Polack*

### **Made In Ireland: Fantasy Classics By Irish Authors**

*The Ireland Track*

15:00

Join us for a discussion on the Irish Fantasy authors whose works have become worldwide classics - Lord Dunsany, Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift, Lady Greg-

ory, W.B. Yeats, Josph Sheridan Le Fanu and Bram Stoker.

*Maura McHugh, David Murphy, Theresa Derwin*

## **European Focus: Cartoons In Common**

*The European Track*

15:00

Join our panelists on a trip down memory lane as they reminisce about European cartoons of the 80s - Spartacus and the Sun Beneath The Sea, Ulysses 31, The Mysterious Cities of Gold, Dogtanian and the Three Musketeers, Around the World with Willy Fog and The World of David the Gnome

*James Brophy (M), Miroslaw Baran, Paul Anthony Shortt*

## **Gopher Volunteering and Training**

15:00

Help Shamrokon run a great event by volunteering some of your time over the weekend!

*Pat Maher (M)*

## **Tech Training**

16:00

*Martin Hoare (M)*

## **European Focus: Celtic Gods**

*The European Track*

16:00

Although Celtic gods are most closely associated with Ireland, this panel will also explore their European counterparts.

*Catherine Sharp (M), Sharon Reamer, Michael J. Synnott*

## **Made In Ireland: Come To Ireland, We Have Tax Breaks**

*The Ireland Track*

16:00

Learn all about Ireland's tax exemption on income from works of cultural merit, and how this affects this careers of Irish residents.

*Edmond Barrett, John Vaughan*

## **Filk Warmup for the Terrified**

*Guest of Honour*

16:00

An intro and warmup session for people who would like to stand up and perform but would like some guidance first.

*Tim Griffin (M), Seanan McGuire, Bill Sutton*

## **Adaptations - Live Action To Text**

16:00

We usually think of adaptations going from prose to film, but in this panel we celebrate the other adaptations - movies, tv shows and video games that have become books and comics.

*Heather Urbanski (M), Laura Anne Gilman, Lawrence Watt-Evans, Davitt Waldron*

## **ESFS Flag Raising**

16:00

Raising the ESFS flag at the Shamrokon Venue!

*James Shields (M), Carolina Gomez Lagerlöf, Saija Kyllönen, Vanja Kranjcevic, Gareth Kavanagh, Bridget Wilkinson, Brian Nisbet*

## **Rough Guide to 2000AD**

*Guest of Honour*

17:00

Don't know your Chopper from your Strontium Dogs? And what the drek is a Prog? Judge Dredd writer Michael Carroll and a panel of experts will guide you through the world, from the Megacities to Slaine to Future Shocks to Sinister Dexter and maybe even share a few secrets along the way.

*James Brophy (M), Michael Carroll, Janet O'Sullivan*

## **Cover Art, Writer Input or Lack Thereof**

*Guest of Honour*

17:00

How do writers make sure their covers and illustrations match the visions in their heads?

*Ann VanderMeer (M), Jim Fitzpatrick, C.E. Murphy, Carrie Vaughn*

## **Conrunning - How the Sausage is Made**

17:00

Ever wondered how one of these events is put together? Come and discover The Secret World Of The Conrunners! (OK, it's not actually even slightly secret)

*Vincent Docherty (M), Debi Chowdhury, Crystal Huff, PRK, Laurie Mann, Mihaela Marija Perkovic*

## **Game of Thrones vs A Song of Ice & Fire**

*The Game of Thrones Track*

17:00

One great story, two different views? As the Game of Thrones TV show slowly diverges more and more from the A Song of Ice & Fire series of books, we debate the differences. Is one interpretation better than the other? How different is too different and what happens when the TV series starts to spoil the books?

*Peadar Ó Guilín (M), Cristina Macía, Ian Watson*

## **Opening Ceremony**

*Guest of Honour*

18:00

Convention Opening Ceremony

*Brian Nisbet (M), Michael Carroll, Jim Fitzpatrick, Gareth Kavanagh, Seanan McGuire, Andrzej Sapkowski, James Shields, Ylva Spångberg*

## **Colloquialisms & Cultural Idioms, Its Funnier in Swedish?**

*Guest of Honour*

19:00

Translating a work into a new language brings highs and lows. Are things funnier or better written away from their original tongue? Are there moments that make translators tear their hair out and consider gardening as an alternate career?

*Lauri Bray, Piotr Cholewa, Cristina Macía, Ylva Spångberg, Alejo Cuervo*

## **Ruth Frances Long Book Launch**

19:00

Join Ruth Frances Long for the pre-launch of her new book A Crack in Everything from O'Brien Press

*C.E. Murphy (M), Ruth Frances Long*

## **ESFS General Meeting**

19:00

Presentations from 2016 Eurocon Bidders & discussion on general ESFS Business.

*Carolina Gomez Lagerlöf (M), Gareth Kavanagh, Vanja Kranjcevic, Saija Kyllönen, Bridget Wilkinson*

## **Gender Boxes in the Game of Thrones**

*The Game of Thrones Track*

20:00

Many of the characters in a Song of Ice & Fire are complex and deep representations, defying the stereotypes & caricatures of fantasy. However they are still bound by the gender expectations of the created society in which they move. In this panel we'll discuss who has been placed in which boxes; who is comfortable there; who is banging on the walls and who has kicked their way out?

*Susan Bartholomew, K.J. Lane, Laurie Mann*

## **The Truth About German Fandom**

20:00

Germans are always serious and constructive. Is this really the case? Ralf Boldt and Jürgen R. Lautner say: Definitely not! They invite you to a different view and will open your eyes to a Germany beyond boring sauerkraut eating nerds. Caution: humoristic!

*Ralf Boldt (M), Jürgen Lautner*

## **European Focus: The Fairytale Collectors**

*The European Track*

21:00

Sleeping Beauty, Jack And The Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Oisín And The Land Of Youth - could we know these stories without the Fairytale collectors? Sharon Reamer, Catherine Sharp, Peadar Ó Guilín

## **BOYCOTT!**

21:00

Does boycotting a creator's work or an event actually make an impact or just give them more publicity? Is there any point in boycotting dead creators?

*Janet O'Sullivan (M), Cheryl Morgan, John Vaughan*

# Friday

## C.E. Murphy's Let Them Eat Cake party

21:00

The publishing industry is in chaos! The world is changing around us! Cats and dogs, living together! But for one night, abandon all cares and *Let Them Eat Cake!* -- a party hosted by author (& baker) CE Murphy

*C.E. Murphy (M)*

## Science Fact: Living In A Cyberpunk World

*The Science Track*

21:00

We live in a world of Big Data, drones, DNS IP addresses spraypainted on walls, and apps that track your exercise habits. Are we already living in the cyberpunk future?

*Gerry Mc Evoy (M), Chuck Cady, Siobhán McKenna, Brian Nisbet, Charlie Stross*

## Late Night Conversation with Seanan

*Guest of Honour*

22:00

Join one of our Guests of Honour, Seanan McGuire, for a casual chat, touching on Zombies, Tumblr, Pokemon, filk, parties and everything inbetween. Bring a drink and an open mind!

*Seanan McGuire (M)*

# Saturday

## Science Fact: Tweets From Mars And Songs From Space

*The Science Track*

10:00

In the wake of tweets from the Mars rovers and Commander Hadfield's Space Oddity video, how has the public attitude to space changed, and how do we harness that energy for science and science fiction?

*Nick Larter (M), Paul Abell, Nick Kanas, Lynn Moran, G. David Nordley, Fionnuala Murphy*

## Newcomers' Guide to Cons

10:00

New to Eurocons, Irish cons or cons in general? This is the event for you! As well as answering practical questions, this will be a great opportunity to make some new friends!

*Liz Batty*

## YA Focus: YA Before The Boom

*Guest of Honour*

10:00

The attention YA Speculative Fiction receives has skyrocketed in the last decade. But what of the Young Adult books that were published before this boom? Join us for a discussion of classic works by authors like Anne McCaffrey, Tamora Pierce, Garth Nix, Arthur C Clarke, Diane Duane and Heinlein.

*Bradford Lyau (M), Michael Carroll, Ruth Frances Long, C.E. Murphy*

## Eurocon 2016 Bid Q&A

10:00

A presentation on the two bids for Eurocon in 2016 followed by an opportunity to ask questions bidders.

*Ian Watson, Michael Mark Wnuk*

## Cosplay: How to Start Workshop

10:00

An introductory workshop on cosplay giving some handy tips on what you can do without an industrial sewing machine and years of practice.

*Amy King (M)*

## Dothraki Jewellery Workshop 1

*The Game of Thrones Track*

10:00

TitanCon presents Dothraki Jewellery Workshops run by Emma Andrews from the Game of Thrones Drapes and Embroidery department. TitanCon Belfast brings it's very popular crafting workshop to Shamrokon. In each workshop 12 people will get the opportunity to sit down with talented Game of Thrones artisan Emma Andrews to create their own Dothraki jewellery. All the material is provided including fur, leather, beads and real horse hair from Emma's own horses. (€4 per person)

*Emma Andrews*

## Who Owns Your DNA Sequence?

*The Science Track*

11:00

DNA sequencing is no longer a science-fictional concept but a current reality. What are the consequences of sequencing your own genome, for yourself and for your family? And can we balance the scientific benefits of sequencing historical samples or cell lines with ethical concerns about sequencing the genome of someone who died long before they could give their consent?

*Susan Connolly (M), Liz Batty, G. David Nordley*

## Mocking the Monoglots: Untranslated Hidden Gems

*Guest of Honour*

11:00

While technology advances the universal translator is still dodgy at best, which means that so many stories are unavailable to those who only know one or two languages. The panel aims to discuss the best of hidden, single language stories and why you should definitely fire up DuoLingo to learn to read them.

*Mihaela Marija Perkovic (M), Ula Kapala, Andrzej Sapkowski, Ylva Spångberg, Regina Kanyu Wang, Cheryl Morgan*

## YA Focus: Kids With Jobs

11:00

Spies, monster slayers, thieves and heirs to the throne... if you don't want to write a school story, you need to worldbuild a plausible excuse for your teen protagonist to have a job.

*Patricia Kennon (M), Leigh Bardugo, Douglas Drummond, Amie Kaufman*

## ESFS General Meeting

11:00

Voting on 2016 Eurocon location and ESFS awards.  
*Carolina Gomez Lagerlöf (M), Gareth Kavanagh, Vanja Kranjcevic, Saija Kyllönen, Bridget Wilkinson*

## Le Fanu Track: The Life and Works of Le Fanu

*The Le Fanu Track*

12:00

Editor of Le Fanu's collected supernatural stories Jim Rockhill discusses everything from the life of Le Fanu,

# FRIDAY TIMETABLE

Room	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00
Pembroke			Tech Training		Opening Ceremony					
Lansdown		Missing Medieval Women	Celtic Gods	Rough Guide to 2000AD			Gender Boxes in the Game of Thrones	The Fairytale Collectors		
Munster	Newcomers' Guide to Cons		Come To Ireland, We Have Tax Breaks	Cover Art, Writer Input or Lack Thereof		Its Funnier in Swedish?	The Truth About German Fandom	BOY-COTT!		
Ulster		Fantasy Classics By Irish Authors	Filk Warmup for the Terrified	Conrunning - How the Sausage is Made		Ruth Frances Long Book Launch		Let Them Eat Cake party	Late Night Conversation with Seanan	
Room 1/2		Cartoons In Common	Adaptations - Live Action To Text	Game of Thrones vs A Song of Ice & Fire		ESFS General Meeting		Living In A Cyberpunk World		
Room 6		Gopher Volunteering and Training								
Other			ESFS Flag Raising							

# SATURDAY TIMETABLE

Room	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00
Pembroke				Guest of Honour Interview - Michael Carroll		Guest of Honour Interview - Seanan Maguire	
Lansdown		Tweets From Mars And Songs From Space	Who Owns Your DNA Sequence?		Dublin in 2019 - A Worldcon Bid		The Competing Religions of Westeros
Munster		Newcomers' Guide to Cons	Mocking the Monoglots: Untranslated Hidden Gems	Le Fanu Track: The Life and Works of Le Fanu	Le Fanu Track: Le Fanu's Place in Supernatural Fiction	Le Fanu Track: Ghost Stories & Gothic Mysteries - Where to Start?	Le Fanu Track: Vampire Lovers - Le Fanu and the Silver Screen
Ulster		YA Focus: YA Before The Boom	YA Focus: Kids With Jobs	LARPing All Over The World	YA Focus: YA Evolution	Hawkeye - The Other Avenger	Peaceful Science Fiction
Room 1/2		Eurocon 2016 Bid Q&A	ESFS General Meeting		Science Fact: Wearable Tech	Back To The Couture	Octocon 2015 Panel
Room 5		Dothraki Jewellery Workshop 1		Dothraki Jewellery Workshop 2		Costume Photoshoot	
Room 6		Cosplay: How to Start Workshop			Fan Fund Auction		Nerdy Knits Pattern Swap

Room	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00
Pembroke	Guest of Honour Interview - Ylva Spångberg			Tantalus Theatre Company Presents: Tails From the Shrink's Couch	Dr Who Season 8 Premiere		
Lansdown		John Vaughan's Vault of Horror			International Fandom Party		
Munster	Le Fanu Track: Dracula vs. Carmilla	Le Fanu Track: The Familiar	Le Fanu: Dreams of Shadow and Smoke - Stories for J.S. Le Fanu		Jamming Session		
Ulster	Science Fact: The Rosetta Spacecraft	Pseudonyms	Retro 21st Century or Our 21st Century?			"All This Is True Because It Rhymes"	Worst Blind Date Ever
Room 1/2	Spock's Beard, a shorthand for Evil	Future Eurocon Presentations				Self Publishing: Career Progression Post Publishing	
Room 5		Dothraki Jewellery Workshop 3					
Room 6	LARP: Humanity: This Too Shall Pass						

# SUNDAY TIMETABLE

Room	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00
Pembroke		Guest of Honour Signing Session		Guest of Honour Interview - Andrzej Sapkowski			
Lansdown		"She wrote it, but..." - Invisible Women Creators				Golden Blaster Awards	
Munster		Where Are All The Adult Irish Speculative Fiction Novels?	Self-publishing: Crowd Funding 101	Women of 2000AD	Fiction - Beyond The Novel	Science Fact: 3D Printers and Copyright Law	Self-publishing: Getting Feedback
Ulster		Who Owns A Myth?	Steampunk Fact - Monorails!		Fictional Sports As Worldbuilding, And Real Life Incarnations	European Focus: Fairytales Across Europe	Genre Toys
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# Saturday

his childhood in Limerick and his turn as the “Invisible Prince” of Dublin, to the author’s key works, including “Carmilla”, “Green Tea”, and “Uncle Silas”  
*Jim Rockhill (M)*

## LARPing All Over The World

12:00  
Live Action Role Playing is popular worldwide, but the hobby takes many different forms and it’s enjoyed in many different ways. Our panel will give an intro to the pastime as they see it and tell the audience how they can get involved wherever they may be.

*Davitt Waldron (M), Lars Adler, Lynn Moran, Ian Paul Power*

## Dothraki Jewellery Workshop 2

*The Game of Thrones Track*

12:00  
TitanCon presents Dothraki Jewellery Workshops run by Emma Andrews from the Game of Thrones Drapes and Embroidery department. TitanCon Belfast brings it’s very popular crafting workshop to Shamrokon. In each workshop 12 people will get the opportunity to sit down with talented Game of Thrones artisan Emma Andrews to create their own Dothraki jewellery. All the material is provided for a small additional cost, including fur, leather, beads and real horse hair from Emma’s own horses. (€4 per person)

*Emma Andrews*

## Guest of Honour Interview - Michael Carroll

*Guest of Honour*

12:00  
Join our Guest of Honour Michael Carroll for a one-on-one freeform interview with an opportunity for Questions & Answers.

*John Vaughan (M), Michael Carroll*

## Fan Fund Auction

12:30  
An auction to raise funds for the various fan travel funds.

*Mihaela Marija Perkovic (M), Mirko Karas*

## Dublin in 2019 - A Worldcon Bid

*The Ireland Track*

13:00  
We are bidding to host a Worldcon here in Dublin in 2019. Come and see what plans we have in place already, and maybe become a part of this exciting opportunity for the Irish and International Fandom Community!

*James Bacon (M), Peadar Ó Guilín, Lynda Rucker*

## Le Fanu Track: Le Fanu’s Place in Supernatural Fiction

*The Le Fanu Track*

13:00  
What makes Le Fanu’s work so important? A panel of experts discuss not only the influences on Le Fanu’s work, but also the resounding influence he had on others: from his proto-occult detective Dr. Hesselius to his influence on Stoker’s “Dracula”.

*Robert Lloyd Parry (M), Helen Conrad-O’Briain, Jim Rockhill, Mark Valentine*

## YA Focus: YA Evolution

13:00  
YA became an incredibly popular market, but what happens next? Will the first few YA generations move on to New Adult or stay reading what they were reading? Is today’s YA what tomorrow’s young adults really want?

*Amie Kaufman (M), Leigh Bardugo, Ian Paul Power, Kathryn Sullivan*

## Science Fact: Wearable Tech

*The Science Track*

13:00  
Computers have moved from the desk, to our pockets and now onto our wrists, our faces & our clothes. How are Fitbits, cheap LEDs, Google Glass and light up Christmas Jumpers changing our lives and our visions of the future.

*Davitt Waldron (M), Cheryl Harding, Fionnuala Murphy, Charlie Stross, W A (Bill) Thomasson*

## **Le Fanu Track: Ghost Stories and Gothic Mysteries - Where to Start?**

*The Le Fanu Track*

14:00

Find out which works by Le Fanu you should read first - classic tales of the supernatural such as “Carmilla” and “Green Tea”, his most famous gothic novel “Uncle Silas”, or are there some hidden favourites?

*Valeria Cavalli (M), Mark Valentine, Jim Rockhill, Lynda Rucker*

## **Hawkeye - The Other Avenger**

14:00

The star of one of Marvel’s most critically acclaimed books, and the star of one of the Internet’s favourite memes. What is it about the purple everyman that has made him so popular in recent years?

*Heather Urbanski (M), James Bacon, Antonia Pugliese*

## **Back To The Couture**

14:00

A 30s silver capes and hotpants, Star Trek jumpsuits, or Jean-Paul Gaultier’s orange-vested Fifth Element vision? Which future fashion would the panelists pick to wear on a daily basis? Or is everyone just going to chose Han Solo’s comfy-looking jacket?

*Carole Parker (M), JC, Cheryl Harding, Amy King*

## **Guest of Honour Interview - Seanan Maguire**

*Guest of Honour*

14:00

Join our Guest of Honour Seanan Maguire for a one-on-one freeform interview with an opportunity for Questions & Answers.

*Janet O’Sullivan (M), Seanan McGuire*

## **Costume Photoshoot**

14:00

An opportunity to get your photograph taken in full costume by a professional photographer!

*Barry Kelly (M)*

## **Nerdy Knits Pattern Swap**

14:30

Bring along a nerdy item you’ve knitted or crochet, and a copy of the pattern you used. Admire other people’s work and get some new ideas!

*Deirdre Thornton (M)*

## **The Competing Religions of Westeros**

*The Game of Thrones Track*

15:00

The old gods? The Seven? R’hllor? The religions of Westeros (and the lands across the narrow sea) are many and the adherents of each faith clearly believe they are the only ones who know what they’re talking about. The panellists will delve into the myth & mystery of each religion, the similarities & differences and possibly even reveal who’d they’d worship, given the chance!

*Leigh Bardugo, Susan Bartholomew*

## **Le Fanu Track: Vampire Lovers - Le Fanu and the Silver Screen**

*The Le Fanu Track*

15:00

Considering Le Fanu’s works and their cinematic counterparts: from Dreyer’s masterpiece “Vampyr” (1932) and Hammer’s lurid “Vampire Lovers” (1970), to the BBC’s adaptation of “Schalken the Painter” (1979) and Peter O’Toole’s turn as Uncle Silas in “The Dark Angel” (1987).

*Maura McHugh (M), Robert J.E. Simpson, Darryl Jones*

## **Peaceful Science Fiction**

15:00

In a genre filled with blasters & planet killers, where are the other authors who eschew violence in Space Opera? Ireland’s own James White is chief amongst these, but who are the others and why is this an important sub genre?

*Paul Anthony Shortt (M), Liz Bourke, Carrie Vaughn, Ian Watson*

# Saturday

## Octocon 2015 Panel

*The Ireland Track*

15:00

Octocon is Ireland's National Science Fiction Convention. During this item the committee will lay out their plans for the next con in October 2015 and tell you why you absolutely need to be there!

*Gareth Kavanagh (M), JC*

## Le Fanu Track: Dracula vs. Carmilla

*The Le Fanu Track*

16:00

Exploring the connections between the lives of two Irish masters of gothic horror: J.S. Le Fanu and Bram Stoker, and their indelible contributions to vampire literature: "Carmilla" and "Dracula".

*Maura McHugh (M), Darryl Jones, Jim Rockhill, Theresa Derwin*

## Science Fact: The Rosetta Spacecraft

*The Science Track*

16:00

It's nearly there! After ten long years, the Rosetta Spacecraft is drawing close to the suspiciously rubber-duck-shaped asteroid 7P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.

*Fionnuala Murphy (M), Paul Abell, Nick Kanas, Nick Larter, G. David Nordley*

## Spock's Beard, a shorthand for Evil.

16:00

Science fiction, horror and fantasy have created many shorthand references that return again and again in wider culture. To the older fan it's a reminder but to the younger fan it's a mystery to solve and a new thing to see. We investigate spoilers, call backs and hidden references across all media and find out just how small the worlds we stride across are.. Warning may contain Ponies.

*James Brophy (M), Patricia Kennon, Maggy Moo, Jeff VanderMeer*

## Guest of Honour Interview - Ylva Spångberg

*Guest of Honour*

16:00

Join our Guest of Honour Ylva Spångberg for a one-on-one freeform interview with an opportunity for Questions & Answers.

*Cheryl Morgan (M), Ylva Spångberg*

## LARP: Humanity: This Too Shall Pass

16:00

Do you like Sci-Fi? Do you like having fun? Do you like arguments where you threaten nuclear war if you don't get your way? Come play Humanity: This Too Shall Pass, a Live Action Role Play game where you decide the future of the human race.

The year is 2050. The countries of the world have coalesced in to 5 factions. These 5 factions have brought the world to the brink of annihilation. In a freak show of sanity, the 5 factions are brokering a treaty to bring an end to hostilities. Leaders, Scientists, Diplomats and Military personnel from each faction have come together on the space station Endeavour, one of the last truly neutral territories, to finalise the details of the treaty, and bring about a lasting peace for humanity... what could possibly go wrong?

*Ian Paul Power (M)*

## Le Fanu Track: The Familiar

*The Le Fanu Track*

17:00

Actor Robert Lloyd Parry gives a dramatised reading of one of Le Fanu's best loved, Dublin-based ghost stories.

*Robert Lloyd Parry (M)*

## Pseudonyms

*Guest of Honour*

17:00

Pseudonyms, anonymous publications and pen names have been a part of SF&F writing ever since Frankenstein was published anonymously. Sometimes they're an open secret to aid branding (eg Mira Grant) and sometimes they're a secret to allow a work to be judged on its own merits (JK Rowling)

*Ann VanderMeer (M), Laura Anne Gilman, Seanan McGuire*

## **Future Eurocon Presentations**

*The European Track*

17:00

A presentation on the 2015 and 2016 Eurocons.

## **Dothraki Jewellery Workshop 3**

*The Game of Thrones Track*

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*Emma Andrews*

## **John Vaughans Vault of Horror**

17:00

Join John Vaughan on a mystery trip through some of the worst (or awfully best!) horror movies. With clips, commentary and explanations, John will change the way you view horror forever!

*John Vaughan (M)*

## **Le Fanu: Dreams of Shadow and Smoke - Stories for J.S. Le Fanu**

*The Le Fanu Track*

18:00

Launching a new anthology of stories by authors paying tribute to the life and literature of Le Fanu, edited by Jim Rockhill and Brian J. Showers, and including stories by Mark Valentine, Lynda E. Rucker, Martin Hayes, Derek John, Sarah LeFanu, Emma Darwin and more. Some contributors will be on hand for signing.

*Brian J Showers (M), Jim Rockhill*

## **Retro 21st Century or Our 21st Century?**

18:00

Would you be willing to give up your phablet for a jetpack? DNA testing for moon bases?

*Gerry Mc Evoy (M), PRK, Curt Phillips, Charlie Stross, Feòrag NicBhrìde*

## **Tantalus Theatre Company Presents - Tails From the Shrink's Couch**

18:30

All Sci-fi characters have something up with them that would make a shrink take to the books with glee, from resurrection PTSD to dealing with Cyber-depression in the depths of space where no one will change the Diodes on your left side, Tantalus brings just a small taste of the problems plaguing our favourite characters for your entertainment as they take to the Psychiatrists couch with Doctor McCoy and his faithful assistant HAL 9000.

## **Dr Who Season 8 Premiere**

19:50

"Deep Breath" - The Doctor and Clara meet up with the Paternoster Gang again for a pulse-racing adventure through victorian London!

## **International Fandom Party**

20:00

Fans from all over the world will be celebrating their conventions and cultures!

## **Jamming Session**

*Guest of Honour*

20:00

An open mike opportunity to song a song, play a tune or indulge in a solo. A room set aside for music.

*Tim Griffin (M), Seanan McGuire*

## **"All This Is True Because It Rhymes"**

*Guest of Honour*

21:00

Prophecies as a plot device in SF&F

*Laura Anne Gilman (M), Ruth Frances Long, Andrzej Sapkowski, Jeff VanderMeer*

## **Self Publishing: Career Progression Post Publishing**

21:00

"Next Steps in Self Publishing" You've written the novel, designed a fantastic cover, and deciphered Amazon and Smashword's Byzantine upload and tax instructions. Now what? Our panelists will debate the merits of multiple covers, writing in multiple genres,

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signing with The Big Five, POD, and series vs stand-alone

*Edmond Barrett, Derek Gunn, Mikaela Lind, Sharon Reamer*

## Worst Blind Date Ever

22:00

What fictional character or creature would be the Worst Blind Date Ever? A vampire who wants you for dessert? A timetraveler who keeps spoiling you favourite TV show? Arthur Dent for no other reason other than he's sitting there in a ratty dressing gown and you're mortified?

*James Brophy (M), Emma England, Derek Gunn*

# Sunday

## “She wrote it, but...” - Invisible Women Creators

10:00

Madame d'Aulnoy, Sara Coleridge, Mary Shelly, Jane C. Loudon, Margaret Cavendish, Hope Mirrlees, E. Nesbit, Stella Benson, C. L. Moore, Andre Norton, Ursula K. Le Guin, Shirley Jackson, Leigh Brackett, Evangeline Walton. FIXME Women have been profoundly important and influential creators since the very foundation of Speculative Fiction, so why are they often left out of the academic texts, the awards lists and the reprint market? And what do the panel and the audience do to alter this trend?

*Siobhán McKenna (M), Susan Connolly, Theresa Derwin, Laura Anne Gilman, Cheryl Morgan*

## Where Are All The Adult Irish Speculative Fiction Novels?

10:00

Most speculative fiction released by Irish publishers are pitched as children's or young adult novels. Why do Irish publishers not publish speculative fiction for adults?

*Patricia Kennon, Ruth Frances Long, Ian Paul Power, Paul Anthony Shortt, Bob Neilson*

## Who Owns A Myth?

10:00

Cultural appropriation or part of a long tradition of keeping stories alive by reimagining for the current day?

*Tasha Cady, Gunnar Roxen, Catherine Sharp, Gillian Polack*

## Realism In the Imagined: Mapping the Worlds & Heavens

10:00

What's a fat fantasy without a map? How do you navigate around the galaxy without a starchart? What goes into creating realistic cartography of the earth beneath our feet & the skies over our heads.

*David Angus, Nick Kanas, Trudy Myers*

## Guest of Honour Signing Session

*Guest of Honour*

10:00

Our 5 guests of honor will be doing a signing, there is a limit of 2 items per person per guest to be signed. Seanan McGuire, Andrzej Sapkowski, Michael Carroll, Ylva Spångberg, Jim Fitzpatrick

## Writers Workshop

10:00

Lora O'Brien is a published author, journalist, features writer, copywriter and business consultant with 13 year credits in national and international publications, including Ms. Magazine (USA) and the Sunday Independent. She will be presenting a general workshop of writing advice, plotting, structure and other useful hints!

Lora O'Brien (M)

## Dublin 2019 CCD Tour

10:00

A tour of Dublins CCD the site of the Dublin in 2019 Worldcon Bid. If you wish to take part in this tour, please use the link in the guide app or speak to the Dublin 2019 table in the hall.

James Bacon (M)

## **Self-publishing: Crowd Funding 101**

11:00

Crowd funding has exploded as a financing method in the last few years. Our panel of experts will relive the highs and lows of their practical experiences of the platforms.

*C.E. Murphy, Brian J Showers, Bob Neilson*

## **Steampunk Fact - Monorails!**

11:00

Steampunk as a genre didn't spring fully formed from nowhere. It has its roots in Victorian science and engineering. The panel will talk about these factual roots, focusing on, amongst other things, the steam powered monorails of the Listowel & Ballybunion railway.

*John Vaughan (M), Douglas Drummond, Feòrag Nic-Bhrìde, Kathryn Sullivan, Carrie Vaughn*

## **Latin American Speculative Fiction**

11:00

Come and learn about the history and future of Latin American Speculative Fiction

*Cheryl Morgan (M), Carlos Suchowolski*

## **Women of 2000AD**

*Guest of Honour*

12:00

Small in number, but mighty in influence - Women characters and creators of 2000AD.

*Michael Carroll, Maura McHugh, Janet O'Sullivan*

## **Made In Ireland: Post War Modern Classics of SF&F**

*The Ireland Track*

12:00

Join us for a discussion of the heady days of the 50s, 60s, and 70s, when brand new Bob Shaw, James White, Harry Harrison, Anne McCaffrey and CS Lewis books could be found on the shelves.

*Bob Neilson, Val Nolan, Norman Cates*

## **Guest of Honour Interview - Andrzej Sapkowski**

*Guest of Honour*

12:00

Join our Guest of Honour Andrzej Sapkowski for a one-on-one freeform interview with an opportunity for Questions & Answers.

*Andrzej Sapkowski*

## **Fiction - Beyond The Novel**

13:00

Short stories, flash fiction, serial fiction - they have always been an integral part of SF&F history, but in recent years discussion has shifted to novels. However new innovations like Amazon serials and Lightspeed demonstrate short form fiction is still relevant and exciting

*Bob Neilson, Kathryn Sullivan, Carrie Vaughn, Lawrence Watt-Evans*

## **Fictional Sports As Worldbuilding, And Real Life Incarnations**

13:00

What would Harry Potter be without Quidditch, BSG without Pyramid or Judge Dredd without Sky Surfing?

*Heather Urbanski, K.J. Lane*

## **The Zombie Infection**

*Guest of Honour*

13:00

It's spread from film, to books & comics, to songs, to board games, dice games, video games. A look at the cross genre infection, and how each genre is effected by it and what it brings to the brain buffet

*James Brophy (M), Daire J Kelly, Seanan McGuire, Alan Stewart*

## **Science Fact: 3D Printers and Copyright Law**

*The Science Track*

14:00

Would Captain Picard be allowed to replicate a Lego brick?

*Alan Donnelly, Aoibheann O'Daly, Charlie Stross, Cheryl Harding*

# Sunday

## European Focus: Fairytales Across Europe

*The European Track*

14:00

Throughout Europe we have tales of witches, little folk, seal people, blood drinkers and the people who live under mounds. What do their similarities and differences tell us about our common and separate heritage?

*Ruth Frances Long (M), Peadar Ó Guilín, Mikaela Lind, Ylva Spångberg*

## From Sequins to Rivets: A Look Into Cosplay

14:00

Cosplay is beyond mainstream now with thousands of people turning up to cons around the world in the most amazing costumes. Why are people so passionate about it? What are the greatest costumes our panellists have worn or seen and what's their dream creation?

*Amy King, Ann Morris, Anna Preis*

## Golden Blasters

*Guest of Honour*

14:00

*John Vaughan (M), James Bacon, James Brophy, Michael Carroll, Dave Lally, Maura McHugh, C.E. Murphy*

## Irish Writers Union Legal Clinic

*The Ireland Track*

14:00

The Irish Writers' Union will provide a one-to-one clinic for all writers - from emerging to established. If you have a question about a contract, have queries about a publisher, or have never put pen to paper and want some general advice - we're here for you. Check out our website on [www.ireland-writers.com](http://www.ireland-writers.com) or drop by with your query. We are a not-for-profit body dedicated to making sure that the voice of the writer gets heard.

*Seán Carabini (M)*

## Dr. Sketchy's Dublin Anti-Art School

14:00

We are pleased to be joined by the Dublin Branch of the Global movement which is Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School. Come and sketch drawn and colour in, taking part is what matters.

## Self-publishing: Getting Feedback

15:00

The differences between editing, beta reading & copyediting. Do our creators prefer The Compliment Sandwich or the Red Pen of Doom?

*Edmond Barrett, Mikaela Lind, Bob Neilson, Catherine Sharp*

## Genre Toys

*Guest of Honour*

15:00

Pfff... who says toys are only for kids? Our panellists will reveal their passions, their favourite toys, their most prized genre possessions and what toy they might just go to jail to get their hands on!

*Davitt Waldron (M), Emma England, Seanan McGuire, Paul Anthony Shortt*

## Can't I just Google It? How To Research

15:00

At a certain point in your novel Write What You Know ends and The Research begins. But *how* exactly? Do you need to earn a PhD in astrophysics or march 10 miles in chainmail before you write about it? What exactly is a microfiche and do libraries still have them?

*Ruth Frances Long (M), David Angus, Susan Connolly, Helen Gbala, Amy Sisson*

## Project Gutenberg - liberating classics or killing them?

16:00

Does creating free electronic versions of public domain works prevent them from lapsing into obscurity, or just remove the motivation for a publisher to promote them?

*Theresa Derwin, Lora O'Brien, Brian J Showers, Alan Stewart*

## **Speculative Fiction by Polish Authors**

*Guest of Honour, European Track*

16:00

In Ireland it's easy to think that all SF&F is anglophone and comes from North America, the UK or here. Every culture influences its writers in different ways and Poland is no different. This panel aims to discuss some of those influences and to talk about what makes Polish SF&F different from the rest of the world.

*Ula Kapala, Andrzej Sapkowski, Piotr Cholewa*

## **Using Computer Games To Tell Stories**

16:00

From like Machinima like Red Vs Blue to Narrative Let's Plays to MMOs, our panelists will discuss the myriad ways people use Computer Games to tell stories.

*Gerry Mc Evoy (M), Lauri Bray, Daire J Kelly, Gunnar Roxen, Ville Vuorela*

## **Guest of Honour Interview - Jim Fitzpatrick**

*Guest of Honour*

16:00

Join our Guest of Honour Jim Fitzpatrick for a one-on-one freeform interview with an opportunity for Questions & Answers.

*Davitt Waldron (M), Jim Fitzpatrick*

## **Science Fact: Animals in Spec Fic**

*The Science Track*

17:00

Unicorns, Targs, Graboids and The Littlest Hobo. Horses that never need feeding and dogs that never need to be walked. Join our panelists for a discussion on the best, worst and silliest examples of animals in speculative fiction.

*Susan Connolly, Heather Turnbull, Kathryn Sullivan*

## **Well this was fun! Now what?**

17:00

Panel discussing upcoming Irish & European Events, letting fans both old and new hear about other similar events they can enjoy.

*Gareth Kavanagh (M), James Bacon, Dave Lally*

## **Showrunners**

17:00

Showrunners is the first ever feature length documentary film to focus on the creators of the most popular medium on the planet, Television. Director Des Dolye sits down with us to show some clips. discuss his film and the challenges that faced Joss Whedon, Ron D. Moore, Jane Espenson and J.J. Abrams when creating such important science fiction and fantasy shows as Star Trek:TNG, BSG, Buffy, Torchwood, Lost and Fringe.

*James Brophy (M), Des Doyle, Paul Sheridan*

## **Closing Ceremony**

*Guest of Honour*

18:00

The end of the convention, Where the winners of the ESFS awards and the Golden Blasters will be announced, and trophies will be giving out

*Brian Nisbet (M), Michael Carroll, Carolina Gomez Lagerlöf, Gareth Kavanagh, Seanan McGuire, Andrzej Sapkowski, Ylva Spångberg, John Vaughan, James Shields*

## **Dead Dog Party**

19:00

Even after the Closing Ceremony, the con doesn't stop! We expect quite a few people to still be hanging around in the convention, having a few drinks, talking about their weekends and slowly winding down.



# Monday

## Le Fanu Track: Le Fanu Walking Tour

*The Le Fanu Track*

10:00

For those interested, on Monday morning a small group will pay a visit to Le Fanu's vault in Mount Jerome cemetery. The vault has been recently refurbished with a memorial plaque installed for the bicentenary. A visit to Le Fanu's home on Merrion Square can also be included, before arriving at the Dead Dog gathering at the Porterhouse. Please express interest to Brian J. Showers at the Swan River Press table in the Dealers' Room.

*Brian J Showers (M)*

## Dead Dogs Part II

12:00

The convention may be over, but you can still hang out with your fellow members at this casual get-together in its traditional location of **The Porterhouse Central** on Nassau St in Dublin.

*Dave Lally (M)*

DO YOU WANT TO SEE MORE OF IRELAND WHILE YOU'RE HERE?  
VISIT [THEIRISH.IE](http://THEIRISH.IE) AND **INGENIOUS DUBLIN** HAVE GOT YOU COVERED!

## Ingenious Dublin! Shamrokon special tour, with a geeky gothic twist

A great way to meet people attending the convention, and discover secret Dublin. The tour takes in places associated with four Dublin Gothic writers: Charles Maturin, Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, Bram Stoker and Oscar Wilde, as well as some of the great Irish ideas and inventions that changed the world.

This entertaining stroll is packed with stories you won't find on any other Dublin tour. There's an air raid shelter, elephants and earthquakes, a whiff of whiskey and Guinness, and the Irish equation that put a man on the Moon. Plus: a delicious Butlers Chocolate for everyone -- come along to find out why!

**Dates:** Friday August 22nd and Monday 25th. Additional tours subject to demand. Departs at 11am. Note: minimum 10 people needed for each tour with this special itinerary.

Our regular Ingenious Dublin tour is also available every Saturday at 11am from Science Gallery throughout the summer.

**Route:** Our stroll takes us from St Stephen's Green, past some of the city's most important landmarks, to end at TCD's popular Science Gallery in time for lunch, where you can also enjoy their current exhibition, an art-science exploration of *Strange Weather* (adm free).

**Meet:** Fuseliers Memorial Arch St Stephen's Green (opposite Grafton St). Look for the guide in the white coat! Please arrive 10 minutes before departure.

**Bring:** Comfortable shoes, rain gear, a camera ...and your curiosity! Suitable for ages 14+. Wheelchair accessible.

**Register at:** <http://bit.ly/1kGSLdF> (or use the QR code on the left)

**Price:** €15.06 (inc. booking fee)



# Welcome to the Shamrokon Visitors Guide & welcome to Dublin!

Welcome to the city that helped Bram Stoker work out how to describe what a vampire's skin would look like. Welcome to the city that was the stomping ground for gothic writers such as Charles Maturin, Sheridan le Fanu, Oscar Wilde and the aforementioned Bram Stoker.

Apart from this decent selection of gothic story tellers, Dublin, and Ireland as a whole, has a lot of myths and legends (check out our link which has a **blog post on 4 Irish myths**). Ireland also has its fair share of *'the devil appeared here'* locations – the most notable one in Dublin County being **The Hell Fire Club** – while **Loftus Hall** in Co. Wexford, we think, has the best tour on this topic.

Back in Dublin you can hear about grave diggers and robbers in **Glasnevin Cemetery** or see a dead body or four in **St. Michan's Church** – where Bram Stoker got his descriptions of vampires.

## 'Horror'ible' Tours

There are also a range of horror and ghost tours you can do in Dublin including:

**Ingenious Ireland** are putting on a **'Shamrokon special tour, with a geeky gothic twist'**, covering the gothic writers of Dublin as well as the great Irish ideas and inventions that changed the world. (11am on Thursday (21st Aug) before and Monday (25th Aug) after the convention)

**Hidden Dublin** do ghost walks (**Haunted History & Northside Ghost Walk**) through haunted Dublin as well as 2 bus tours; the **Hell Fire Club Tour** (mentioned above) and the **Gravediggers Ghost Bus Tour**. – Shamrokon attendees can get **20% off** the bus tours during the week before and after (18th -29th Aug 2014) the convention by calling 085 1023646 (Irish Mobile) in advance. Dublin Bus also does a **Dublin GhostBus tour** (you will find a 20% off voucher in your goody bag)

*We have gone on **all 3** of these bus tours, just for you 😊. Don't forget to **check out the blog post** in our link!*

**Glasnevin Cemetery** – the only cemetery in the world with a museum on site. The tour, as well as the interactive displays, is well worth it, as you will see from our review in the link.

**St. Michan's Church** – there are special vaults here that have been preserving bodies since the time of Bram Stoker and if you are lucky enough **you can even touch them!**

## More Science, less Horror

Did you know: The first extragalactic supernova observation was made in Belfast!

There are 7 different Observatories and Planetariums around Ireland. However, unfortunately, only a small few of the observatories are open to the public, but won't allow you to have a look through their telescopes during the summer time.

**Check out our site for more information on telescopes** you can visit, but not use.

And finally, in Dublin, we have science. Dublin has it's own **Science Gallery** (on the grounds of Trinity College) with ever changing exhibitions. The one that will be on during Shamrokon is called Strange Weather.

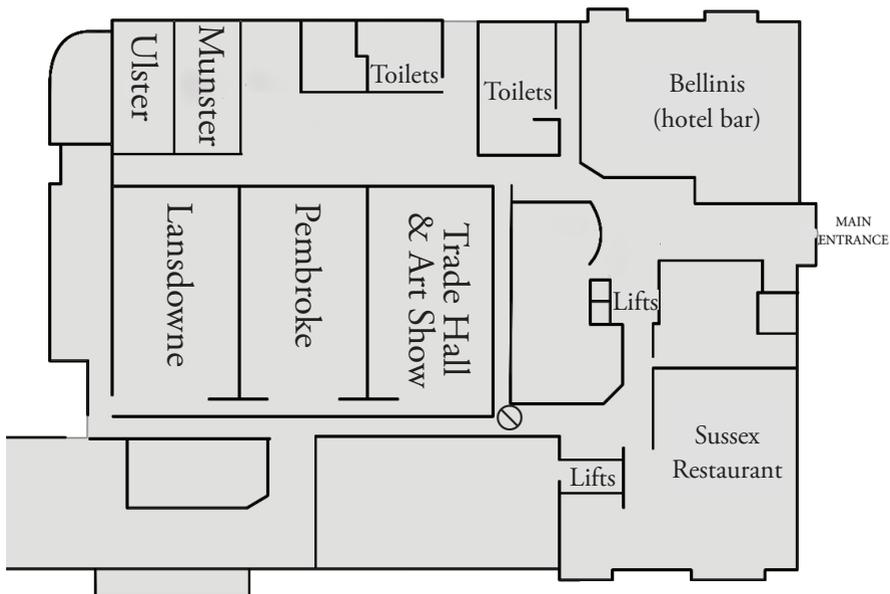
All of what we mentioned above is based in the Republic of Ireland. But what about **'The North'** & **'Winter-fell'** & **'River Run'** & **'Dragonstone'**?. Of course 'The North' we mention is Northern Ireland which hosts 11 different locations used in the filming of Game of Thrones. What better way to finish your trip than by seeing these places for yourself!



More information can be found at [www.VisitTheIrish.ie/Shamrokon](http://www.VisitTheIrish.ie/Shamrokon) or by scanning this QR code to make it easier.



We hope you enjoy your trip and check out our **Shamrokon page**, both now, and when you come back to Ireland!



## Convention Rooms and Their Uses

### Downstairs

**Lansdowne** - Main Programme Room 1

**Pembroke** - Main Programme Room 2

**Herbert** - Trade Hall & Art Show

**Ulster** - Programme Room

**Munster** - Programme Room

### Upstairs

**Room 1/2** - Programme Room

**Room 4 - Ops** - Operations Centre & Information Point

**Room 5** - Workshops Room

**Room 6** - Workshops Room

⊘ - Not open to the public

